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**General Meeting Date & Time:** October 8, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

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

**Program:** Diana George, CAPRI Executive Director

*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.*

**PROGRAM:** October is normally "Candidates Day" but 2007 is an 'off year.' Our intention was to invite Ken Attebery, Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Bremerton, for an update on the Bremerton Marina expansion. We thought this would be appropriate with the increase in our property tax this year to support this expansion. Unfortunately, he is unable to attend. He said to tell our members that they should see '*parts of the marina*' being towed in during October and the project should be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2008.

Last month we were scheduled for one of Congressman Norm Dicks' Tacoma office staff members to speak at our meeting. There was a mix up and no one showed for our meeting. When I got home there was a voice message on my answering machine from Clark Mather, The Congressman's District Director, apologizing for the no show. He volunteered to come again and I recommended next March at our District IV Workshop in Port Orchard. However, I did go to a NARFE Town Hall Meeting in Tacoma the following Saturday where Mr. Mather, attended. At this meeting he explained why Congressman Dicks has not cosponsored our '*Premium Conversion*' bill in Congress. Congress is now working on a "Pay as you Go" program. They either cut one program to add another or find a revenue source (tax) to pay for a new program. He said that Congressman Dicks would vote for '*Premium Conversion*' if it came up for a vote on the floor in Congress.

So, for our October meeting I invited Diana George, the Executive Director of the Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Institute (CAPRI) of Kitsap County for a return visit. She last visited us in September 2006. At that time she was putting together a new program focused on healthy living. She now has a power-point presentation she wants to show us to improve community health and reduce disability from heart and lung disease through education, prevention, rehabilitation, and intensive disease management. *Bill Powers*

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Greetings fellow members of Chapter 181. Where are you when we have our monthly meeting at the Westside Improvement Club??? WE MISS YOU!!! How many of our members signed up for the DO NOT CALL REGISTRY? I've seen notices that the 2003 registry expires June 2008. You will need to re-register by then. The toll-free number is 1-888-382-1222 or you can go online at the website: 'www.donotcall.gov'.

I recently made a reservation at a hotel in Vancouver, BC and the rate was \$190 for the night, plus tax. I informed them that I was a NARFE member and that I believed their hotel was in the Quality Inn grouping. That was correct and the price went down to \$140 for the night. That would more than have paid for my annual membership fees. Sure makes being a member worthwhile. I am a Life Member so having to pay annual fees is not a worry to me - but it does show that being a member can save you money. Look at pages 62-63 of the September NARFE magazine and see where else your membership can save you money. I will be heading down to Dallas in October for the US Air Force reunion group I belong to (81st FIW) - I'd better check that hotel out too!! Keeping in touch with friends from many years ago when I worked at an American Air Force Base in England has been fun and I will continue to go the reunions as long as I am able to. Keeping in touch with friends is a VERY important part of our retirement life isn't it? Keep it up. *Megan Winans*

**REGION IX VP:** The National Executive Board voted to phase out the Current Federal Employees (CFE's) incentive program. (NOTE: The \$8 finder's fee is still in effect because we did not vote to discontinue it.) The target date for discontinuing the CFE Incentive Program is January 1, 2008. At that point, members who join NARFE will pay the normal first year dues of \$33 and renew at \$29 plus chapter dues of record. Multi-year dues will continue to be offered after the first year. All CFE's who joined at the incentive rate and are still working for the government will be grandfathered and will continue to pay the one year at \$25, two years at \$45, and three years at \$60. Once they retire they will be billed at the \$29 national dues, plus chapter dues of record, and of course, offered the multi-year rate.

We also voted to terminate the special incentive program with the NARFE Federal Credit Union, which resulted in NARFE gaining some 3,300 members. Members are reminded that the best deal is the dues withholding program at a cost of \$24.60 plus chapter dues of record. *Lanny Ross*

**SUNSHINE:** Sympathy Cards have been sent to the families of: John Agnesani, Amos W. Brown, Henry Calhoun, Lola Lorraine Fraisure, Charles Kovack, Florence Paquetti and Barbara Walsh.  
*Norene Torkelson*

**'MAKE AN EFFORT TO GO AND SEE WHAT YOUR CHAPTER IS DOING':** National President, Margaret Baptiste and the National Executive Board have designed each October as 'National Chapter Meeting Month.' Please make an effort to come to the Chapter meetings.

**ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH GOAL:** NARFE met it's goal of contributing \$7 million dollars for Alzheimer's Research. A big thank you to all of our members who contributed to this worthwhile effort.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** 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 Website. Copies of the photos will also be available for a small fee.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Don't forget that November is our annual Health Fair. Many FEHB Insurance Companies will be at the Westside Improvement Club prior to our regular meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Walla Walla Chapter is hosting next year's Federation Convention 19-21 May.

Louisville, Kentucky will be the site of the next National Convention, 7-12 September 2008.

A portion of the proceeds from the 2007 Federation Convention has been set aside to help defray expenses for a Chapter Member to attend - more information on this golden opportunity will be upcoming.

**SHOW AND TELL:** The NARFE Magazine is looking for old photos of federal employees for 'The Way We Worked' feature. Please check out the article on Page 72 of the October 2007 edition.

**ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ):** The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 16 September is \$413.82. Donations in the amount of \$110.00 were received in September thanks to Louis & Loraine Brockerman, Robert Brown, Wayne Matz, Myra Clodius, Tony Roozen, Donald Taylor and from Anonymous Donors. We also received a memorial donation from Charles and Yvonne Collins in memory of Lorraine Fraisure (one of our members).

The Aluminum for Alzheimer's collection is going great with a total of 379 pounds collected from 28 individuals since the first of May. I will be requesting the payment for our aluminum around the end of September, so get your collections into the recycle center at Westsound 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.

The Alzheimer's funds will be forwarded to the Washington State NARFE Alzheimer's Chair the second week of October, where it then will be forwarded on to the Alzheimer's Association to be included with other NARFE donations for Alzheimer's Research.

Note: The Chapter's mailing address is printed each month at the top of the Newsletter. *Rex Tauscher*

**TREASURER:** Financial activity for August 2007 through 18 September, including our Alzheimer's Account, receipts \$2,067.22 with expenditures of \$1,127.94.

Starting up our newsletter following the summer break, we received 24 postal returns for items not deliverable or 'forwarding expired.' 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. Even changing apartment numbers requires notification as the postal service will return those to us and charge the return fee. Send us your change of address to **NARFE Chapter 181, PO BOX 5025, BREMERTON, WA. 98312-0462** or call myself or Ralph Sanders.

The preliminary Budget for 2008 was presented at the September meeting with only 44 members in attendance. Copies of

the 2007 Budget and the preliminary budget were passed out to all in attendance. Approval to accept the proposed budget subject to some minor changes was made. A copy of the corrected budget will be included in our November Newsletter following any additional changes. Note that our attendance at meetings is approximately 3% of our total membership. *Rex Tauscher*

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** This was taken from the National Executive Board (NEB) Meeting, July 23-26, 2007 report, issued by Mr. Lanny Ross, Region IX Vice President. "The National Executive Board (NEB) voted to phase out the Current Federal Employees (CFE's) incentive program. The target date for discontinuing the CFE Incentive Program is January 1, 2008. At that point, members who join NARFE will pay the normal first year dues of \$33 and renew at \$29 plus chapter dues of record. Multi-year dues will continue to be offered after the first year. All CFE's who joined at the incentive rate and are still working for the government will be grandfathered and will continue to pay the one year at \$25, two years at \$45, and three years at \$60. Once they retire they will be billed at the \$29 national dues, plus chapter dues of record, and of course, offered the multi-year rate." If you know a CFE, now is the time to sign them up. They will be able to keep this savings for the rest of their federal career.

On with the membership report: Our September data brings us in with a minus 3 members. We lost a total of 137 this year to date and 86 of those losses were for non-renewal of memberships. We are working hard to cut those numbers down, but with limited success.

Our additions to Chapter 181 new members:, Carol Eversoll, John Eversoll and Helen Sieck. Our reinstatements are: Gregory Fessler, Robert Graue, Elaine Gresley, Mabel Guidry, Harold Schulz, and Lyle Sorenson. Thanks to all for joining or rejoining and being a part of NARFE.

Now for the members who have been dropped this last month for non-renewal: Rose Bergsman, Patricia Bixenmann, James Casteel, Okel Duke, Lois Forbes, Michael Henry, Kenneth Jones, Paula Stiles and Gary Ungren, Thanks for contacting these members and urging them to reinstate their membership. *Ralph Sanders*

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