



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

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

**February 2013**

**NUMBER 02-13**

**General Meeting Date & Time: February 11, 2013, 1:00PM**

**Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club (479-9061)  
4109 West E Street, Bremerton, WA (National Avenue & "E" Street)**

**Program: MAYOR PATTY LENT WILL DISCUSS THE "STATE OF THE CITY"**

**This program is open to the public so invite your friends and neighbors!**

*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.*

➡ **NOTE CHANGE!! Executive Board meetings are held from noon to 2:00PM at the Westside Improvement Club the Wednesday prior to general meetings. Members are welcome to join us.**

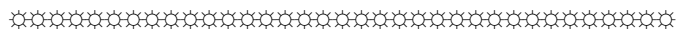
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*2013 NARFE Legislative Training Conference  
Arlington, VA March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**\*Chapter Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Strunk will review the Legislative Training Conference**

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



**PRESIDENT**

George Eads

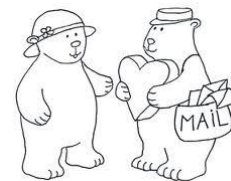
Fellow Chapter Members:

The first month of the year 2013 is already gone and all of us are looking forward to a warmer spring and sunny summer. When a new year starts, we make resolutions or set goals for ourselves. I wish to share with you one of my goals for 2013: I plan to recruit two new members to NARFE and try to retain two members who have dropped out. Think how our membership (and out clout on Capitol Hill) would increase if each active NARFE member did this. Please join me in growing our membership.

With the current state of our economy, and with the attitudes of many of our elected officials, all federal workers and retirees are at risk of having their earned benefits eroded or taken away completely. Protecting our earned benefits has always been a main mission of NARFE. If we, as current NARFE members, don't become or remain involved, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

The members of Chapter 181 are outstanding individuals. Your support of NARFE-PAC was very much appreciated. This is also true of your support of the Alzheimer's fund. As your president, I am very much appreciative of all you do, both in the community and for NARFE.

Keep on taking care of your health and may each of you and your families have a healthy and happy Valentine's Day.



**CALL TO ACTION**

**What you can do:**

- Congress wants to extend the federal employee pay freeze. Let them know **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**
- Strengthen NARFE's voice on Capitol Hill. **RECRUIT AND RETAIN!**

## LEGISLATION

Jim Strunk

Jim is away this month so, in place of his column, we will provide the annual Tax Aide information.

### TAX-AIDE OFFERS FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The IRS and AARP jointly sponsor a program staffed by volunteers to prepare and electronically file income tax returns at no cost to you, the customer. Our volunteers are trained to handle most changes in the tax law for 2012. If you have questions, stop by one of the sites.

#### Taxpayers we can serve:

All ages, with income from employment, retirement, unemployment, or Self Employment Business (up to \$5000 in expenses, no employees, no inventory & no loss) and those needing to claim a wide variety of deductions and credits

#### Taxpayers we cannot serve:

Those with Rental Income, Depreciation, Home Office, and Self Employment Business with a loss, expenses exceeding \$5,000, inventory, or employees

#### Taxpayers must bring:

- 1) Photo Identification;
- 2) Social Security Cards for all persons on the tax return;
- 3) All 2012 tax documents, such as statements of income from wages, retirement, Social Security, interest, dividends, brokerage statements, and information on college expenses;
- 4) A list of all of your deductions plus tax documents showing Mortgage Interest and Property Taxes;
- 5) Your checkbook with a check showing your routing and account numbers. This is for direct deposit of your return or withdrawal of the amount due;
- 6) Last year's tax return.

Bring in any information you think we might find helpful and let us sort it out.

Please plan to arrive early. We try not to begin preparation of a new return during the last half hour before closing time to ensure that returns are completed before volunteers are expected to vacate the space used.

## MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

This is to announce our NARFE Region IX Leadership Training to be held in Ellensburg, WA on May 31 and June 1, 2013. This training will give any member a better understanding of how and what NARFE does to protect your retirement annuity and health insurance. All are welcome; come and have some fun with us.

