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**General Meeting Date & Time:** September 10, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** Westside Improvement Club  
National Avenue & 'E' Street, Bremerton, WA

**Program:** REPRESENTATIVE FROM CONGRESSMAN NORM DICKS' OFFICE

*NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.*

**PRESIDENT:** Welcome back for our first chapter meeting of the fall in September. I hope you and your families had a wonderful and healthy summer. I think it has been a beautiful Pacific Northwest summer.

As you begin attending chapter meetings, I encourage you to call a friend and invite them to come with you. We, as members of NARFE Chapter 181 need to recruit and retain members. I also encourage you to think about volunteering to become a chapter officer or to serve on a committee. The strength of any organization is to have its members involved with new ideas and willing to serve in some capacity.

I am grateful for the current officers and committee members who have served for many years to keep our chapter going. I hope you saw NARFE Chapter 181 entered in both the Armed Forces Day Parade and the Whaling Days Parade. We received lots of comments about the Monster Truck and many people took a lot of pictures.

As always, there is still a need to remain informed about current legislation and call or write to our elected Congressmen and Senators. We need to encourage them to support legislation that will be beneficial to all Federal employees (current and retired) and their families.

I am looking forward to seeing you on September 10 for our regular chapter meeting. Thanks for belonging to NARFE, a very worthwhile organization. *George Eads*

**PLEASE NOTE:** On Page 49 of the September issue of the NARFE Magazine, our own Lanny Ross, Region IX Vice President, presents an American Flag to National President, Margaret Baptiste. This is the flag that was used in the patriotic ceremony by VFW District 4 at the State Convention last May.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome back from your summer of fun and frivolity, whatever that means. It would be good to see all of you at the September membership meeting, but I know that a few of you will have other plans for that day. It seems like once we hit the September meeting the next thing that happens is New Years Eve. There are a number of things that need to happen between those two events; finding a slate of officers to run next year, holding Candidates Day, having a Health Fair, electing officers and swearing them in, to name a few. We need your helping hands to get all of this accomplished.

Our last issued report was in June, so this report will contain the data for both the June and July time frame. Our additions to Chapter 181 are: Tracy Bolender, Dallas Conley, Dwight Currey, Gerald Drumm, Anna Farr, Dave Farr, Don Fowler, Evangeline Johnson, Danny Lawler, Jerry Main, Don Olson, Ed Preston, Dorothy Schuster, James St Clair, Leland Stice, Laurine Strachan, Hilma Swanson and Thomas Taylor. Thanks to all of you for wanting to be a part of NARFE. You will be helping us achieve the goals that our organization is expecting to achieve. If you want to know what those goals might be, look in the NARFE magazine and our National and Chapter websites.

Now for the members who have been dropped for non-renewal: Helen Anderson, Tom Beernink, Henry Blind, Beatrice Cooper, Frances Esler, Helen Estes, Marge Farmer, Audrey Fletcher, Bruce Frederick, Vera Giannotti, Dorothy Graber, Gary Haugen, Alice Hollingworth, Janice Hoyt, Donald Krause, Robert Nixon, Diana Purdy, Dean Richards, Fred Rubiaco, Barbara Schiller, Harold Stone, Marthelma Traver, Ed Weaver and Horst Zimmer. Thanks for contacting these members and urging them to reinstate their membership.

This year through July 2007, Bremerton Chapter 181 lost a total of 61 members, so we are growing smaller every month. There is nothing that we can do about those who pass on, but we can work to keep our non-renewals to a minimum. Thanks for helping out. *Ralph Sanders*

**SUNSHINE:** Get Well Cards have been sent to Marylou Schowman, Don Serry and June Smith.

Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of: Joseph Ahlschlager, Wilma Boyd, Charles Bradford, Robert Dewey, Bernadine Ensign, Audrey Fletcher, Janice Godfrey, Yoshiko Hoagland, Kathryn Kurtz, Elmer Laraway, Betty Luzik, Margaret McKenna, Betty Oswald, Walter Turk, Philip Turner, Mary Wagner and Emily White.

If you know a member who is hospitalized, please contact Norene Torkelson at 373-4696.

