



MARCH 2008

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General Meeting Date & Time: March 10, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

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

Program: FEDERATION PRESIDENT DALE BRIGHTON

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: Dear Fellow Chapter Members, I hope your winter days are going well for you. Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to plant your flowers and your gardens. I, personally, appreciate your attendance at our monthly chapter meetings. Like always, I encourage you to invite your friends to attend with you.

March is NARFE PAC month. I hope that as chapter members, you will be supportive of this very worthwhile cause. I can assure you that these funds go to the elected representatives that are strong advocates in supporting NARFE legislation that help us, as retired or active federal employees, to keep and maintain the benefits we all have worked so hard for. I hope you will be able to attend our District Workshop on March 11 at the Port Orchard Eagles, 4001 Jackson Avenue. Bill Powers has put together an outstanding and informative agenda. The cost is \$10.00 which includes lunch.

If you have not called the toll free Legislative Hot Line, I encourage you to so. NARFE provides the most up-to-date information about pending legislation and other information relating to us as individuals. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day. I hope to see you March 10, at our Chapter Meeting. *George Eads*

TREASURER: Financial activity for the month of January, we received \$948.75 with expenditures of \$1,582.10. Activity for February up to the 20th, we received \$740.75 with expenditures of \$537.04. Net worth as of 20 February 2008 as follows:

Life Members Trust Account \$18,237.24
Life Members Deposit Account \$7,795.39
Total Life Member Accounts **\$26,032.63**

General Checking \$5,121.37
General Deposit Account \$8,934.15*
Postal Bulk Mail Account \$439.94
Postal Return Mail Account \$83.58
Hall Rental Damage Deposit \$175.00
Total General/Deposit accts **\$14,754.04**

Total net worth as of 20 February 2008 \$40,786.67

*Includes \$1,350.40 of advance dedicated funds for multi year dues payments

TREASURER, con't - Alzheimer's Account current balance of \$756.27. We will be sending a check to the Alzheimer's NARFE Research Fund at end of March. The Aluminum for Alzheimer's payment will be requested from the Aluminum Recycle Center at the end of March 2008 prior to forwarding our Alzheimer's funds.

Please send your change of address to
**NARFE Chapter 181, PO BOX 5025,
BREMERTON, WA 98312-0462** *Rex Tauscher*

**TAX-AIDE: FREE INCOME TAX RETURN
PREPARATION SITES THROUGH 15 APRIL**

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

Sheridan Park Center
680 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton
Wed & Thurs 10:00 - 2:00

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

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ): The balance in our Alzheimer's Account as of 20 January is \$756.27. Donations in the amount of \$70.00 were received from D. Arreola, Louis & Loraine Brockerman, Robert Folmer, J. R. Seibold, Don Serry, and Norene Torkelson. Note that all raffle winnings at the February meeting were donated to the Alzheimer's Fund.

Joyce Libsack made a donation in memory of Albert Colvin, one of our members who passed away on 7 February 2008.

The Aluminum for Alzheimer's collection was picked up following our last monthly meeting. We had a total of 311 pounds as of 12 February. Remember that it only takes between 32 to 36 cans to make a pound, so stomp the cans to help "**Stomp out Alzheimer's**". We are keeping the program active so keep dropping off your aluminum items at West Sound 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*

MEMBERSHIP: If you were surprised to receive a Second Renewal Notice - don't be overly concerned. Due to a technicality, the company who prints the Dues Notices for NARFE may not have printed your First Renewal Notice. The error was with the National Office, so your NARFE membership will not be marked delinquent. We hope that you will still renew your membership at this time; it is still due just not 'over due'. Our new additions to Chapter 181 for this month are: Kris Baker, Cynthia Fay, Gordon Hamilton, Sharlene Koyanagi, Christy Meyers and Thomas Ringstad. Thanks to all of you for joining NARFE, you may look in our bulletin for meeting times or call any of our Executive Board with questions.

