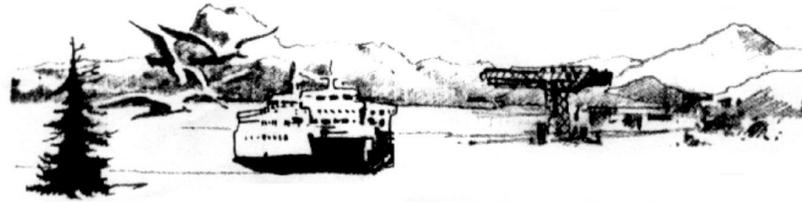




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**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION, BREMERTON CHAPTER 181**

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

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General Meeting Date & Time: January 10, 2011, 1:00PM

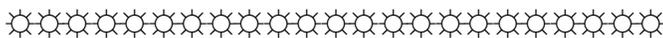
**Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club (479-9061)
National Avenue & 'E' Street, Bremerton, WA**

**Program: SANDY CAGLE, PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
"STATE OF THE STATE"**

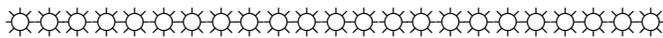
NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Chapter Meeting February 14th**
- *Legislative Training Conference
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, VA March 5-8, 2011
(See November NARFE magazine for
information & registration form)**
- *Chapter Meeting March 14th**
- *District Workshop March 17th
Norway Poulsbo Lodge #44
18891 Front Street NE**



***Please note changes in officers on back page!**



PRESIDENT GEORGE EADS:

Dear Chapter Members,

We are about to begin the new year of 2011. I hope you and your families will be blessed with health and the most important things in your life.

I am grateful for Bill Powers, and all of the Chapter 181 officers, for the direction and service they have rendered this past year to move the mission of NARFE forward. I am honored to once again serve as president of Chapter 181 and look

forward to working to maintain and retain our current benefits as active and retired members or their remaining spouses.

The days ahead are going to be difficult for all of us. We cannot become discouraged or just sit on the side lines and hope it will all be worked out. I am certain you have heard or read about the debt commission report. It is very long and specific about cutting Federal employees' benefits, whether they be active or retired. It did not pass. However, our national legislative staff feels many of those ideas will still come forth to reduce the deficit on the backs of retired or current employees.

There probably has not been a day that we have not had to be pro-active as the only organization that is working for all government workers to maintain and prevent any taking away of our earned benefits.

One of the most important missions of NARFE is to recruit new members and retain those who do not renew their membership.

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President cont. This responsibility is shared by all of us who are NARFE members. I know I, personally, need to do a much better job of inviting people to join NARFE.

Like many of you, I get a monthly magazine that is second to none in providing up-to-date information for retired and active employees. I feel getting the magazine is well worth paying the membership dues and becoming a member of NARFE.

May you have a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011.
President George L. Eads

MEMBERSHIP: I will give you some numbers from our 2010 status sheet. Do not expect these to add up because there are some categories that are left out. Retired members: new members 23, reinstatements 23, deceased 75, dropped 90. Active members: new members 31. Totals for the year 2010 were negative 165 and positive 82. This is a loss of 83 members this year. Totals for the year 2009 were negative 159 and positive 94. This was a loss of 65 members last year.

We have had positive numbers for both November and December of this year. We are not sure what 2011 will provide. We can only do our best at recruiting and minimizing our dropped members.

The following members were dropped for non-renewal: Teresa Corcoran, Robert Graue, James Houk, Delpha Jordan, and Frank Scheberle. If you know any of these members, please urge them to renew their membership.

Welcome to those members who are new or have reinstated their membership in our chapter: Geraldine Bartlett, Elisabeth Bondy, Margaret Duff, Haven Fowler, Ed Kalmbach, Dorothy McDonald, Lois Morello, Ben Ormiston, Kenneth Rathburn, Wilfred Rueb, and Johnny Wilson. Thanks to all of you for your membership. You are important to NARFE and our mission. It is through strength in numbers that we are able to protect our annuity and health insurance.

