



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

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

**May 2011**

**NUMBER 05-11**

**General Meeting Date & Time:** May 9, 2011, 1:00PM

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

**Program:** A SPEAKER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING WILL DISCUSS WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WHO CAN NO LONGER FULLY CARE FOR THEMSELVES OR THEIR FAMILIES

*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 .*

**PROGRAM**

Bea Bull

What would you do if you suddenly became very ill and unable to care for yourself or your spouse? Imagine if you had always done the finances and were now too sick to even explain to someone how to do them; or if your doctor had ordered a special diet for your recovery and you were the only spouse who knew how to cook; or how you would get to doctor's appointments if you were the only driver.

Like with everything else in our lives, we need a plan. Please join us May 9<sup>th</sup> to learn what options are available to us in our community.

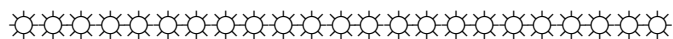
**Help us celebrate the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapter 181!**  
**There will be Costco carrot cake after the meeting.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*Older Americans Conference** May 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Kitsap Sun Pavilion 9:00AM – 2:30PM**  
**Free to the Public.....for information call 337-7068**

**\*Federation Convention**  
**Mirabeau Park Hotel, Spokane** May 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

**\*Chapter Meeting** June 13<sup>th</sup>



**PRESIDENT**

George Eads

It seems the news out of Congress is not very positive for active and retired federal employees. The plan for prosperity put forth by Congressman Paul Ryan, Republican-Wisconsin, would be extremely unfair to the very people who protect America's Heartbeat, such as federal employees. Here is the content of that proposal:

**“House Passes Ryan Budget:** On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the House adopted a budget resolution for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011, sending it to the Senate. The Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2012, House Concurrent Resolution 34 authored by Budget Committee Chairman, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-WI, passed the House on a nearly party line vote of 235-193. Four competing plans were considered and defeated. H.C. Res. 34 would reduce spending by \$4.4 trillion over 10 years. Of these ten year savings, \$375 billion would come from current and retired federal employees. These cuts include:

- 1) Requiring FERS and CSRS covered employees to contribute substantially more to their retirement;
- 2) Freezing federal pay for 5 years; and
- 3) Reducing federal workforce by 10 percent over 3 years”

As you can see, this is a very important time for all of us to call and write our elected representatives to let them know our feelings on this proposal. To stay informed please call the LEGISLATIVE HOT LINE 1-877-217-8234.

If you have internet access, I strongly encourage you to go to the NARFE web site ([www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)) for the latest up-to-date information.

**CALL TO ACTION**

Fight cuts to our earned benefits!

**What you can do:**

- Call your Congressman and tell him what you think of HCR 34;
- Read the article on page 16 of your NARFE magazine, then tell your Senators what you think.

## MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

It is not too late to sign up for the Federation Convention that is being held in Spokane Valley on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please contact one of your Board Members and we will get you on your way.

Following this report is the new NARFE Life Membership Fee Schedules. Please consider signing up for a Life Membership.

We have been advertising the position of “Legislative Chair” for some time without any response. It is necessary for us to have someone in this position because that is our principle mission: Being aware of our legislative issues and what Congress is doing for us or to us. It is not a difficult job; it just takes a little study and a short article in the bulletin each month. I hope you will give it a try.

The following members were dropped for non-renewal: George Gott, Emil Griebel, Barbara Heym, Walter Konizeski, Edythe Lackey, Patricia Lund, Ronald Lund, Dorothy Metzler and Harry Steinkraus. If you know any of these members please contact them about renewing their membership.

Welcome to those members who are new or have reinstated their membership in our Chapter: Donald Hart, Bennie Peterson, Chester Staley, Kenneth Wheeler and Elizabeth Wolf. We appreciate your membership and hope that we may be of service to you.

### NARFE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULES

Effective January 1, 2011 – Revised 2-11-2011

			TOTAL
Ages	National	Chapter 181	National & Chapter 181
30-39	\$1796.00	\$449.00	\$2245.00
40-50	1408.00	352.00	1760.00
51-55	1127.00	281.75	1408.75
56-60	960.00	240.00	1200.00
61-65	801.00	200.25	1001.25
66-70	653.00	163.25	816.25
71-75	514.00	128.50	642.50
76-80	392.00	98.00	490.00
81-90	251.00	62.75	313.75
91-100+	127.00	31.75	158.75

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ If you don't use the PIN provided by OPM for 15 months, it will expire and you will have to request a new one. PINS are sent through the mail so there will be a period of time when you can't access your online account information;
- ✓ Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management has volunteer opportunities for Administrative Support, HAM Radio Operators, Search & Rescue, Public Information Officers, School Trainers, and Severe Weather Shelter Assistants. For more information visit [www.kitsapdem.org](http://www.kitsapdem.org) or call 360 307 5870.

