

# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 • March 2007



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## March Chapter Program

**March 27, 2007, 11:30 A.M.**  
**The Secret Garden Buffet**  
**First St. and Golf Course Road**  
**Port Angeles, WA**

We have an excellent, informative March Program. Rich Sill, Code Enforcement Officer for the Sheriff's Department will discuss community policing and identity theft. Everyone can benefit from the information provided. As an added bonus Sheriff Bill Benedict may join Rich for the 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.

## President's Corner

"I sit here wondering why some of you don't step forward to help our Chapter. I, like you, am retired, involved in other organizations, travel frequently and have other personal activities. However I believe that NARFE (the only organization that protects our earned benefits) deserves my effort and involvement. I believe a few hours each month for NARFE are well worth my time as it should be for you. It seems to me that the least our local members can do is attend the monthly Chapter meetings. We are attempting to provide interesting programs along with the opportunity for a relatively inexpensive lunch and socializing with other members. But some of you surely could do more (e.g., volunteer for our telephone committee, become a committee member, serve as an officer). We have close to 370 members - this is your Chapter and only as strong as your involvement and interest. I hope that some of the 370 members (other than the "old standbys") will contact me, or any member of the Executive Committee, voluntarily and offer your talent and service to our Chapter. It would be great to have some "new faces" active in Chapter affairs. Please help keep our Chapter one of the best in Washington.

This year I hope that you will contribute to NARFE PAC. We have an important National election coming. We want to insure that our elected representatives know about and hopefully support our legislative program. Your contribution will help our efforts on Capital Hill and in Washington.

—RAY WEINMANN  
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## Membership

It's been awhile since I have written an article for the newsletter; but the news is still the same.

First, welcome to Carol Thomasson and Ruby Newton that have transferred to our chapter. We have two reinstatements, Carol Millman and Jean Wright. But the sad news is that we have dropped for non-renewal, Doreen Anderson, Al Dawson, Sydney & Duncan Dupree, Bruce Irwin and Diane Johnston. If any of these are you friends, please encourage them to renew their membership. I have sent dues notices to the following, Jane Hall, Lura Schaffer, Karen Donlon, Richard Foster and Cindy Gamache.

If you are a retired member you can renew annually for \$36.00, for 2 years @ \$66.00 or 3 years @ \$95.00. That amount includes \$7.00 per year chapter dues. However, the most convenient method is dues withholding. You are charged \$24.60 yearly (\$2.05 per month) plus 1/12 of the \$7.00 chapter dues. If you are interested in the dues withholding, give me a call (452-6374) and I will send you the form - or it's always in your NARFE Retirement Magazine.

For current employees, you can renew your membership for one year at \$25.00, for 2 years \$45.00 or 3 years it will be \$60.00

You can bring you used eyeglasses and hearing aids and I will contribute them for our 3rd World Countries that desperately need these items.

—LOIS SHAW  
MEMBERSHIP

## District IV Workshop

The District IV Workshop will be April 12 in Poulsbo at the Sons of Norway Hall (downtown Poulsbo) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The cost is \$12.00 and includes a soup and sandwich luncheon plus coffee and doughnuts.

Come and discuss NARFE issues with other members from Port Orchard, Bremerton, and Poulsbo.

—BILL POWERS  
DISTRICT IV VICE PRESIDENT

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## Jan-Feb Meeting Speaker Highlights

### January

Guest Speaker Colleen Robinson of Foster Care Recruitment and Retention spoke about life as a Foster Parent. Three hundred and fifty children are in Foster Care in Clallam County, most due to parental methamphetamine use.

Only 2% go on to college, while 85% become parents themselves the first year after aging out of foster care. 30% of kids go back home, while the other 70% are adopted out. Foster Parents are beginning to mentor biological parents.

### February

Barb Maynes, Public Information Officer for Olympic National Park presented a Park Status Report. Ms. Maynes is a NARFE member, a 2/3 time Park Service employee, and is raising her family in Port Angeles. She prepared a slide show presentation for us. Some of the highlights follow:

The Park was heavily damaged during the severe windstorms of late 2006 and 2007. Many campgrounds and roads and trails were closed due to fallen trees and washouts. Crews of employees and volunteers are working diligently to clear these trouble spots and have them fully open by summer. A temporary bridge spans the road to the Ho Rain Forest Visitor's Center. Trails will still need considerable work clearing and repairing washouts.

Currently there are 32 vacant positions open in this park and there are no plans to fill these positions due to lack of funds.

President Bush's proposed budget increase for Olympic National Park includes \$.5 million for salaries for seasonal rangers.

The General Management Plan is available for viewing at local libraries and at Park Headquarters. Nine public hearings drew diverse people and opinions and 500 written comments.

Proposed additions to the Park are needed to secure the ecosystems in vulnerable areas of the Park near the mouth of the Lyre River at Lake Crescent, in the Lake Ozette area and along the coast near Queets.

A biweekly online newsletter for the park can be viewed at <http://www.nps.gov/olymp/parknews/olympic-national-park-newsletter.htm>

—MARILYN FALLS  
CHAPTER SECRETARY

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