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**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
ASSOCIATION, BREMERTON CHAPTER 181**

P.O. Box 5025, Bremerton, WA 98312-0462

**March 2010**

**NUMBER 03-10**

**General Meeting Date & Time: March 8, 2010, 1:00PM**  
**District IV Workshop.....9:00AM - 3:00PM**  
**Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club (479-9061)**  
**National Avenue & 'E' Street, Bremerton, WA**

**Program: KRISTINÉ REEVES (PATTY MURRAY'S KITSAP & OLYMPIC PENINSULA  
DIRECTOR) AND MARY CONWAY (PATTY MURRAY'S HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST)**

*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.*

**Kristiné Reeves  
will give us a  
congressional  
update,  
including  
healthcare  
reform, and  
speak about  
Patty Murray's  
activities in  
the Senate.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Chapter Meeting  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM**

**Chapter Meeting  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM**

**PLEASE NOTE  
CORRECTIONS:**

**THE TIME FOR THE  
DISTRICT WORKSHOP**

**PRESIDENT:** Once every four years the Olympic Peninsula District IV Workshop is held in Bremerton. This is the year and our workshop will be held in conjunction with our normal Chapter 181 meeting. The workshop **starts** at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM. The cost is \$12.50, which includes coffee/tea and *Morningside Pastries* with a **hot** lunch served at noon. The lunch is being prepared by the Westside Improvement Club cook, Deborah Gonzales. Her menu includes ham (she serves a thick slice), baked potato, green salad & potato salad, green beans, roll, and chocolate pudding. Our program will include Patty Murray's Kitsap & Olympic Peninsula Director, Kristiné Reeves, and Patty Murray's healthcare specialist, Mary Conway. They have been allocated a full hour after lunch and Chapter business is complete.

Our Washington State Federation of Chapters (WSFC) National Legislative Chair, George (Sam) Sevier, will be our speaker before lunch. Prior to retirement, he was in the Senior Executive Service in Washington D.C. His NARFE job is to teach us about our lobbyists' continual efforts to retain our retirement benefits. He utilizes District Workshops to update and encourage continued grassroots efforts. Plus he encourages members to tell of successes and ongoing legislative efforts to prospective NARFE members.

In the morning, we will critique our 'Retention Attention' program that has now been in effect for one year. This program was established to assist Chapter membership chairs. Our chair, Ralph Sanders, and I will review this program, established to help reduce membership losses when it comes time for dues renewal. I will also report on the WSFC Convention May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at the *Downtown Holiday Inn* in Everett. Lanny Ross, Region IX VP, will update us on National Executive Board issues. Plus, I will report on our 'Kitsap Transit' buses advertising program.

In the afternoon we will elect our District IV VP for the coming year. To date, Rex Tauscher and I are running for this position. I will finish the meeting with a report from the U.S. Census Bureau. Census forms will be mailed out March 15<sup>th</sup> and they will have ten questions to answer.

March is NARFE-PAC month and I encourage you to contribute. For further information on this subject see pages 18-20 in your March magazine. I can process donations and I have pins available.

In closing, call or email me for a **workshop reservation**. I encourage you to attend this entire workshop. Bill Powers

**TAX-AIDE OFFERS FREE INCOME TAX  
RETURN PREPARATION AND FILING**

**Tax-Aide Sites  
February 1 through April 15, 2010**

The IRS and AARP jointly sponsor a program staffed by volunteers to prepare and file income tax returns electronically at no cost to the taxpayers. Although intended for elderly and low-income families, all taxpayers are welcome. However, a taxpayer's return requiring the reporting of significant business income or loss, any rental income or First-Time Homebuyer credit are beyond the scope of this program. Tax-Aide volunteers are prepared to handle most other 2009 tax law changes.

Taxpayers **MUST** bring: (1) photo identification, (2) social security cards for all persons on the tax return, (3) all 2009 tax documents, such as statements of income from wages, retirement, social security, interest, dividends and brokerage statement & (4) your checkbook or other document from a financial institution that shows the routing & account numbers for direct deposit of refunds. A copy of the taxpayer's 2008 return is useful for various reasons. If in doubt about the paperwork, bring it all and let us sort it out.

Please plan to arrive early. We try not to begin preparation of a new return during the last half hour before closing time to ensure that returns are completed before volunteers are expected to vacate the space used.

**Bainbridge Island Main Library**  
1270 Madison Ave. N, Bainbridge Island  
Mon, Wed, and Fri: 10:30 AM to 1 PM  
Mon: 5:30 to 7:30 PM

**BHA Admin Office (Westpark)**  
110 Russell Road, Bremerton  
Mon and Sat: 11 AM to 3 PM  
Closed Feb 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Givens Community Center**  
26 Sidney Ave, Port Orchard  
Thu: 9 AM to 1 PM

**Silverdale Community Center**  
9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale  
Tue and Thu: 10 AM to 2 PM

**Olympic College**  
1600 Chester Ave. Bremerton  
Tue, Wed, and Thu: 12:30 to 4:30 P

**Manchester Library**  
8067 E. Main St. Manchester  
Mon: 4 to 8 PM

**Port Orchard Library**  
87 Sidney Ave. Port Orchard  
Sat: 1 to 4 PM

**St. Gabriel's Catholic Church**  
1150 Mitchell Ave. Port Orchard  
Tue: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**Martha and Mary Health/Rehab**  
19160 Front St. Poulsbo  
Thu: 1 to 5 PM  
Fri and Sat: 10 AM to 2 PM