## TAX-AIDE SITES

February 1 through April 15, 2013

#### Bainbridge Island:

##### **Bainbridge Island Main Library**

1270 Madison Ave., N, Bainbridge Island

Mon & Wed: 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Mon: 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Fri: 1:30 to 4:00 PM

#### Bremerton:

##### **Olympic College Haselwood Library (HL 017)**

(outside entrance downstairs)

1600 Chester Ave., Bremerton

Tues, Wed & Thurs: 12:30 to 4:30 PM

##### **The Summit (near winCo)**

4650 Bay Vista Blvd., Bremerton

Mon & Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

##### **Sheridan Park Center**

680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton

Wed: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thurs: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

#### Port Orchard:

##### **Givens Community Center**

1026 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard

Thurs: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

##### **Port Orchard Library**

87 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard

Sat: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

##### **St. Gabriel's Catholic Church**

1150 Mitchell Ave., Port Orchard

Tues: 9:30 to 3:00 PM

#### Poulsbo:

##### **Martha & Mary Health/Rehab**

19160 Front Street, Poulsbo

Thurs: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

#### Silverdale:

##### **Silverdale Community Center**

9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale

Tues & Thurs: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will show as dropped for non-renewal in the February report: Mrs. Richard Albertson, Gary Baker, Sandra Binz, James Browning, Dorothy Hopkins, Mavis Kalmbach, Alfred Larson, June McFadden, Violet Rahman, Jean Marie Robertson and Joan Vehrs. Thanks for renewing your membership.

**Membership cont.** These are the members showing dropped for non-renewal in the January report: Virginia Alguard, Dale King, Walter Nordleaf and Robert Westbrook. If you know any of these members, please urge them to reinstate their membership.

Welcome to those new members and those who have reinstated their membership in our Chapter: Karen Dickinson, David Farr, Frances Mildenstein, William O'Neill, Pauline Polum, Shelley Simcox and Howard Wilcox. A special hello to our prospective member: Katie Thornton. If you have any questions please contact any member of the Executive Board listed on the last page of this newsletter.

### TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for December was \$1,922.88 with expenditures of \$1,686.58. Our net worth as of 1 January was \$35,442.72. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting. Our budget for 2013 has been approved and will be available for review at our February general meeting and is posted on our District IV web site ([www.narfewadist4.org](http://www.narfewadist4.org)).

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: To be honored, Red Apple receipts must NOT BE OVER THREE (3) MONTHS OLD.**

### ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 21 January was \$534.69. Aluminum for Alzheimer's received payment of \$360.62. We also received donations from Robert Brown and Robert Dotson.

### **Additional information on your tax deductible donations to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research fund:**

- Make checks payable to "**NARFE Alzheimer's Research**" (NARFE is the key word and is required!).
- If you use the NARFE magazine contribution form, include "Chapter 181" on the form. The correct mailing address is Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL. 60601-7633.
- If you mail it to NARFE headquarters staff, it may not get credited to our Chapter.

#### 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 the families of Violette Cammenga, Joan Hendry, Adelaide Jensen, Phyllis Knox, Ruby Kohler, Mildred Wheeler and James White.

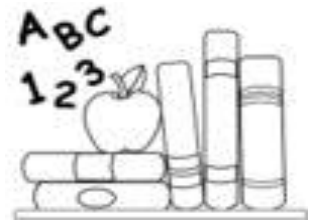
If you know of a Chapter member who is ill and should receive a get-well card, please contact us so we can get a card out to them.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, step children and step grandchildren are eligible for the 2013 NARFE Scholarship Awards Program.
- ✓ See page 45 of your February NARFE magazine for the scholarship application

### 2013 NARFE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

**Essay Question: Why is  
federal civil service  
important to America?**



The 2013 NARFE Scholarship Awards Program will run from February 1 through April 26, 2013. An application form is on page 45 of the February NARFE magazine. Sixty scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded.

**NEW ADDRESS FOR NORENE TORKELSON  
2707 Clare Ave., Apt 415, Bremerton, WA 98310**

### HELP WANTED

#### **PSNBA Representative**

A NARFE member is needed to represent Chapter 181 at Puget Sound Naval Base Association meetings. The PSNBA is an advocate to the Navy for work in the west Puget Sound area, mainly PSNS, Keyport and Bangor. There is strong representation from defense contractors in that area. The PSNBA meets in the Mayor's office at 4:45PM the second Tuesday of each month. Please contact Bill Powers at 360-377-7917 for more information.

#### **Alzheimer Chair**

Manage Chapter 181's Alzheimer's donations. Please contact Rex Tauscher at 360-479-0668 for more information.

**To have the regular or large-print version of this newsletter emailed to you, please contact me at [tbkbull@aol.com](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com). Thanks!! Bea Bull**

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**Hours of operation:**

7:30AM – 7:45PM ET with best time to reach someone being 6:30PM – 7:30PM or at 7:30AM.

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