

# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Seattle Chapter 0043

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## Summer 2021

**STILL URGENT:** Paul Robisch has stepped down as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor after over a decade of excellent service to the chapter. This leaves us with a critical need for a new Treasurer. It is not a very demanding job but it is a critical one. We also need a Secretary or a Secretary/Treasurer. As President, I can handle most duties but can't write checks to myself.

**MEETING:** Seattle has not opened the library meeting rooms yet so our next couple of meetings need to be cancelled. With any luck, we will be back together after the first of the year.

### **WORKING TOGETHER TODAY TO PROTECT OUR EARNED BENEFITS TOMORROW**

The Association, since July 1970, has been classified by the IRS as a tax exempt labor organization [not a union]; however, dues, gifts, or contributions to the Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

### **From President Bob:**

It has been a very stressful year with so many losses but we seem to be coming out of it. I am happy to be coming out of my cave and joining the world again. I hope this finds most of you health, happy, and looking forward to future.

First we need to recognize that during this health crisis, it was the Federal employees that lead the way from keeping people informed to development of the vaccines.

There has been lots of activity regarding Federal employees. There are several bills in Congress regarding benefits and we need to be familiar with them. Also, we need to let our representative know how we feel. Additionally, there is discussion on requiring all Federal

workers to get vaccinated as a condition of employment. This is an important decision and we need to make our feelings known.

**NARFE Webinars** are a great source of information on your benefits. It is easy to log on [www.NARFE.org](http://www.NARFE.org) and not only take in the current lectures but also review past lectures. The lecture this month and next are for current employees planning and managing benefits.

If you know any current employees let them know about this resource. It is a wonderful recruitment tool and you will be doing them a service.

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**To help protect your hard earned benefits  
\*\*\*RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR NARFE\*\*\***

Without the Health Fairs this year, our primary recruit ment method is cancelled. It is necessary for all to emphasis individual recruitment. If you are in contact with a Federal employee, at the post office, social security office, etc. be sure to tell them about NARFE. I can provide you with blank applications. Just email me at robert-rust@hotmail.com

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**\*\*\*CHAPTER 43 MEMBERSHIP \*\*\***

The membership news since the last 3 months has us at 209`Chapter members. We are sad to that Shirley McDonald has passed away.

**NARFE PAC** is an important part of our efforts to influence Congress and protect our benefits. Legally only money given directly to the PAC can be used for PAC purposes. This is a non-patrician effort and is based strictly on the candidate's support of NARFE issues and benefit. In this election year, it is very important to exert our influence where we can. Therefore please give generously. You can use the form in the magazine to contribute