

# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

## *Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006*

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We have opportunities for new officers  
and committee chairs.

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Winter 202

**MEETING.** Wed. February 19 at the Big Elk Restaurant 707 E Washington St, Sequim, WA 98382-3815. The "no host" lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at noon. You do not have to have lunch to attend the meeting.

**AGENDA:** Guest Speaker: Una Wirkebau, Recompete Plan Coordinator

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

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#### **From President Bob:**

As most of you know, the Social Security Fairness Act was passed and signed into law. This means all of us affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) should see an increase in our Social Security payments. It may even be enough to cover my Medicare bill.

Now is the time to thank your representatives for their vote to support Federal workers

As this new Congress and Administration move forward with their goals, we need to be vigilant at assuring they treat the Federal workers fairly. It is also important to sort the bluster and accusations out from the facts. Remember in this time of hyper partisan behavior truth and rational thought are the first casualty.

At this point, it seems the most pressing areas to be concerned with are any efforts to remove Civil Service protections to assure Federal workers are hire, fired and promoted based on merit. The most important aspect is to prevent changes that would restrict due process.

I am sure we will see efforts to reduce the expense of government through efficiencies. The key is that important missions are maintained and not jeopardized due to a lack of knowledge and understanding. Also, due process must be applied to treat workers fairly during work force reductions.

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