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**General Meeting Date & Time:** February 11, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

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

**Program:** "Pre-Planning", Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park

*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:** Fellow Chapter Members - it was wonderful to see many of you at our January 2008 General Chapter meeting. I hope you will continue to come each month and invite someone else to come. We will continue to have informative topics that can be useful in all of our lives.

I encourage you to stay informed about the issues in this election year; about the candidates and how they will affect our future for us and our families. As you receive your monthly NARFE magazine and read it, pay attention as it often lists our elected officials and their voting records. We should look carefully at their records. A good way to determine if we should cast our vote in their behalf will be if they are supportive of issues and legislation that affects us as NARFE members and all government employees. However, voting is an individual privilege and how one votes is up to each person.

I wish to thank Don Palmer for his time as the Region IX Alzheimer coordinator. Don has been tireless in his efforts to bring attention to the need to contribute to the Alzheimer cause for the last ten years. Don was an outstanding spokesman and has been instrumental in making all of us aware of a very debilitating disease. On behalf of all the members of Chapter 181, thanks for a job well done Don.

Don't forget Valentine's Day February 14<sup>th</sup>. Have a great February. Thanks for all of your support. *George Eads*

**GREETINGS FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT:** Happy New Year to members of all the NARFE Chapters of Washington. I'd also like to send a very special 'thank you and appreciation' to those members who have stepped forward to serve as officers of your chapters. These are important jobs and we are grateful to those who are willing to lead. While I don't know all of you, I'm hopeful of meeting you at the 2008 convention in Walla Walla in May. *Dale Brighton*

**TAX-AIDE: FREE INCOME TAX RETURN**

**PREPARATION AND FILING.** The IRS and AARP jointly sponsor a program staffed by volunteers to electronically prepare and file income tax returns at no cost to the taxpayers. Although intended for elderly and low-income families, no taxpayer will be turned away. Note, however, business and rental income are beyond the scope of this program. Tax-Aide volunteers are prepared to handle all 2007 tax law

changes. Taxpayers must bring photo identification, documents verifying the Social Security numbers of all persons on the tax return and all 2007 tax documents, such as statements of income from wages, retirement, social security, interest and dividends. It is advisable to bring a checkbook to provide account numbers for electronic funds transfer and a copy of the 2006 return for comparison purposes. If in doubt about the paperwork, bring it all and let us sort it out.

**Tax-Aide Sites**

February 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15th

Westpark Community Center  
76 Russell Road, Bremerton  
Monday & Saturday 1:00 - 5:00

Givens Community Center  
26 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard  
Thursday 9:00 to 1:00

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church  
1150 Mitchell Avenue, Port Orchard  
Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00

Olympic College  
1600 Chester Avenue, Bremerton  
Tues, Wed & Thurs 12:30 to 4:30

Port Orchard Library  
87 Sidney Ave. Port Orchard  
Saturday 1:00 to 4:00

Silverdale Community Center  
9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale  
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 - 2:00

Work Source  
1300 Sylvan Way, Bremerton  
Tuesday 1:00 - 5:00  
Friday 12:30 - 4:00

**MEMBERSHIP:** For those of you who would like to get your Bulletin online, I hope that you did not misunderstand our system. At the present time we are not "E" mailing copies to individual members, you must go on the web site and download the copy. I hope that we can have a direct "E" mail delivery in the future, another project for us to work on. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for this delivery, it saves the chapter money.

Our new additions to Chapter 181 for this month are: Don Miller, Cathy Reese, Tandie Steinmetzer, Iva Smith, Toni Thompson and Michael Worley. Reinstatements: George Gott, Kenneth Jones, Lola Kooley, and Joseph Norman. Thanks to all of you for joining NARFE.

