



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

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

December 2011

NUMBER 10-11

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

Meeting Place: Bremerton Elks Lodge, 4131 Pine Road NE, Bremerton, WA

Program: HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Meet and Greet at 12:00PM, Lunch Served at 1:00PM

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.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Meet and Greet starts at noon; Lunch at 1:00PM

Meal choices are Salmon at \$18.95 or Chicken Alexandra at \$15.00. Chicken Alexandra is cooked with Italian Seasoning and white wine. Both selections include a tossed green salad, O'Brien potatoes, roasted mixed vegetables, and a dinner roll. The price includes tax and gratuity.

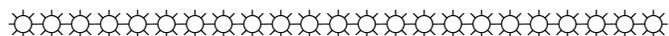
Please call Myra Clodius at 377-2910 to make your reservations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Chapter Meeting** January 9th

***Chapter Meeting** February 13th

***Chapter Meeting** March 12th



PRESIDENT

George Eads

I am grateful to have seen so many of you at the recent Health Fair and am also grateful for all who stayed for our Chapter meeting and the election of officers for the year 2012.

The new officers will be sworn in at the Elks Lodge during our Holiday Luncheon on December 12th. There is still time to call Myra

Clodius at 377-2910 for reservations. Please bring your non-perishable food items for the Elks' Food Drive; there will be a box near the entrance.

I wish to thank all who helped at the Health Fair this year. A lot of time and work was put into helping members of the community make an informed decision on their health care. We are one of the few chapters in Washington that provides this service to its members and others in the community.

No doubt you have heard that the "Super Committee" in Congress failed; we must continue to be vigilant and remind our Representatives not to single us out to balance the budget. I wish to thank all of you who called and signed letters to Senator Patty Murray; we have done our part in letting her know our feelings. I feel our area has very good pro-NARFE representation in supporting our legislative issues. I wish to thank them for their efforts and encourage you to do the same. We will have to wait and see how the across-the-board budget cuts may affect us now and into the future. The good news is that we will be getting a COLA in 2012.

The officers and members of Chapter 181 of NARFE wish to congratulate Mr. Floyd Trepus in celebrating his one-century birthday - 100 years. His hard work and caring about others has been, and is, a blessing to all of us who know Floyd.

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As we enter these special days of the Holiday Season, I hope and pray that all of you will have a wonderful and healthy holiday. I am thankful for each and every one of you and for your dedication and friendship.

LEGISLATION

Jim Strunk

Hello, and its nice to be aboard as your new Legislative Committee Chair. I recently retired in 2010 from the Treasury Department. After spending some time getting used to being retired and “completing” several home repair jobs, I started attending meetings of NARFE Chapter 181. I decided to become more involved as an active member to better find out how NARFE works to improve and maintain retirement benefits for its members. George Eads felt that my working as Legislative Chair would be a good fit for me and the Chapter. I have begun keeping myself better informed about NARFE Federal and State legislative issues and I am looking forward to assisting members in understanding and supporting NARFE with its Federal legislative agenda. I have met several of you at our monthly meetings and the annual Health Fair and look forward to meeting more of you at our coming meetings.

My work experience is a bit varied. I spent some initial time in the Army in the Corp of Engineers in the late 1960s. After my service commitment was completed I attended school at the University of Maine. Once graduated, I worked in environmental planning and then went on to complete some public studies at the University of New York. I came to Washington in 1976 when I completed that training. I proceeded to work with the State of Washington’s DSHS for a short period and then with numerous Washington Cities in creating and establishing several Municipal Self-Insurance Associations. I joined the IRS in 1991 and worked there for 19 years in telephone collections and then in field collections as a Revenue Officer. I retired in 2010. That is the short version but I am always amazed how I fit it all into such a short period of time.

If you see me at one of our Chapter meetings please introduce yourself as I look forward to meeting as many members as I can.

CALL TO ACTION

What you can do:

- Stay on top of what is happening in Congress by going to the www.NARFE.org home page and clicking on the links under the “NEWS FROM NARFE” heading.
- Continue to contact your Congressional Representatives; our input is still important.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

I almost wrote that this would be the last report for this year, but it will not. The January report will have the final data for year 2011. I will give you our annual report for 2011 at that time. I would like to thank the membership for all they have done to make our lives a little bit less hectic by paying your dues on time, in multiple years and taking out dues withholding. All of these things save money and make less work for us. As you should know we are all in the same pay grade, we all get paid the same as you do for doing the work.

I would also like to thank all of you who have been writing your Senators and Members of Congress. This is what grass roots lobbying is all about and this is what NARFE is all about. I will try to stay out of the legislative arena because we have a new Chapter Legislative Chair, Mr. Jim Strunk. He will be leading us through these difficult times in our legislative lives.

The following members were dropped for non-renewal: Victoria Arena, Rita Coutts, Floyd Giese, Burton Hoover, Mary Kuckenbaker, Ann Lamm, William McNeal and Ivadell Miller. 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: Gary Baker, Don Bergman, Dean Cook, June McFadden, David Morse, Nina Morse, Robert Noll, Sheila Perez, Joan Vehrs, and our prospective member, Denise Dziemian. We do appreciate your membership and if we may be of service please contact any Board Member listed in this bulletin.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Between the launch of the “Protect America’s Heartbeat” campaign and September 15th, Washington State residents sent 1,531 messages to their Congressional Representatives. Way to go Washington!

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for October was \$969.97 with expenditures of \$502.72. Our net worth as of 30 October was \$37,355.73. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

Please save your receipts from Red Apple Markets in East 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 \$128.18. 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 20 November was \$509.55. Donations in the amount of \$40.00 were received at the November general meeting. "Thank you" to Lorraine Brockerman and Liliana Dockham for their donations. The Alzheimer's account is now over \$500 so a check will be forwarded this month to the Washington State NARFE Alzheimer's chair for recording. It will then go to the Alzheimer's Association for our research effort.

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, copper and brass! The last check of the aluminum collection to date we had approximately 1100 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

Be sure to save the center insert from this newsletter as it contains the 2012 List of Officers and Membership Meeting Schedule!

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.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Norene Torkelson

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Patricia Brewer, Rhoda Bunn, Thelmer Lervold and Virginia Metcalf. 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.

"Thank you!" to the **146** people who have signed up for the e-mailed newsletter plus **4** 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: 1141 Percentage receiving emailed newsletter: 13.15% November was 12.09%)

A big "Thank you!" to the fourteen people who signed up for the emailed newsletter since last month!!

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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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