



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

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

**October 2015**

**NUMBER 08-15**

**General Meeting Date & Time: October 12, 2015 1:00PM**

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

**Program: WSFC President Rich Wilson  
Will Report on the "State of the State"**

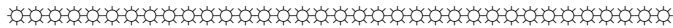
*NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors .*

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**

- \* PSNS Health Fair.....November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting.....November 9<sup>th</sup>
- \* FEHBP Open Season....November 9<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting & Holiday Luncheon December 14<sup>th</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting..... January 11<sup>th</sup>

**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,

Here we are in the autumn of the year. We have started back to holding our regular chapter meetings and, as always, I encourage you to attend and bring a friend. In November, we will hold our elections for chapter officers who will serve for another two years. I have changed my mind and will run for another term as your Chapter 181 President. I am very thankful for all of your support these last two years, as well as for an outstanding executive board.

We have much to do in being pro-active in working with our elected officials, both at the state and federal levels. Call them, e-mail them, or send them written letters. I encourage you to use any means possible, but please, let them KNOW YOUR FEELINGS about issues that are important to you and all of us regarding our fixed incomes. The most important issue right now is the 2016 Medicare Part B premium increase looming for CSRS retirees who do not receive Social Security.

Open Season for your health care options is coming up. On page 34 of the November issue of NARFE magazine you will find an article about Medicare options; and on page 40, about Open Season for the different health plans. Always remember, each of you, as individuals, has to make your own choice in what is best for you and your family. If you decide you want to switch to the new Self-Plus-One option, you **MUST** submit the request; it won't happen automatically.

Stay healthy and get your flu shot if you feel you need one. May you and your families stay well and enjoy life.

**2016 WSFC CONVENTION**

May 15 – 17, 2016

Three Rivers Convention Center and  
Marriott SpringHill Suites, Kennewick

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Steve Ferguson

Steve Ferguson here. You may want to become familiar with Washington State Initiative 735 (I-735). It is in the signature-gathering phase in an attempt to have it qualify for the November 2016 ballot.

The initiative stated intent: “This act declares that the people of Washington State support amending *The Constitution of the United States* to eliminate the undue influence of concentrated money and political power on elections and governmental policy. The amendment would overturn decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States extending constitutional rights to corporations and other artificial legal entities as well as those decisions equating the spending of money with free speech. It also provides for the regulation and disclosure of political contributions and spending.”

A sample of the basis for introducing the initiative:


1. Free and fair elections, as well as honest representation, are essential to self-determination and self-governance as described in *The Declaration of Independence* and established in *The Constitution of the United States*.

3. The U.S. Constitution makes no mention of corporations or other artificial entities; there are no provisions extending rights to such entities. However, through a series of decisions equating a “corporation” with a “person,” the U.S. Supreme Court extended to corporations the constitutional rights and protections intended for people only.

6. Whenever special interests, including very wealthy individuals, are able to spend unlimited amounts of money on political speech, candidates and officeholders can be corrupted and intimidated, and the free speech of most citizens is drowned out and denied. Monopolizing public speech neither promotes nor protects free speech.

8. Article V of the U.S. Constitution empowers the people and the states to use the amendment process to correct egregious decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court that subvert our representative government.

More information is available at [www.wamend.org](http://www.wamend.org)

	<b>2015 PSNS FEHBP</b> <b>3 November 2015</b> <b>7:00AM – 5:00PM</b>
	<b>Fountain Room in the</b> <b>Navy Museum</b> <b>251 1st Street</b> <b>Bremerton, WA 98337</b>

## MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

We are all back for the race to the first of the year. The October general membership meeting will start with Rich Wilson, the Washington State Federation President, as our speaker. All members in the District are urged to attend. If you are interested in serving your chapter please let us know. We will also nominate our slate of officers for the next year. We would be glad to add your name to the list of nominees (see box below left). In November we will have election of officers for 2016.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the PSNS Health Fair (see box above). With the Self-Plus-One insurance program becoming available in this year’s Open Season, you should take a look at your present coverage and choose what is best for you. The September, October and November copies of NARFE magazine have some details; the rest should be available by the Health Fair.

The December meeting will be our Holiday Luncheon and swearing in of officers for next year; see box on page 3 for the specifics.

Now for the membership report. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will be dropped in next month’s report: Loyal Campbell, Dwight Currey, Randall Kohler, Alfred Mercer, Donald Olson and Helen Reed.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal during the month of September: Michael Bowling, Ann Marie Cole, Herbert Chriss, Billie Eder, Devere Hall and Robert Maule.

Now for the positive side of the report, for the month of September. We have one (1) new member: Donna Wright. We have five (5) reinstatements: Russell Doss, Florence Mort, Shelley Simcox, Christine Snow and Patricia Stevens. There is one (1) transfer in: Don Zeth. Welcome to all of you; we hope that you will all become active in our chapter.

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.

NOMINATIONS	
Slate of Officers	
President.....	.....George Eads
Vice President.....	.....Ralph Sanders
Secretary.....	.....Bea Bull
Treasurer.....	.....Rex Tauscher
Sergeant at Arms.....	.....Bill Fuhrmeister
Ex. Bd. Member.....	.....Steve Ferguson
Ex. Bd. Member.....	.....Amber VanSantford

## TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for June - August was \$6,137.53 with expenditures of \$5,325.56. Our net Worth as of 31 August was \$33,138.35. 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 24 September was \$68.42. Donations received at our September General Membership meeting were \$33.00 thanks to Loraine Brockerman, Harold Brooks, Bea Bull and Rex Tauscher.

The local Alzheimer's Memory Walk took place on Saturday, 12 September 2015. Area donations for this walk exceeded the goal for this year by 137% so far. Donation can still be made until the end of the year. 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., 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 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 446 pounds.

### 2015 RECRUITER INCENTIVES

National Level – 1 Sept through 31 December 2015  
\$10.00 per new member recruited + entered in a drawing for an Apple iPad Air 2

WSFC Level – 1 Jan through 31 December 2015  
\$20.00 rebate for each new chapter member recruited

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Betty Fischer

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Lawrence Fitzwater.

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 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### WHERE

The Willows Retirement Living Dining Room  
3201 Pine Rd NE, Bremerton

### WHEN

14 December 2015, 1:00PM

### PRICE

\$10.00 per person

### MENU

Choice of:

Atlantic Salmon with a Beurre Blanc Sauce Rice Pilaf Asparagus	or	Prime Rib Garlic Mashed Potatoes Maple Glazed Carrots
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Meal includes:

Soup (Clam Chowder)

or

Salad (Greens with a Choice of Dressing)

### DESSERT

New York Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce

### BEVERAGES

Coffee, Tea, Water, Juice or Soda

### FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT

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Please RSVP by 25 November 2015

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Myra Clodius

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**UNTIL DECEMBER 2016**

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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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