

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Seattle Chapter 0043

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Summer 2023

MEETING: August 10 at 1:00 PM in the Northgate Seattle Public Library at 10548 Fifth Ave. N.E. , Seattle, WA 98125. The library is across the street from the east side of the Northgate Mall and easily accessible via bus or light rail. There is a small parking lot shared by the Community Center.

AGENDA: Our primary agenda item is a presentation by Mr. Garrett Grigas, CFA®. He is a financial advisor and should provide was some great insights into managing our finances.

Below is a zoom link for those that can't make the meeting in person. I will also try to send this in a NARFE email to those that have current email on file.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82080319518?pwd=WWlhNGNIWmdYZEFJajAvaW50Qm4yUT09>

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From President Bob:

There is a new Congress which means a new set of legislation. Everyone should let them know how and why you support or oppose certain bills that affect federal worker benefits.

After LEGCon23 we now have 288 cosponsors for the Social Security Fairness Act of 2023. Two more cosponsors are needed to place this legislation on the House Consensus Calendar. If passed, this legislation would eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). Representative Adam Smith has not cosponsored this legislation; if you live in Congressional District 9, please urge Representative Smith to cosponsor H.R. 82.

Washington State Federation (WSF) Annual Meeting – the federation will hold its annual meeting virtually again this year on September 27th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. A Federal Employees Health Benefits rep will explain the new Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) plan that will go into effect in 2025. WSF Service Officer Charlie Caughlan will discuss what needs to be done when a spouse passes away, e.g., contacting OPM (annuity and life insurance), TSP and Social Security.

Help Wanted – We still need a District II VP. If interested, please contact federation president, Cray Henry, at 571-512-0476 or

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Savings ----- \$ 3,376.55
Checking ----- \$ 8,215.24

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CHAPTER 43 MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 213 members. We want to welcome Kevin F as a new chapter member.

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