**Sheridan Park Center**  
680 Lebo Blvd. Bremerton  
Wed: 9 AM to 2 PM  
Thu: 9 AM to 1 PM

**MEMBERSHIP:** I know that you have already read this announcement in this Bulletin, but just in case you missed it, here it is again. The District IV workshop will be held at the Westside Improvement Club, 4109 E Street, Bremerton, WA on Monday, March 8 from 9 am until 3 pm. This will be in conjunction with our monthly general membership meeting. Plan to attend all or part of this meeting; you will learn a lot about NARFE.

We have not, as far as I know, had a problem with e-mail addresses. Remember, if you are receiving your newsletter by e-mail and you change your e-mail address, please let Bea, the editor, know of your changes. It will make her life so much easier. Thanks in advance.

The following members were dropped for non-renewal: Danny Fleming, John Glenn, Ellena Retzlaff, Robert Wieman and Laura Wright. If you know any of these members, please give them a call.

A big Chapter 181 welcome for those members who are reinstating, or are new to NARFE: Gloria Dumas, Dedrick Easley, James Finney, Ken Fuhs, Agnes Hansen, Geneva Lowe, Toni Thompson and Michael Worley. We thank you for your membership and hope that you will become active in your Chapter.  
Ralph Sanders

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Megan Winans  
With this gorgeous weather that is here - for a while anyway - I keep thinking of spring and summer travels. At our age, items we take with

us should include important papers, such as a list of family members, copies of your Federal Health Insurance card, your Social Security card, and for some of you, your retired military ID card including the ones that spouses have.

Behind my health insurance card in my wallet, I have a list of prescription drugs I take. So, if I end up in an emergency room, and someone looks in my wallet to see if I have health insurance, Medicare or Tricare, they will also find my list of medications. These are things you should have with you whenever you travel. Make sure your family members also know where you put this information.

Something else I do is let one of my neighbors know when I am going to be out of town for a few days or more. That way they can double check to make sure that my newspapers have not been delivered, or any large packages left on my doorstep. I do have a locking mailbox but everything does not fit thru the slot. If I am gone for more than a few days, I put a hold on my mail and get it restarted when I return. Many of us now have to go over to the Post Office over on National Avenue to pick up our mail, regardless of the fact that the Post Office for 98311 is over on Sylvan Way.

Just a small reminder - do not wait until April 15<sup>th</sup> to realize you have not done your Income Taxes. It is difficult to come up with a good excuse for the IRS office. ☺

**TREASURER:** Our February general meeting report showed total receipts of \$1,167.57 and expenditures of \$2,163.84. Our Net Worth as of 31 January was \$38,161.45 with the Life member trust portion at \$24,631.75 for an operating balance of \$13,529.70. Detailed treasurer reports are available at our general and executive board meetings.

**NARFE Scholarships:** There are six NARFE Scholarships available in Northwest's Region IX. They are open to children, grandchildren, stepchildren, and great-grand children of any NARFE member in good standing.

All Applicants must be current high school seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Detailed information and application forms will be in the February, March, and April editions of NARFE magazine and on the web at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). You can also check with your high school counselors for information.

The Chapter budget has been approved by the Executive Board and the total budget is set at \$14,531.00. Copies of the budget are available at our general meetings and will also be available online at [www.narfewadist4.org](http://www.narfewadist4.org).

Our Chapter still has an active agreement with Red Apple Markets in Bremerton, Kitsap Lake and Silverdale for the collection and payment of 1% of their grocery receipts. This program has been falling behind past years. If you shop at any of the Red Apple stores please turn in the receipts to Norene Torkelson or me, or bring them to our next meeting. Rex Tauscher

**ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ):** The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 19 February was \$953.08. Donations in the amount of \$406.30 were received since our last report. We appreciate the donations from Donna Bartrug, Loraine Brockerman, Yma Dahlke, Helen Matz, Edward Saftich, and Donald and Thelma Taylor. Thank you!

We have collected over 500 pounds of aluminum since the beginning of April and received a check from the aluminum recyclers in the amount of \$255.55. Our Rummage sale on 6 February resulted in a \$105.75 addition to our Alzheimer's research fund. A check will be sent this week to the Alzheimer's Association. Rex Tauscher

**ALUMINUM DROP-OFF POINTS**

- ▶ Westsound Recycle  
East Bremerton WalMart parking lot
- ▶ Port Orchard Mall  
Let them know your donation is for the Bremerton NARFE Chapter

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of Dorothy Freitag (wife of member Arthur Freitag), Fritz Jappe, Richard Jefferson, Verllin Martin, Catherine Phillips, Luella Wallitner, and Sanford Wentlandt.

If you know of a Chapter member who is ill and should receive a get well card, please contact us so we can get a card out to them.  
Norene Torkelson

"Thank you!" to everyone who has signed up for the e-mailed newsletter! Each month I get several more requests. If you would like this service, please contact me at [tbkbull@aol.com](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com). Thanks!! Bea

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