## SERVICE CENTER NOTICE

The Service Center will be closed until further notice. Please contact Ralph Angulo, the District IV Service Officer, with any questions you would have directed to Megan. You can go to the District IV website at <http://www.narfewadist4.org/> and click on the Service Officer link (in red at the bottom of the list on the left) to send him a message. He can also be reached at (360) 452-6592, or [ralphangulo@yahoo.com](mailto:ralphangulo@yahoo.com).

## TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for March as reported at our April meeting was \$907.60 with expenditures of \$3,334.95. Our Net Worth as of 31 March was \$36,946.13. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

Please save your receipts from Red Apple Markets in Bremerton, Kitsap Lake, Silverdale, and Poulsbo for the collection and payment of 1% of their grocery receipts. We collected \$198.96 during 2010; year to date for 2011 we have collected \$42.39. You can turn in the receipts to Norene Torkelson or me, or bring them to our next meeting.

**Reminder: Red Apple receipts must be current "NOT OVER THREE (3) MONTHS OLD" to be honored by the program.**

## ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 31 March was \$129.37. Donations in the amount of \$50.00, were received at the March general meeting. "Thank you" to Donna Bartrug, Loraine Brockerman, Anna Gossett, Robert McLeod, and Donald Taylor for their donations.

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## Alzheimer's cont.

**Please note:** Checks should be made out to "NARFE Alzheimer's Research" (NARFE is the key word and is required!).

Thank you for recycling your aluminum! The last check of the Aluminum collection to date we had approximately 385 pounds. A big "Thank you" to Spike Kramer for the large donation of aluminum to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Program!

### ALUMINUM DROP-OFF POINTS

- ▶ Westsound Recycle
- East Bremerton WalMart parking lot
- ▶ Port Orchard Mall

**Let them know your donation is for the Bremerton Chapter - NARFE 181**

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Norene Torkelson

Sympathy cards were sent to David Bellamy (Husband of member Iris Bellamy), Burres A. Baughman, Marion L. Erstad, Alice Evans (wife of member William F. Evans), Charles H. Gibson, Robert J. Gordon, Dorothy A. Jarvis, Elizabeth Shultz, and Joan Wilkins (wife of member Paul Wilkins).

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.

### KITSAP COMPUTING SENIORS

Monthly meetings include a speaker and light potluck lunch. They are held at the Silverdale Community Center; 9729 Silverdale Way, Silverdale, on the ground floor; the third Monday of each month (except July and August) 10:00 am to 12 noon. You can attend a meeting before becoming a member.

Membership is \$20 per year; you receive hundreds of hours of computer classes. Beginner's classes have a waiting list and require membership. Visit their website at <http://ffogynews.org/> or contact President Larry DuSavage, (360) 792-6972, [LADLAD@comcast.net](mailto:LADLAD@comcast.net), or Vice President Roberta Messinger, (360) 613-0421, [RobertaM160@telebyte.com](mailto:RobertaM160@telebyte.com).

"Thank you!" to the **131** 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](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com). Thanks!! Bea Bull

Total Membership: 1163 Percentage receiving emailed newsletter: 11.26% (Last month was 11.18%)

## NEED A LARGE-PRINT VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER?

A large-print version of this newsletter is available via email only. It is in size 16 font, is formatted in a single column, and runs about 14 pages long. Email me if you'd like to sign up for this version of the newsletter. [tbkbull@aol.com](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com)

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### HELP WANTED

**SERVICE OFFICER; 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT; LEGISLATIVE CHAIR; and TELEPHONE CONTACT**

#### LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

The Chapter Legislative Chair keeps track of legislative actions in the House of Representatives & Senate in Washington D.C. and makes regular but brief reports about significant items at our Chapter meetings. This is done in three ways:

1. Read the NARFE magazine legislative articles monthly.
2. Sign up for GEMS and read the email alerts put out by our National NARFE headquarters.
3. Read the email information forwarded by our current Washington State Federation of Chapters Legislative Chair, Mike Teefy.

The Legislative Chair also attends local area briefing sessions when Congressional Representatives or Senators return from Washington D.C. during break and leave periods. This item is sometimes difficult because the Senators and Representatives are either booked or fundraising when home from Washington D.C.

The Legislative Chair attends the Legislative Training Conference in Washington D.C. in March of odd years (2011). This trip is partially funded by previously budgeted Chapter funds.

#### 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.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### TELEPHONE CONTACT

Chapter 181 needs someone to call dropped members.

Please contact George Eads at 698-6078 or Jean Lenihan at 308-8165 to volunteer or for more information.

**PRESIDENT**

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