**TREASURER:** Financial activity for June through 20 August 2007, including the Alzheimer's Account, receipts of \$3,574.35 with expenditures of \$2,317.64. Income from our Red Apple Market receipts was \$100.34 which is below normal from past returns. This is a great program, so please turn in your cash register receipts so we can get credit for them. Participating Red Apple Markets are Garguiles (Perry Avenue), Ralphps (Kitsap Lake) and Silverdale Market. Receipts cannot be over two months old.

Please remember to notify us of your change of address in a timely manner as it takes us at least a month to get the changes into the system for our newsletter mailing. If you change apartment numbers that also requires notification as the Postal Service will normally return those to us and charge the return fee. Send us your change of address to **NARFE Chapter 181, P.O. BOX 5025, BREMERTON, WA 98312-0462.**

Reminder that the budget for 2008 is being prepared and requires input from all members. Copies of last year's budget will be available at our September meeting for review and comment. Election of officers for the next year is only 3 months away. If interested, we could use some new faces in our leadership, also some volunteers for committee positions.  
*Rex Tauscher*

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Where has summer gone? Seems to go so fast doesn't it? Our monthly meetings will be starting up again in September. Has it been a while since you came to any of a meeting? Please try to come to catch up with your friends. Belonging to NARFE is very beneficial to all of us and coming to the meetings give you a chance to ask questions of your Chapter Officers.

Our National monthly magazine will soon be putting out lots of information about the Health Insurance Open Season which runs from early November thru the first few days in December. The information in our National NARFE magazine is very helpful. When I get my new magazine I turn to the section Questions and Answers. Amazing the questions members send in - good information in the answers. Sometime in mid-October you should be receiving the new pamphlet from the health insurance company you are currently with. You will also receive your information packet from Office of Personnel Management (OPM). A couple of years ago I did order some pamphlets from OPM and received them all within a week. All Federal health insurance companies do not come to our November Health Fair meeting so we cannot get all the pamphlets that day. OPM will get the rest to you by calling the special Open Season toll-free number given in the pamphlets.

Just another reminder: If you change banks do not close the old bank account until you are sure ALL your Direct Deposit checks turn up at the new bank account. Direct Deposit checks are automatically returned to sender - not forwarded on to a different bank. SEE YOU AT THE MEETINGS! *Megan Winans*

**ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ):** Donations in the amount of \$298.00 were received thanks to Louis & Loraine Brockerman, Wesley & Rubye Stansbury, Megan Winans, Larry Vancil, Robert McLeod and from Anonymous donors. We also received a memorial donation from Pauline & Philip McBeth in memory of LaDora Korb. The Aluminum for Alzheimer's collection is going great with a total of 337 pounds collected from 24 individuals since May. I will be requesting the payment for our aluminum around the end of September, so get your collections into the recycle center at

West Sound Recycle in the East Bremerton Wal-Mart parking lot. Keep up the good work as Aluminum prices seem to be going up.

Your aluminum can be dropped off at that site and credited to **NARFE Chapter 181**, this should help those not attending our regular meeting were I normally collect the Aluminum.

Congressional action on Alzheimer's Legislation to increase federal funding for research from 700 million dollars to 1.3 billion dollar for 2008. The House of Representatives introduced H. R. 1560 on 19 March 2007 and the Senate introduced bill S898 on 15 March 2007. The Senate bill was recently amended as S898RS which changes funding for 2008 to \$780 million and 2009 to \$910 million. To date the only Congressional person from the State of Washington that has signed on as a co-sponsor is Senator Patty Murray.

Note: The question again has been asked for the correct mailing address for donations and correspondence for our chapter. Please address all mail to:  
**NARFE CHAPTER 181, PO BOX 5025,  
BREMERTON, WA 98312. Rex Tauscher**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP BILL POWERS** will soon have a camera available to take photographs of our members to be put on the Chapter/District Web site. Copies of the photos will also be available for a small fee.

**CARDS AND CALENDARS:** National President Margaret Baptiste explains what to do if you do not want to receive the yearly mailings of NARFE Cards and Calendars. Please check out her article on Page 8 of the September NARFE Magazine.

**TIME AND PLACE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS:** Please take time to read Region IX Vice President Lanny Ross's informative article on Page 46 of the September issue of the NARFE Magazine. Site selection is a serious issue and we should all support a Bylaws Change. *Amber VanSantford*

**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER:** A representative from Congressman Norm Dicks' office will discuss Premium Conversion and Puget Sound Cleanup.

