



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

June 2015

NUMBER 06-15

General Meeting Date & Time: CANCELED

Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club 360-479-9061
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

- * Chapter Meeting.....CANCELED..... June 8th
- * Chapter Meeting..... September 14th
- * Chapter Meeting..... October 12th

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

THE JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS CANCELED!!!

PRESIDENT
George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

I wish to thank all of you who have supported NARFE-PAC. If you have not yet signed up to be a SUSTAINER and make a monthly credit card contribution, call Don Palmer at 373-0806, or use the contribution form in the National NARFE magazine (see page 10 in the June issue).

I know many of you do not have computers and I can understand that sometimes they can be very frustrating to say the least. However, there are times when they become very useful. For example, National Headquarters sends out e-mail alerts to contact our elected representatives. Within the alert there is a link that brings up a ready-made message to send to your congressman, Senator Patty Murray, and Senator Maria Cantwell. You simply add your name and click "send" and it goes to all three of them at the same time. If you can't do that, then call them or send a letter to their local offices; the contact information is on the back of this newsletter. I encourage you to follow the NARFE Bill Tracker in the National NARFE magazine; it shows the progress of important bills on which Congress is currently working. For even more up-to-the-minute information on current legislation, log into to the National website NARFE.org, click on "Departments" on the blue bar, and select "Legislation" from the drop-down box. Click on "Current Hotline Message". Or call 877-217-8234 to listen to the Hotline message. This phone number has been added to the back page of our newsletter for your convenience.

In the blue box at the top right corner on page 51 of the June issue of the national NARFE magazine, the National office is requesting that members add their e-mail address to their records. When National has your

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e-mail address they can contact you quickly when there is a need to act upon legislation adversely affecting current and retired federal employees. You will NOT be bombarded with e-mails! Either log into the National website, click on "My Account" on the blue bar, and select "Add email and Join NES" under "Update My Account", or call 800-456-8410. This phone number has also been added to the back page of our newsletter.

Another change on the back of the newsletter, and to the Executive Board: Bea Bull resigned her position as Member at Large and was replaced by Steve Ferguson. Thank you Steve for accepting another position on the Executive Board.

I remind you of NARFE's Mission Statement:

"To support legislation beneficial to current and potential federal annuitants and to oppose legislation contrary to their interests.

To promote the general welfare of current and potential federal annuitants by advising them with respect to their rights under retirement laws and regulations.

To cooperate with other organizations and associations in furtherance of these general objectives."

As a reminder, there is no June General Membership meeting. And so, with that I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer! We will see you in September.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Steve Ferguson

Steve Ferguson here. We can breathe a sigh of relief for the moment. The billions of dollars in cuts to our benefits, as expressed in the House and Senate budgets, have not been defined. We are not out of the woods yet, however, because upcoming legislation may specify cuts to achieve the expressed budget "savings".

You can find **S.Con.Res.11** on the Congress.gov website as I reported last month. It has since passed in the House of Representatives and is in the "Resolving Differences" mode at this time. A total of 791 amendments have been attached and have a wide range of considerations.

H.Con.Res.27 was introduced in the House on 3/20/15 for the same purpose as **S.Con.Res.11**. It was approved by the house on 3/25/15. It has six amendments attached to it at this time. The Senate received this legislation on 4/13/15 and has placed it on the Senate Legislative Calendar.

You may want to contact your Senators and Representative to reinforce your opposition to Chained CPI. Chained CPI has averaged .3% lower than the CPI-W for the last 30 years. The CSRS and FERS Handbook specifies that our COLAs be based on the CPI-W. CPI-E (elderly) is calculated by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics annually and has averaged .2% higher than the CPI-W for the last 30 years. It would not hurt to express the desire to see CPI-E used for our COLAs because it is considered to be a more accurate representation of costs experienced by those aged 62 years and older.

The Senate **will not** be in session 5/25-29, 6/29-7/6 and 8/10-9/7 according to their calendar. The House calendar showed similar dates through 6/30.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

Just a few thoughts on the changes that are happening in our chapter. You have probably noticed that we will be having fewer General Membership meetings this year. That does not mean nothing is going to happen. Your Executive Board will be working as hard as ever and will meet every month, except July, as we usually do. Your newsletter will let you know what we are thinking and doing. If you have opinions or questions, please contact any Board Member. Or, better yet, attend the Executive Board meetings; they are open to all members.

Here is the membership report. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will be dropped in next month's report: Clyde Bennett and Dianne Hendrickson.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal: Lewis Berry, Alf Edman and Arthur Schrom.

Now for the positive side of the report. We have no new members or reinstatements. However, we have two (2) new prospective members: Mike Laird and Joseph McKenna.

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.

2016 WSFC CONVENTION

May 15 - 17

Three Rivers Conventin Center and
Marriott SpringHill Suites, Kennewick

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for April was \$616.14 with expenditures of \$1,494.20. Our net worth as of 30 April was \$31,143.63. 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 30 April was \$26.42. Donations received for May were \$2.00, thanks to Bea Bull and Rex Tauscher for a couple of forgetful moments.

We have collected approximately 237 pounds of recycle since the beginning of the year, which is close to our collection rate from the previous year.

The local Alzheimer's Memory Walk is scheduled for 12 September 2015. For information check the ALZ.org web site.

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 FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Remember to donate your aluminum cans and copper to Alzheimer's.

ALUMINUM/COPPER 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**

Currently we have about 237 pounds.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Betty Fischer

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Glenn Hassebrock and Ronald Wagner (husband of member Wilma Wagner).

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.

**Contact Ralph Petersen at 360 895 2069 or
angelwing14@msn.com to nominate someone for:**

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Alzheimer's Chair

Membership Chair

Executive Board Member positions

IF YOU MISSED THE MARCH MEETING

SHEILA TAYLOR
CLUTTER CONTROLLERS

WILL SPEAK AT THE POULSBO
CHAPTER MEETING

JUNE 18TH AT 11:30AM
VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
2750 Finn Hill Rd, Poulsbo

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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