



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

March 2015

NUMBER 03-15

General Meeting Date & Time: March 9, 2015 1:00PM

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

**Program: Sheila Taylor, Owner, Clutter Controllers
"Transform Clutter into Calm"**

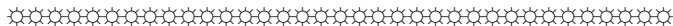
NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.

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

- * Legislative Training, Arlington, VA ...March 14th-17th
- * Chapter Meeting..... April 13th
- * Region IX Training Conference..... May 2nd and 3rd
- * Chapter Meeting..... May 11th
- * Chapter Meeting.....June 8th

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



PRESIDENT

George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

The time seems to fly by very quickly; here we are in March already with the days growing longer and things beginning to bloom! The Super Bowl is over and spring practice for the Mariners is starting this month. Hopefully it will be a better year for them than last year.

I would like to think Congress, too, is going to get better. As leadership switches from the Democrats

to the Republicans, our NARFE Legislative Department is working to maintain old relationships and develop new ones. As stated in NARFE National President Thissen's March article, there is reason to believe federal employee and retiree benefits will be on the table during congressional budget discussions. The NARFE Legislative Department needs our help! Be watching for requests to contact your congressional representatives and act upon those requests promptly. I know you have heard me say many times, "Contact our elected officials." However, this is an important way for us to have a voice in our government. We must continue to be pro-active in any way we can.

March is NARFE-PAC month. You will notice the special NARFE-PAC wrap on your March magazine. Please consider making a donation; these funds are very carefully distributed to congressional representatives who support maintaining and improving benefits for federal employees and retirees. It's one more way we can fight for what we've earned.

I had the opportunity to meet with our congressman, Derek Kilmer, on February 16th. Governor Jay Inslee was also present. They both seem optimistic and are trying to get the government moving the right direction. They will need our help in trying to improve life for the middle class and the senior

President cont. population. “Leave Social Security alone and the CPI COLA system AS IS. If anything, work for a higher COLA in the future.”

We have an interesting program planned for our March meeting; Sheila Taylor is the owner of Clutter Controllers. She is a professional organizer who will show us how to organize our papers and belongings so we can find them, making our homes more streamlined and peaceful. And what better time to start organizing than spring?!

Chapter member, Steve Ferguson, has agreed to represent Chapter 181 at the 2015 NARFE Legislative Conference in Arlington, VA, March 14th – 17th. He will discuss his experiences at our April meeting; we also hope that our Region IX V.P. Lanny Ross will be available to update us on the National Executive Board’s activities and the Future of NARFE.

We welcome Betty Fischer as our new Sunshine Committee Chair! Thank you for your willingness to volunteer for this important position.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee!

I wish you all good health as we get ready for the longer, warmer days of spring.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

I would like to remind you about the “NARFE Region IX Training Conference” being held in Clackamas, OR on May 2nd and 3rd. You will find further information and the registration form on the Oregon Federation web site, www.narfe.org/or. Members from all of the Region IX Federations will be attending, so meet new people and learn about the many facets of NARFE; broaden your horizons.

Good news: The Bill Tracker is returning to NARFE magazine in the March issue. This tool lets you know what legislation NARFE is working on and the status of the bills as they move through the congressional process. Also look at the “Legislative Action Center” on the NARFE web site; it has great up-to-the-minute information on NARFE legislation and the opportunity to send a note to your member of congress on those issues.

Here is the membership report. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will show as dropped in next month’s report: Judy Christensen, Frank Knowles, Alice Mikelsen, Ben Ormiston and Ann York.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal: Dallas Conley, Kathleen Dulaney, Josephine Erickson, Linda Horsley and Carama Sonsteng.

Now for the positive side of our report. We have two (2) new members: D. Peacock and Diane West. We have six (6) new prospective members: Steven Babcock, Carrie Delacy, Laura Harris, Randy Isham, Scott Miller and Sara Vanperre.

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.



We invite you to check out the revised Chapter 181 Bylaws, now posted on the District IV website at www.narfewadist4.org. Go to our Chapter page and look down the list of PDF documents.

HELP NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Find and recommend volunteers for Chapter Executive Board positions:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Alzheimer’s Chair

Membership Chair

Executive Board Member positions

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for January was \$745.94 with expenditures of \$1,811.81. Our net worth as of 31 January was \$32,675.73. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 19 February was \$711.41. Donations received at our February Executive Board meeting were \$3.00 thanks to Bea Bull and Rex Tauscher. Thanks for the donations for our forgetful moments.

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.

Remember to donate your aluminum cans to Alzheimer's.

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

Betty Fischer

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Harold Culbertson, Albert G. Schmidtke, Lester A. Schmuck, Donald L. Taylor and Bernice L. Vetter.

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.



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ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!

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