



**President Continued:**

includes a cart, a banquet (fajitas), and very nice 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> low team net prizes (stays at lodges, restaurant dinners, rounds of golf, and gift certificates). The cost is \$400 per foursome but our Chapter is paying half of the fee for a NARFE foursome, so your cost will be \$50.00 each. This is a fundraiser for an organization that NARFE supports. They bring work to the 'West Sound Area' through their visits to *Naval Sea Systems Command & Pacific Fleet* plus they host various social activities for Naval officers in the Bremerton area. So if you want to play in this tournament on our NARFE team, contact Ralph Sanders. We still have some open spots and, if we get enough interest, we could have two foursomes.

In closing, if you are interested in recent news about undocumented workers and homeland security, September's meeting is a must. We are fortunate to have Christopher Dyer, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, as our speaker this month. This would be a good meeting to bring your spouse and sign them up as a member if they are not already. Bill Powers

**MEMBERSHIP:** This report will be a culmination of July and August because we do not produce a Bulletin during the summer months. We hope that you are ready to attend the September general membership meeting scheduled for September 13 at 1:00 pm. I am sure that there will be other reminders throughout this bulletin. Fall is a busy time of year for NARFE. We will have things planned for you every month for the rest of the year.

The following members were dropped during the last two months for non-renewal: Virginia Alguard, Vida Armstrong, Lawrence Crosetti, Paul Harshbarger, Virgil Kollars, Orvin Lykstad, Gordon McKay, John Nantz, Dorothy Paschal, Ralph Peterson, Ruth Reddick, Harold Richardson, Erma Robertson, Albert Schmidtke, John Souza, Teckla Sunderland, and Thomas Tyler. If you know any of these members, please urge them to renew their membership.

Welcome to those members who are new to, or have reinstated their membership in, our Chapter: James Backs, Ann Lamm, Albert Lind, Steven McDaniel, William McNeal, Naaman Peterson, and Jo Francis Powell. Thank you for joining NARFE. If the executive board can be of service to you we are listed on the last page of the bulletin. Please contact us.

Also a welcome to our prospective members, we hope you will decide to join NARFE: Edward Friend, Keith Roark, Shelley Simcox, Heidi Wakefield, and Cathy Williams. Thank you for your interest. Ralph Sanders

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Megan Winans

By the time you are reading this newsletter it will be September. Open Season will be in November as usual which means you will start seeing articles in our NARFE magazine about health insurance. Read those articles carefully since there have been lots of hints about some changes coming from Congress/Senate. Watch for official information in your monthly NARFE magazine.

Some of the changes are: Medicare cuts in payments to hospitals and rehab facilities (however, increased payments to hospitals in "low-cost" areas); increased Medicare payments to physicians in primarily rural areas; prohibiting lifetime and annual benefit spending limits; prohibiting some non-group plans from canceling coverage for plan years beginning 09/23/10; requiring plans to cover, at no extra charge, most preventive care beginning 09/23/10; allowing qualified dependents to stay on parents' policies until age 26 (make sure to re-enroll them during open season!).

So make sure you look for articles in your NARFE magazine (probably also AARP magazines) and definitely Open Season material you receive from Office of Personnel Management when our Open Season starts in early November. Please do not ask your NARFE Chapter members or officers to make your decisions for you. We all have to read the instructions carefully and make our own decisions.

For those of you who like to head south to avoid our snow and rain up here in Washington, make sure when you are studying

the health insurance brochures, you choose a program that will cover you when you are miles away. Health insurance gets more and more important the older we get and being able to get assistance is very important. And remember to always take a listing of your prescriptions with you when traveling.

Bremerton Chapter 181 is one of the larger Chapters and I sure would love to see more of our members come to our monthly meetings. What sort of programs would you like to see? What would entice you to come? Contact any of the officers listed on the back of this newsletter with suggestions. Even just meeting up with some of your friends whom you worked with is fun.

**TREASURER:** Expenditures for the months of June, July, and August (partial) totaled \$3,206.63. Income for this period totaled \$1,772.33. Our net worth as of 31 July 2010 was \$37,909.93. A detailed treasurer's report will be available at our September general meeting.

Our Chapter still has an active agreement with Red Apple Markets in Bremerton, Kitsap Lake and Silverdale, **and now Poulsbo**, for the collection and payment of 1% of their grocery receipts.

If you shop at any of the Red Apple stores listed above, 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 20 August was \$68.35. Donations in the amount of \$85.00 were received since our last report, thanks to Loraine Brockerman, Robert Brown, Anna Haynes, Vito/Jean Leone, and Norene Torkelson. We forwarded an additional donation of \$150.00 to the Alzheimer's association.

Aluminum collection increased from 389 pounds on 31 May to over 918 pounds on 6 August 2010, thanks to various sources: McLendon's Hardware (Belfair), Illahee State Park, Kitsap County Horseshoe Club, and our Chapter President, William Powers. A special thanks to a party unknown that dropped off the largest amount at a single stop of 149 pounds! That is a whole lot of cans!!!

Also, a reminder that the Alzheimer's Memory Walk for our area is scheduled for

18 September 2010 at 10:00 AM, Silverdale Waterfront Park. Come and join in the activities and raffle. 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
- ▶ **NEW!!! Poulsbo Red Apple**

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Charles Clodius, Clark Gardner, Fern Kabelac, Raineld Lewis, Donald Mansor, Wayne Matz, Alan Pickard, Arthur Robinett, Raymond Riley, Virginia Saftich, and Englebert Sherbesman.

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! Remember, it saves our Chapter money, plus you have the benefit of receiving the newsletter sooner. If you would like this service, please contact me at [tbkbull@aol.com](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com). Thanks!! Bea Bull

#### **HELP WANTED**

**CHAPTER SECRETARY** Chapter 181 is looking for a person who would like to run for the office of Secretary of the Chapter. Duties include: Attending all Chapter meetings and executive board meetings from August to June; record the minutes of each meeting; maintain a roster of all Chapter officers; handle all Chapter correspondence that is not the exclusive duty of another officer; furnish reports and documents to Federation and National office as required; maintain Chapter files and preserve all permanent official documents. Use of a computer and printer is essential. Turnover and training will be given by the present Secretary. If interested please contact the Nominating Chairman, George Eads, at 698-6078. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Sanders at 275-9793.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Volunteers needed to join George Eads and Jean Lenihan on the Nominating Committee. Please contact George at 698-6078 or Jean at 308-8165.

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