



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

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

**March 2012**

**NUMBER 03-12**

**General Meeting Date & Time:** March 12, 2012, 1:00PM

**Meeting Place:** Westside Improvement Club (479-9061), 4901 West E Street, Bremerton, WA  
National Avenue & 'E' Street

**Program:** 'What Does Redistricting Do To You?' There will be a PowerPoint Presentation  
**Speaker Dolores Gilmore, Elections Manager, Office of the Kitsap County Auditor**

*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**

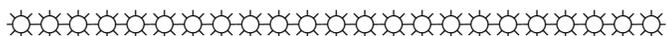
\***District Workshop** 9:30AM – 3:00PM March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Hosted by Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006  
Sequim Elks Lodge, 143 Port Williams Rd., Sequim

\***Chapter Meeting** April 9<sup>th</sup>

\***Chapter Meeting** May 14<sup>th</sup>

\***Washington State Federation** May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Convention; Vancouver, WA**  
**Red Lion Hotel – Vancouver at the Quay**

\***Chapter Meeting** June 11<sup>th</sup>



**PRESIDENT**

George Eads

I hope all of you made it safely through our snow storm in late January. After that, we are all hoping for sunny Spring to arrive soon.

For those who called members of Congress on February 15th, I am grateful for your efforts in letting them know that there are other ways to balance the budget than more cuts to our benefits.

We all believe in shared sacrifice, therefore it is unfair to single out retired or active federal employees to make that sacrifice. We all need to remain informed and our e-mails and phone calls are very helpful in the legislative process.

I am personally grateful for our National officers who are “up on the hill” and who testified at hearings, trying to stop the erosion of our hard earned benefits.

We need to realize that, in an election year, we have to support candidates who are pro-NARFE; we can all help by donating to our NARFE-PAC Fund.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the March District Workshop in Sequim and our Federation Convention May 14-16 in Vancouver, Washington.

I am thankful for your support in these very difficult times.

**CALL TO ACTION**

**What you can do:**

- Stay on top of what is happening in Congress by going to the [www.NARFE.org](http://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 always important.
- March is NARFE-PAC month. Read the article starting on page 18 in the March issue of your NARFE magazine and use the coupon on page 20 to make a donation.

## WORKSHOP AGENDA

- Retention Attention
- Bob Edwards will discuss the website
- A representative from Norm Dick's Port Angeles office will speak at 2:00PM
- Speaker from UW/VA Memory Wellness Program will discuss Alzheimer's Disease (confirmation pending)
- The Olympic Chapter will hold their regular membership meeting at the end of the program

Contact Bill Powers to make reservations. Lunch is \$15.00; coffee and donuts are free. Please make checks payable to Bill Powers.

## LEGISLATION

Jim Strunk

### Payroll Tax Holiday

"You're next!" Or how about, "Have I got a deal for you!" Not words we like to hear unless we're standing in line with a winning lottery ticket. But for some active federal employees and new federal hires this means they will be paying for the current payroll tax holiday. Pension contributions for those folks under the recently passed HR 3630 will increase from the current pension contribution of 0.8 percent to 3.1 percent. This will provide \$15 billion in savings over the coming decade to pay for the cost of extending unemployment benefits for the rest of 2012. The two year pay scale freeze on federal employees currently in place will save \$60 billion over a decade to pay for continuing federal expenditures (this was part of the 2012 deficit reduction deal agreed to in mid-year 2011).

Other bills (such as the transportation and energy bill currently before the House) and amendments being proposed to appropriations bills for 2012 (which authorize and pay for federal agency operations) would have the federal workforce salary and federal retiree pensions help pay those expenses. Proposals being made range from reducing the percentage amount used to multiply their high three salaries by their years of service, to extending the high three years to the high five years of salary, to eliminating the federal employer contribution to pensions altogether and having employees contribute to their own 401k plan with no contributory pension plan at all.

With the exception the payroll tax holiday and unemployment benefit bill (HR 3630), all efforts to limit federal pensions are being blocked by the Senate. This is due to the Democratic Senate at this time not supporting Republican House proposals which attempt to have federal employees bear more than their share of the costs of the federal budget.

