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Tuesday 9:30 A.M.-Noon, Thursday 2:00-5:00 P.M., and by appointment 452-3370

August Chapter Program

August 28, 2007, 11:30 A.M.

The Secret Garden Buffet

First St. and Golf Course Road

Port Angeles, WA

The August speaker will be Valerie Thomas, Postmaster Port Angeles, who will talk on mail fraud and scams. This should be an interesting program.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be at 12:00 noon and will be followed by the presentation and a short business meeting. You do not have to eat at the buffet to attend the meeting.

**SPECIAL NOTICE - EVEN
THOUGH THE SECRET GARDEN
HAS CLOSED, THEY WILL BE
OPEN FOR OUR MEETING!**

Virtual VA Clinic

The New Virtual VA Clinic has a nurse representative available Mon. and Fri. for information. Veterans should contact Kaven Keys at 417-9444 for information.

President's Corner

We now have 376 members in our chapter!! So don't be surprised if you are contacted to help keep us strong. We will be asking you to serve as Chapter

Officers and committee members. We need replacements for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board members at large. We would like some of the newer chapter members to say "YES" when asked. Let's not face another crises as we did last year when the Chapter almost became inactive!! So far in 2007 seven members of our chapter have contributed \$255 to NARFE PAC. If you haven't contributed yet, please do so. Our elected reps look for support during campaigns and elections. We are fortunate that Norm Dicks is knowledgeable and generally supportive of our legislative needs. See you at the meeting. Don't forget our free lunches for new members still exists.

—RAY WEINMANN
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership

Once a month National Headquarters sends out a monthly report to the Membership Chair. From the May and June report I have a lot of bad news and some good news. Our chapter membership is now 376 as of August 1st. First, we welcome our new member, Mr. David Morris. Mr. Morris is retired from the Park and was our speaker at the June chapter meeting. And we welcome Current Federal Employees: James Orban, Eric & Jessica Ruby, Mark Clark, who transferred from California, and Brenda Warber. We're glad to have Betty Klingbeil, Doris Aoyama, Eileen Cooney & Nancy Ortowski reinstate their membership. Other members that have transferred to our chapter are Russell Ferbrache and Audrey Glandon. Now, for the bad news. Those that have received their second renewal notice from National and also a letter from me are: K. Reed, M. Slagle, R. Hoffman, E. Bowby, J. Crain, D. Ericks. G. Fullerton, W. Gallinger, C. Hicks, H. Jacoby, A. Jensen, B. Maynes & R. Russell.

For the Current Federal Employee that has not paid; did you know that your can re-new one year at \$25, 2 years for \$45 or 3 years for \$60. And for the Retired

member one year is \$36, 2 years is \$66. and 3 years is \$95. This price includes the \$7.00/year chapter dues. However, the best way to go is on Dues Withholding through OPM. You are annually charged \$24.60 (\$2.05 per month) plus \$7.00 chapter dues. If you are interested in Dues Withholding, give me a call @ 452-6374 and I will send you the form. It is very gratifying to note the number of members that pay their dues for 3 years. Our member, John S. McLean of Sequim passed away last month and we send our condolences to his family. We have two members that are moving and will be transferring to chapters near their new residence. Carlee Shute is moving to Spokane and Harry Reed moves to the Puyallup area.

If you have any used eye glasses or hearing aids that you don't want, bring them to the meeting and I will give them to the Lion's Club. They repair these items for Third World Countries. The cards you bring for the Sunshine Lady, please bring only sympathy and get well cards. We cannot use graduation, thank-you, Christmas & Easter cards.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

July Program Highlights

Michael Smith, Director of Sequim Senior Activities Center, gave a brief history of the progress of the member-funded non-profit organization. The facility located at 921 E. Hammond St., Sequim, serves as the activities center for 1250 members in the area. It has an annual budget of \$217,000.

Smith has a staff of two paid ½ timers and one janitor. With dues at \$30 per year covering only 1/5 the cost of activities and services, major fund raising efforts include a Fashion Show, a Benefit Sale, room rentals and other events. Rapidly outgrowing their building, fund raising has begun for a new facility. As the new Director, Smith hopes to integrate several activities with other Sequim activity centers, like the Boys and Girls Club, and other interested groups. An annual college scholarship program started this year with Eric Zangara, Sequim H. S. Senior, the first recipient.

Activities include games, travel opportunities, potlucks;

and classes in finances, health issues (also foot care and BP checks), the arts, crafts, and computers; plus physical fitness (including Yoga, Tae Kwan Do, Karate, a Walking Group, Senior Workout and Osteo-cise). SHIBA volunteers are there with health insurance advice every Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon. Three Support Groups also meet at the Center. Call the Center at 683-6806 for more details or check out their website at www.sequimseniorcenter.org to see for yourself.

Pres. Weinmann introduced Judith Morris to us as the new local staff person at Rep. Norm Dicks Port Angeles office. She encouraged us to call her with our questions and comments for Rep. Dicks on Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 452-3370. The office is located at 332 E. 5th St., Port Angeles. FYI- Judith is the wife of member David Morris who spoke to us this spring about his post-retirement service with the Peace Corps.

—MARILYN FALLS, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Current Employee Corner:

What can you do to help NARFE? Attend chapter meetings (please let us know if a separate day or time would be more acceptable); let non NARFE members know of our organization and help recruit them; support

NARFE PAC; contact our elected reps when necessary to support our position on legislation. We need your involvement and support.

—RAY WEINMANN, CHAPTER PRESIDENT