Now for the members who have been dropped this last month for non-payment of dues: Jack Brower, John Dinan, Roger Meyer, Wilfred Rueb, Regina Siemion and Henry Thaves. Please contact these members and urge them to reinstate their membership.
Ralph Sanders

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of: Peter Bretz, Seth Campbell, Vera Carstensen, Albert Colvin, John Langhans, Donald Owens, Frieda Walworth and John Watson. The report that James E. Tucker was sent a sympathy card in last month's newsletter was correct, but our member James E. Tucker was not the one who passed away, so welcome back James, we apologize for the mistake. A get well card was sent to our new Executive Board Member Gladys Berteaux, hope you are feeling better and ready to attend our next meeting. *Norene Torkelson*

MARCH SPEAKER: For our members who have not attended a State Meeting, this month you will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Dale Brighton, the President of the Washington State Federation of Chapters.

Dale is a very busy lady and a loyal and dedicated NARFE member. She graduated from Gonzaga University in Spokane. She taught Business and Communication at Grays Harbor Community College in Aberdeen. Her experience with legislative issues comes first hand, Dale worked for Senator Henry 'Scoop' Jackson in his Washington, DC office and then worked for Senator Dan Evans. After moving back to Washington State, she was the Advertising Manager for Valley North Mall in Wenatchee and also worked as the Advertising Manager for foreign markets with the Washington State Apple Commission. Dale and her husband Tom have been married almost 60 years and have five children, 7 grandchildren.

SERVICE OFFICER: How often have you called the toll-free number at OPM to try to change something with your retirement? How often when you dialed that number '1-888-767-6738' have you gotten a busy signal over and over again. Don't forget, that number is active 7:30am to 7:45pm Eastern time. That works out to 4:30am to 4:45pm in our time zone. It is a very busy number and you could dial it time and time again before getting thru. If you are an "early-bird" try calling it really early in the morning and try to avoid Mondays and Fridays - their busiest days. You can also go online at www.opm.gov/retire and you will get to the website that is set up for retirees instead of the main 'www.opm.gov' website which is for anyone. If you do go into the one for retirees you will need to establish a 4 digit PIN number and enter the 9 letter-digit ID number. It is the one on your annual cost of living statement. It begins with CSA for annuitants or CSF for family members followed by the number you were given when you retired and now a zero has been added after the first 7 numbers. That happened about 3 years ago if you look back at some of your old COLA statements. I recently went online to change my income tax deductions. Try using their website next time you want to change anything to do with your retirement.

DON'T FORGET - IF YOU CHANGE BANKS DO NOT CLOSE THE OLD ACCOUNT OUT UNTIL EVERYTHING DEPOSITED AUTOMATICALLY APPEARS IN THE NEW ACCOUNT.

We had a good speaker at the February meeting about funerals and services. This sometimes is something we do not like to discuss or talk about. It is something you should talk about with other family members. My brother-in-law had told me that in Washington funeral homes are required to give their customers a document called GENERAL PRICE LIST. This is a document that explains what all their costs are so you can make decisions without being coerced into doing things that your loved ones did not want. *Megan Winans*

IMPORTANT DATES: We have some very important dates coming up.

March 11th - District Workshop, Port Orchard, fee \$10. Let Bill Powers know if you plan on attending.

March 19th - deadline for Resolution and Bylaw Proposals to the Federation Secretary.

March 31st - deadline for the Federation Convention Registration Fee (\$40)

Deadline for advertising in the 2008 Convention Program Book. Deadline for the Memorial Book listing. Deadline to submit names for the Booster List.

April 1st - Deadline for Committee applications to the Federation President

April 18th - Last day for the special hotel rate.

Please let Chapter Secretary Linda Sanders know if you plan on attending the State Convention in Walla Walla, 19-21 May.

September 7 - 11, Louisville, KY - NARFE National Convention

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