



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

September 2011

NUMBER 07-11

General Meeting Date & Time: September 12, 2011, 1:00PM

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

Program: LISA MARSHALL FROM THE WILLOWS WILL SPEAK ABOUT SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS...LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

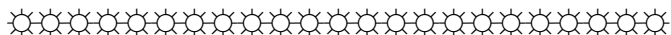
NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors .

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Chapter Meeting October 10th
Meet the Candidates & Nomination of Officers**
- *Chapter Meeting November 14th
Annual Health Fair and Election of Officers**
- *Chapter Meeting December 12th
Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers**

PROGRAM

Lunch will be provided by THE WILLOWS:
Wraps, cookies, chips, and a beverage.



PRESIDENT

George Eads

Fellow Chapter 181 Members,

I hope you have had a healthy, happy summer and have been able to spend time with your families. As your President, I welcome you back to our Chapter meetings and encourage you to come and bring your friends to our meetings.

As you are very aware, our Chapter membership continues to decline. Most of the time individuals have been dropped for non-renewal of their dues. We, as active members, can do more; call them, visit them, pick them up for Chapter meetings, encourage them any way you can to stay a member of NARFE. With all that is going on in Washington

D.C. (or not going on), we, as retired and active employees for the United States government, have to let our elected representatives know HOW WE feel, especially that the budget can't (shouldn't) be based on the cuts they expect us to take on our backs. The members of Congress refer more and more to our benefits as "entitlements". These were and are earned benefits that we and the active employees hope to have now and in the future. We all worked for and earned these benefits. If you are not signed up for NARFE Gems on the internet, I encourage you to do so, or call the Legislative Hot Line. They both contain the most up-to-date information that we need to be aware of as retired or active government employees.

Election for Chapter officers is coming up in November 2011. If you would like to be part of the Executive Board, please let us know. I am grateful for your efforts in trying to help NARFE in its Mission to help Protect and Maintain our Earned Benefits.

CALL TO ACTION

Tell the "Super Committee" to protect our earned benefits!

What you can do:

- copy the letter on the next page, or compose one of your own;
- request a WORD document from the editor at tbkbull@aol.com

What you can do cont.

- come to the September Membership meeting and sign a copy of this letter. We will mail it to Senator Murray.

Letter to Senator Murray:

Senator Patty Murray
The Commerce Building
950 Pacific Avenue #650
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Senator Murray:

I'm writing to express my concern that federal workers and retirees will be unfairly singled out for cuts in pay and benefits by the so-called "Super Committee" created as part of the recent debt-ceiling deal.

Federal workers and annuitants did not cause our budget crisis. Active federal employees have already accepted a two-year pay freeze to help solve it. But now, according to numerous reports, pay, FEHBP benefits and COLAs, are at risk of being cut.

Many federal retirees are living on fixed incomes and every single one Protected America's Heartbeat and served our nation proudly. Any cuts, or a move to a "chained CPI," could force some of these former public servants to choose between groceries and medicine.

I don't believe that is either fair or just - or a permanent solution to our budget problems. I believe in shared sacrifice as a nation, not singling out those who have ensured our air is healthy, dangerous infectious diseases are held in check, and our veterans are cared for.

As a constituent, I want you to know, and convey to all members of the Super Committee, that I am strongly opposed to any attacks on federal workers or retirees. Federal workers are the inspectors who ensure the food our families eat is safe and the federal intelligence officers who recently did their part to catch the world's most wanted terrorist. They Protect America's Heartbeat and they should not be made into budget scapegoats and singled out unfairly.

Sincerely,

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

I cannot believe that summer (whatever we had) is almost over. We, members of NARFE, have lots of work to do. In the next three months we must nominate and elect a new slate of Chapter officers; put on a Health Fair; attend at least one other health fair; and possibly have a Candidates Day at our October meeting. In our spare time we must contact our Congressional Delegation in regards to being made the budget scapegoats for our country's deficit problems. I hope that our newsletter editor can make space for a letter that you can utilize in any way you wish to communicate with our Congressional Delegation. It carries the message that we need to share.

Our report this month contains data for both July and August, so the numbers will be greater than usual.

The following members were dropped for non-renewal: John Baily, Gary Baker, Gary Blankenship, Beatrice Cooper, Charles Culberson, Pat Garrett, Richard Garrison, De Anna Gossett, Dianne Hendrickson, Lola Kooley, William Long, June Malkowski, Walter Nordleaf, Susie Simmons, James Williams and James Wilson. 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: David Farr, Theodore Gill, John Glenn, Emil Griebel, Suzanne Griffith, Albert Kurkoski, Jean Parks, Tim Taylor and William Truemper. We do appreciate your membership and if we may be of service please contact any Board Member listed in this bulletin.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ You don't have to be a NARFE member to access and use the "Protect America's Heartbeat" website;
- ✓ You can renew your NARFE membership online to save NARFE money. Go to www.NARFE.org to sign up.

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. See back page for contact information.

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for June and July was \$1,941.04 with expenditures of \$1,911.31. Our net north as of 31 July was \$37,612.51. 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 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 \$93.36. 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 July was \$324.49. Donations in the amount of \$90.00 were received at the June general meeting. "Thank you" to Lorraine Brockerman and Robert Brown for their donations.

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 1002.9 pounds.

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 Dale Anderson, Robert Arnold, Daniel Baker (Son of members John and Cherie Baker), Conrad T. Beach, Richard Beahm, Marjorie Fagin, Ben Hemstreet, Wade Lieseke, Edwin McCullough, Harvey Reed, Fontina Taylor, Odell Whitehead and Robert Workman. 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

For information, visit their website at <http://ffogynews.org/> or contact President Larry DuSavage, (360) 792-6972, LADLAD@comcast.net, or Vice President Roberta Messinger, (360) 613-0421, RobertaM160@telebyte.com.

"Thank you!" to the **127** people who have signed up for the e-mailed newsletter plus **3** who receive the large print version! 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: 1171 Percentage receiving emailed newsletter: 11.1% (June was 11.84%)

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

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