The President's 2013 budget was sent to Congress in mid-February, but it is not anticipated that it will be approved any time soon by the Congress (or by October 1, in time for the start of the 2013 Fiscal Year). It will serve as the basis for the President's re-election platform as it calls for a balanced budget by restoring the Bush tax cuts to provide adequate revenue to balance federal expenditures. This would largely pre-empt the need to go after federal employees' salaries and pensions for budget savings. House Republicans, however, want no revenue increases such as those proposed in the President's 2013 budget. There appears to be no room for compromise, meaning the House will, in all probability, continue to look to cuts in existing programs and federal employee pay and pension reductions in their 2013 budget resolutions as a way to pay for federal program expenses, thus avoiding tax increases for the 2013 budget.

NARFE, through our monthly magazine and e-alerts, has been great in timing when members need contact our Congressional representatives. We need to pay close attention to these NARFE requests to avoid federal employees and retirees shouldering more than their fair share of the 2013 federal budget burden as House budget resolutions are prepared and sent to the Senate.

## TAX-AIDE LOCATIONS

Please see the February newsletter for Tax-Aide Instructions or visit [www.narfewadist4.org](http://www.narfewadist4.org), click on CHAPTER PAGES, then BREMERTON CHAPTER 181, then FEB 2012 to access the information in last month's newsletter.

Bainbridge Island Main Library, 1270 Madison Ave. N, BI  
Mon & Wed: 10:30 AM to 1 PM  
Mon: 5:30 to 7:30 PM; Fri: 1:30 to 4 PM

Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard  
Thu: 9 AM to 1 PM

Olympic College, 1600 Chester Ave., Bremerton  
Tue and Thu: 12:30 to 4:30 PM

Port Orchard Library, 87 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard  
Sat: 10 AM to 3 PM

Martha & Mary Health/Rehab, 19160 Front Street, Poulsbo  
Thu: 1 to 5 PM; Fri and Sat: 10 AM to 2 PM

Sheridan Park Center, 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton  
Wed: 9 AM to 2 PM; Thu: 9 AM to 1 PM

Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale  
Tue and Thu: 10 AM to 2 PM

The Summit (formally Westpark), 4650 Bay Vista Blvd., Bremerton  
Mon and Sat: 10 AM to 2 PM

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, 1150 Mitchell Ave., Port Orchard  
Tue: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

## MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

This report is coming to you from the island of Maui. With the magic of electronics you don't have to be home to do work. That can be a disadvantage.

The following members were dropped for non-renewal: Frank Cloward, Jerry Locke, Walter McConnell, Harold Richardson and Horst Zimmer. 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: Michael Burton, Emily Hatt, Rolf Reichel, Gladys Robinson, Helen Sieck, Susie Simmons and Jerome Twogood. We also have a prospective member this month: Debra Woodard. We do appreciate your membership and if we may be of service please contact any board member listed in this bulletin.

## TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for January was \$1,828.95 with expenditures of \$2,273.99. Our net worth as of 31 January was \$36,731.86. 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. 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 23 February was \$99.75. Donations in the amount of \$90.00 were received from the meeting raffle in February. "Thank you" to Del Arreola, Clara Barr, Lorraine Brockerman, Robert Brown, Willard Heyer and Louise Kiser for their donations.

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

I sent out donation receipts to those members who donated \$10 or more by check or cash contributions for 2011 but failed to include the nonprofit Tax ID number (# 13-3039601) for the Alzheimer's Association in case you need it for your income tax purposes.

## 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**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ 2012 NARFE Scholarships are available to high school seniors who are a NARFE member's child, grandchild or great-grandchild. (Step-parents, step-grandparents and step-great grandparents can also sponsor a student.) See your March NARFE magazine, page 47, for the scholarship form. For more information and to download forms, go to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), login, click on SPECIAL PROGRAMS in the left column, then select SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Norene Torkelson

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Patricia Barnes, Leroy Dalbeck, Philip Drouin, Jack Forbes and Donald Howard. A get-well card was sent to Alyce Eagans. 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 **158** 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](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com). Thanks!! Be a Bull

Total Membership: 1117. Percentage receiving emailed newsletter: 14.50% (February was 13.88%)

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

A large-print version of this newsletter is available in size 16 font via email only. Email me if you'd like this version of the newsletter. [tbkbull@aol.com](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com)

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**SERVICE CENTER**

Closed until further notice; contact Ralph Angulo, the District IV Service Officer at <http://www.narfewadist4.org/>; (360) 452-6592; or [ralphangulo@yahoo.com](mailto:ralphangulo@yahoo.com)

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