If you have any questions about NARFE or our Chapter please call any of our

Executive Board listed on the back of this bulletin. Ralph Sanders

SERVICE OFFICER: Megan Winans

By the time you are reading this, we will be into a New Year, 2011. Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday with safe travels and time with family and friends.

The beginning of the year is when you will start receiving statements from Office of Personnel Management (your Retirement or Survivor Benefit), from Social Security if you receive it, and from military if you are a retiree or getting military survivor benefits. Some of us had switched to the new retirement system and also get statements from Thrift Savings. These are the dreaded documents that show whether you have had enough income tax deducted. I like to break close to even on my taxes. If Uncle Sam paid interest on refunds, I would like a refund. Since they do not pay interest on refunds, I would rather my money is in my savings account earning interest.

If you owe quite a bit of income tax, this would also be a good time to get an adjustment made thru the organizations or companies from which you are receiving "retirement-type incomes". I am not a financial advisor so please do not ask me to help you with your finances.

If you changed your health insurance during the Open Season, make sure you have information on all the prescription meds you were taking this year. This is especially important if you changed your health insurance and must also change your doctors. I keep a list of my prescription meds right behind my health insurance ID card so that, if I am in an emergency room and cannot communicate, someone will look in my wallet to see if I have health insurance and, when they pull the insurance card out, hopefully they will notice my list of prescription meds.

Some of our members head south during the winter months and, knowing how their health insurance covers them when out of Washington, is important. Enjoy your retirement - you have all earned it - but keep yourself safe and prepared for traveling.

TREASURER: Our income since November 1st to 22 December was \$2,995.33 with expenditures of \$2,230.53. Our Net Worth as of 22 December was \$39,525.01. A detailed treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

We will be conducting a yearly audit of our Chapter financial records in January or February. Any one interested in assisting in the audit please contact one of our Board Members. The audit is usually conducted two (2) hours prior to a general meeting.

Our Chapter still has an active agreement with Red Apple Markets in Bremerton, Kitsap Lake, Silverdale, and 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

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**

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ): The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 21 December was \$463.49. Donations in the amount of \$20.00 were received since our last report. "Thanks" to Loraine Brockerman for her donation.

Please note that checks should be made out to "NARFE Alzheimer's Research" (NARFE is the key word) as our Chapter deposits the donations in a dedicated account prior to forwarding to the State Coordinator who then forwards the donations on to the Alzheimer's Association for credit to the NARFE research effort.

We have collected aluminum in the amount of 1,462 pounds since the first of the year thanks to various sources that donate and drop off at the collection site. A special "thanks" to Illahee State Park and our Immediate Past President, Bill Powers, for the mountain of cans collected sorted and crushed. I noted from our collection record at the

collection site that there are only about 44 different signatures on the record. If more of our 1,200 members would drop off a few pounds each, it would greatly increase our donations for Alzheimer's research. The recycle center also takes copper and brass if you have any to donate.

We are keeping the Aluminum for Alzheimer's program active, so keep dropping off your aluminum items at Westsound recycle in the East Bremerton Walmart parking lot. If you live in Port Orchard, you may also drop off your aluminum at the Port Orchard Mall site and let them know the donation is for the "Bremerton Chapter 181 of NARFE".
Rex Tauscher

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Sympathy cards were sent to the families of William R. Hazlett, Jack L. Jones, Norma J. Pappas, Orvis T. Peterson, Dorothy L. Speegle, Pearl L. Thompson, Karl W. Vatne, Melvin E. Voegeli, and Betty J. Warren. A get well card was sent to Joyce Libsack.

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 the **116** people who have 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. Thanks!!
Bea Bull
Total Membership: 1223
Percentage receiving emailed newsletter: 9.4% (December was 9.2%)

HELP WANTED

SERVICE OFFICER Chapter 181 is looking for someone willing to be Service Officer. Please consider volunteering for this position. NARFE Headquarters has some good pamphlets that make it easy to explain things. For information contact George Eads at 698-6078 or Jean Lenihan at 308-8165.

1st VICE PRESIDENT Primary duties are finding speakers and arranging monthly programs; coordinating the annual Health Fair; contacting candidates and organizing Candidate's Day; and filling in for the President in his/her absence.

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