



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

February 2015

NUMBER 02-15

General Meeting Date & Time: CANCELED

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

Program: CANCELED

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.

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

*** February Chapter Meeting Canceled!**

* Chapter Meeting..... March 9th

* Legislative Training, Arlington, VA ... March 14th - 17th

* Chapter Meeting..... April 13th

* Region IX Training Conference.....May 2nd and 3rd

* Chapter Meeting.....May 11th

NOTE: CHAPTER MEETINGS MAY BE CANCELED AT THE DISCRESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. WATCH YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS FOR NOTIFICATION OF CANCELED MEETINGS.

PRESIDENT
George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

A New Year has begun, a time to wipe the slate clean and start with high hopes and optimism, ready to set new goals or work on those we didn't accomplish last year. I suggest that we each try to recruit one new member and retain a member who has dropped due to nonpayment of the renewal of their membership. If we work together, just maybe we can stop the decline of our chapter membership.

It is vital that we continue to contact our elected officials about upcoming issues that will surely affect our earned benefits. It is important that we are informed about what is happening. As you receive your national NARFE magazine, I encourage you to read it and share the messages with other current or retired federal employees. Encourage them to also contact their elected officials.

Our National Legislative Conference is in March this year. Hopefully it will provide us with knowledge of what will be happening in 2015. Our own Region IX V.P., Lanny Ross, and Chapter 181 member, Steve Ferguson, will be attending the training conference. They will meet with our elected representatives and express to them our concerns as members of NARFE. If you have ANY input for them, please let them know; they will be happy to add your input to their talking points.

I encourage you to read NARFE's Legislative Program for the 114th Congress on page 39 of the January 2015 NARFE magazine. It encompasses the legislative issues to be tackled in the years 2015 and 2016. As stated in the article, "NARFE's Legislative Program provides an extensive and specific enumeration of NARFE's member-endorsed legislative positions. In pursuing these,

NARFE will defend the earned pay, benefits and compensation of federal and postal civilian employees and retirees. NARFE advocacy primarily focuses on the following legislative priorities:

- Protecting federal and postal retirees' existing retirement and health benefits from reductions and/or erosion.
- Protecting federal civilian and postal employees' pay, retirement and health benefits.
- Protecting the viability, stability and standard of service of established federal government functions.

Remember! There is NO Chapter meeting in February. Remember your sweetheart or loved ones on Valentine's Day - Saturday, February 14th. Happy Valentine's Day to all of you.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

Hello fellow members. Hello fellow recruiters. When we join NARFE we become a member; that is obvious. When we join NARFE we also become a recruiter; that is not so obvious. I promised the members at the last meeting that I would include a "sample elevator speech" in this bulletin. This information is copied from the latest "Recruiting and Retention Journal". It is my hope that it will make you and me a better prepared recruiter in the future.

NARFE is the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. It is the only organization solely dedicated to protecting and preserving the pay and benefits of ALL federal workers and retirees.

NARFE has two primary roles:

- Your Legislative Voice. In-house, influential lobbyists advocate on Capitol Hill on behalf of the federal community.
- Your Information Resource. NARFE provides clear information and trusted guidance on complex federal benefits issues.

As a member of NARFE you receive:

- NARFE magazine - the prime source of information and guidance on critical legislation and benefit issues.
- Access to a team of Federal Benefits Service specialists for answers to complex benefit questions.
- Legislative alerts on issues directly impacting the federal community and an online Legislative Action Center to quickly and easily contact your member of Congress.
- Member-only eligibility for scholarships, disaster relief grants, and discounts on products and services.

When you join NARFE, you will protect your earned pay and benefits, receive trusted guidance on complex pay and benefit questions, and support the federal community.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will show as dropped in next month's report: Dallas Conley, Kathy Dulaney, Josephine Erickson, Anthony Gracin, Linda Horsley and Carama Sonsteng.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal: Joyce Fischlin, William Hanson, Judd Metzger and Carrie Wheeler.

Now for the positive side of our report. We have one (1) new member: Diane Kostelecky. We have one (1) member transferred in: Robert Johnston. We have two (2) new prospective members: Ron Battles and Sharon Fulmer.

If you have questions regarding NARFE or Bremerton Chapter 181 please contact any of our board members listed on the back of this newsletter, or just come to a meeting. The meeting information is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for December was \$717.44 with expenditures of \$732.02. Our net worth as of 31 December was \$33,741.60. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

TAX -AIDE SITES

Please save the Tax-Aide Site information included as an insert in this newsletter. Even if you don't need it, someone else might. Of interest, according to Q&A in the January/February AARP Bulletin, "You must show that everyone on your tax return has minimum essential health insurance coverage. If you use AARP Foundation Tax-Aide to help file your return, bring information about the coverage source and months of coverage for each person. If your health insurance was through the Affordable Care Act, bring Form 1095-A, which should be received by Jan. 31, and documentation if you received a health insurance exemption"

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 19 January was \$708.40. Donations received at our January meeting were \$30.00 thanks to Lorane Brockerman, Bill Fuhrmeister and Bill Powers. Donations for our Aluminum for Alzheimer's received and totaled \$169.82. Remember to drop off your collections to the East Bremerton Walmart parking lot or Port Orchard Mall (mile hill) specify donation for NARFE Chapter 181.

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., 17th 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**

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Do you know someone who puts their aluminum cans into the Waste Management recycling bin? Offer to collect and take their cans to one of the aluminum drop-off points so they earn money for Alzheimer's research.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Norene Torkelson

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Audrey Criss (wife of member Herbert Criss), Robert L Houlder, Mary L. Kuhlman, Shirley A Mahoney, Theodore E Morneau, Roy E. Nelson, Erma Riepl (wife of member Laurence Riepl) and Anita Sieber.

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.

2015 NARFE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This year's program will begin February 1 and will close April 24. The application will appear in the February and March issues of NARFE magazine. As of February 1, the application along with the informational brochure (F-105) containing facts about the NARFE Scholarship Program can be downloaded from the NARFE website by going to www.narfe.org and clicking on the Scholarship Program graphic in the rotating display on the home page. If you need additional information, please email scholarship@narfe.org.

To Donate to the 2015 NARFE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Awards Program, checks should be made payable to NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Fund and mailed to:

NARFE Scholarship Awards Program
c/o FEEA
3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 300
Lakewood, CO 80227

To donate by credit card, call 800-323-4140 or go to the NARFE National website.



KITSAP REGIONAL LIBRARY

One-on-one training in TABLET use is available at the Sylvan Way branch at 1:30PM on Fridays. No appointment is necessary.

PARKING NOTICE!!



Handicapped parking requirements are being enforced city- and county-wide so do not park in marked areas at the Westside Improvement Club unless you have a valid parking permit.

If you have questions or need assistance with this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at tbkbull@aol.com. Thanks!! Bea Bull

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