

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Seattle Chapter 0043

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We have opportunities for anyone who like to be an officer or committee chair

Fall 2024

MEETING: The next meeting is on 21 November the Highpoint Seattle Public Library at 3411 S.W. Raymond St., Seattle, WA (corner of 35 Ave SW and Raymond St.. The meeting is from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. The Metro 21 bus stops at the library. There is also off-street parking lot available.

AGENDA: Washington State Federation (WSF) meeting October 24-26 in Kennewick, WA W
We will have brochures and information from the health plan providers.
Discussion of suspending meetings
Elections

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 of Oct., we now have 324 Representatives signed on for the H.R.82 and 63 Senators for S 597 the Social Security Fairness Act of 2023. A discharge petition was signed by the required 218 representatives to force a vote. All of our representative signed the petition except Jayapal, Smith and DelBene. If passed, this legislation would eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO).

Now is the time to contact your representative and ask them to vote to support Federal workers.

Election I am sure some of you are happy and some are disappointed by the election. The goal now is to move forward and put our efforts into assuring the new Administration and Congress treats the Federal workers fairly. Be sure to watch for proposed

legislation that will change workers conditions and benefits. Then be prepared to get involved.

Info from Bea Bull Western WA District VP:

President – Tony Merola from Olympia;
VP– Kathy Brooks from Spokane;
Secretary – Curtis Price from Everett;
Treasurer – Arlene Patton from Spokane, agreed to stay on until a replacement is found. Contact me at tbkbull@gmail.com or 360 286 7798 for more information if you are interested in this position.

NARFE Webinars are a great source of information on your benefits. It is easy to log on www.NARFE.org and not only take in the current lectures but also review past lectures. 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.

USEFUL INFORMATION for CHAPTER 43

NARFE Headquarters-----703-838-7760 (toll]
NARFE Website-----www.narfe.org
NARFE Member Records-----800-456-8410
Legislative Hotline-----877-217-8234 [free]
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Senator Patty Murray-----206-553-5545
Senator Maria Cantwell -----206-220-6400
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robert-rust@hotmail.com

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 nonpartisan effort and is based strictly on the candidate's support of NARFE issues and benefits

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CHAPTER 43 FINANCES AS OF 7/31/2024

Savings ----- \$ 5,301.26
Checking ----- \$ 7,445.31

CHAPTER 43 MEMBERSHIP IS 222.