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MEETING: I have been in contact with the Seattle Library System and while most other Seattle meeting rooms are open, they still feel the libraries are unsafe. Therefore, I need to cancel our February meeting. If things do not change by this spring, I will try to find a new venue. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

OUTSTANDING NEWS: Gene and Theresa Blahato have stepped up and agreed to take on the jobs of Chapter Treasurer and Secretary. They are long time chapter members and have now saved the chapter from closing. You will have a chance at our next meeting to thank them and vote them officially into office at our next meeting.

WORKING TOGETHER TODAY TO PROTECT OUR EARNED BENEFITS FOR 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:

As I mentioned above, It is very frustrating to continue to cancel meetings but the City of Seattle apparently feels it is still unsafe. I only received one response about a zoom type meeting so we will put that on hold.

When we do get back together, I plan on have a Senior Living Fair. This would involve several Senior Living facility providers giving us information on what is available in today's market.

In the meantime, some Federal offices in Seattle actual had in-person Health Fairs and I was able to do some recruiting.

There are several bills in Congress that you should let our Senators and Representatives know how you feel. Another issue this year is

the huge increase in Medicare Part B premiums. As it exceeds the COLA, those without Social Security may have to pay more than others.

For those how have not heard, the COLA is 5.9% for Federal Retirees and Social Security.

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With limited Health Fairs this year, our primary recruitment 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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