Now for the members who have been dropped this last month for non-payment of dues: Harvey Carter, Charlene Henry, Susie Simmons and Thomas Tyler. Please contact these members and urge them to reinstate their membership. *Ralph Sanders*

**PROGRAM:** Many of us at some time in our life will be faced with arranging the funeral for a loved one. Mr. Robin Russell, General Manager of Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park will provide a presentation on 'Pre-Planning'. *Amber VanSantford*

**REGION IX VICE PRESIDENT:** It's not too early to be thinking about the National Convention, especially if you want to request a committee assignment. Applications must be into the National Office before March 15<sup>th</sup> *Lanny Ross*

**NEW REGION IX ALZHEIMER'S CHAIR:** Gen Boguflawski from Chapter 1025 In Idaho is the new Region IX Alzheimer's Chair replacing our own Donald A. Palmer.

**FEDERATION CONVENTION:** It's time to start making plans to attend the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual WSFC Convention in Walla Walla, May 19-21. Just like the National Convention, the Federation needs Committee Members. Please check with President George Eads or Secretary Linda Sanders on the application process.

**ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ):** The balance in our Alzheimer's Account as of 24 January is \$671.27. Donations in the amount of \$556.00 were received thanks to Louis & Loraine Brockerman, Clara Brandewie, George Luzik, Ralph Sanders, J. R. Seibold, Thelma Taylor, and an Anonymous Donor that I failed to get the name of during our closing raffle drawings. During 2007, we sent \$2,052 to the Alzheimer's Association for NARFE Alzheimer's Research.

The Aluminum for Alzheimer's collection was picked up following our last monthly meeting. We went from a total of 146 pounds as of the middle of December to 222 pounds. I did note that some aluminum was donated by NARFE Chapter 881 Poulsbo to our collection. Remember that it only takes between 32 to 36 cans to make a pound, so stomp on the cans to help "Stomp Out Alzheimer's". We are keeping the program active, so keep dropping off your aluminum items at Westsound Recycle in the East Bremerton Wal-Mart parking lot. Your aluminum can be dropped off at that site and credited to **NARFE Chapter 181**. Note the collection site is closed on Sundays and Mondays. *Rex Tauscher*

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of: Edward C. Edmonds, Herbert Farmen Jr., Harold R. Fries, Cecil H. Hammill, Earl C. Johnson, Thelma C. Lilienthal, Warren G. Olsen, James E. Tucker and Virgil P. Van Etten. *Norene Torkelson*

**NARFE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:** For all of you with children, grandchildren, step-children and even great grandchildren, please check out Page 57 of the February NARFE Magazine. This is an excellent opportunity for your kids and grandkids to apply for NARFE's scholarship fund which is administered by the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA). It is also an opportunity to learn about the Federal Government - applicants must submit a short essay on 'Do the practices of outsourcing or contracting-out certain jobs or processes in the Federal Government hurt or help the government overall?' Many of you have been affected by contracting out and have first hand information.

**TREASURER:** Financial activity since our last newsletter report: Receipts \$890.98 with expenditures of \$1,638.70. The year end report summary is below. We are still receiving some postal returns for items not deliverable or 'forwards 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. Also important are the changes required as the "Snowbirds" return from their winter retreats. If you change apartment numbers that it will also require 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, PO BOX 5025, BREMERTON, WA 98312-0462.**  
*Rex Tauscher*

#### 2007 Year End Summary

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,854.31</b>
(Five largest expenses)	
Newsletter Printing	4,508.03
Newsletter Postage	1,870.00
WSFC Per Capita Tax	2,260.80
Nat'l Leg Conf	1,524.83
State NARFE Convention	1,450.00

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$17,163.52</b>
Chapter dues	11,204.74
Red Apple receipts	396.59
Interest on accounts	636.39
Life member trust	861.07
Convention Income	4,064.73

**DISTRICT WORKSHOP:** Bill Powers who is the District IV Vice President has a lot of things planned for the District Workshop on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Port Orchard Chapter's monthly meeting at the Port Orchard Eagles, 4001 Jackson Avenue which is located between Sedgewick and Lund Avenue.

Guest speaker will be Clark Mather, District Director for Congressman Norm Dicks. Federation President Dale Brighton will also attend this year's event.

The cost is only \$10 - please see Bill Powers to sign up.

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George Eads

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**SERVICE CENTER**

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