



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

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

**February 2016**

**NUMBER 02-16**

**General Meeting Date & Time: Canceled**

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

**Program: February and March General Membership Meetings are Canceled**

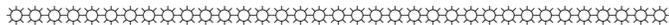
*NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.*

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~~..... ~~March 14<sup>th</sup>~~
- \* Chapter Meeting..... April 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting..... May 9<sup>th</sup>
- \* 2016 WSFC Convention..... May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>
- \* 2016 National Convention..... Aug 28<sup>th</sup> - Sept 1<sup>st</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,

It was good to see some of you at our January Chapter meeting. Our next meeting will be in April; please plan to attend and invite your friends to come with you.

NARFE has a scholarship program that is open to NARFE family members. I found the following information in the "NARFE NEWS WATCH", an emailed publication available to members with an email address.

"NARFE Scholarship Program opens Feb. 1.

"The 2016 NARFE Scholarship Program - open to eligible children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of NARFE members - will run Feb. 1 through April 29. Applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend their first year at an accredited college (in a degree program) in the fall/winter of 2016. A copy of the official application will appear in the February and March issues of NARFE magazine and can be obtained from the NARFE website..." Log in, mouse over "Special Programs" on the left near the top, and click on "Scholarship Program". Download the F-105 brochure, "A Guide to NARFE'S Annual Scholarship Awards Program". Sixty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Winners will be announced in August. For additional information, email [scholarship@narfe.org](mailto:scholarship@narfe.org).

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**MEETINGS CANCELED**

February 8<sup>th</sup>

and

March 14<sup>th</sup>

## President cont.

In the past, Chapter 181 members have not taken full advantage of this very good program. You will find the application on page 47 of the February NARFE magazine. Please encourage your eligible relative(s) to fill out the application and send it in. Supporting the Scholarship fund is also important; that donation form is on page 43.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Steve Ferguson

Steve Ferguson here.

H.R. 711 was introduced on 4 February 2015 and is entitled "Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2015". It "reforms" the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) by partially restoring Social Security income to federal retirees.

This House Resolution enjoys bipartisan support as indicated by the 51 co-sponsors: 28 Republicans and 23 Democrats.

NARFE supports the legislation because it provides some penalty relief for being a federal retiree. The National office has experienced membership concern because the resolution does not completely eliminate the WEP. Fair enough criticism, but the all-or-nothing position has resulted in nothing for the several years NARFE has been pursuing termination of the WEP.

Much like the specter of an immense Medicare Part B premium increase for federal retirees, compromise softened the blow. Some relief is better than no relief.

Representative Kilmer is not a bill co-sponsor as of 20 January 2016; you may consider contacting his office to request his support for H.R. 711.

On a totally different matter, you may find the Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby to be interesting. Their website is quite good; find it at [www.waseniorlobby.org](http://www.waseniorlobby.org). NARFE is an official partner of this organization.

Just like NARFE, they have legislative priorities; in this case ten: Budget; Finance & Revenue; Business/Government Operations; Environment; Energy & Water; Health Care & Wellness; Housing; Judiciary; Long-Term Care; Retirement & Pensions; Transportation; and Veterans.

They hold monthly senior lobby meetings in Olympia and host an annual Senior Lobby Day (25 February 2016) similar to the NARFE Legislative Conference held in Washington D.C. Chapter 181 is planning to be more involved in state legislative activities this year; please contact me or Ralph Sanders if you'd like to get involved.

## MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

Start making your plans to attend the 2016 Washington State Federation of Chapters (WSFC) Convention. This year it will be held in Kennewick, WA, on May 15 through 17. There will be registration forms and hotel information to follow. We will not be having chapter meetings in February and March; however, we will have Executive Board meetings and newsletters. Please watch for all of the exciting things we are planning for this year.

Now for the membership report. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will be dropped in next month's report: Six (6) members: Joseph Bacher, John Covert, Dorothy Kidrick, Stephanie Peterson, Jack Teach and Victoria Trower.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal during the month of January: Six (6) members: Patricia Alexander, Delona Kent, Richard Lawrence, Dorothy Schuster, Russell Sikes and Jerome Twogood.

Now for the positive side of our report for the month of January. We have one (1) new member: Robert Fojtik. We have fifty-one (51) new prospective members this month, too numerous to mention by name; we hope you enjoy your complimentary newsletter and find something of interest that compels you to join NARFE.

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. **Cont. Pg. 3**

## PLEASE KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE!

Please be sure to notify Ralph Sanders every time you move (even if it's just a different apartment number) or get a new address (ex. a post office box). Thank you!!

## Membership Cont.

### MISSING MEMBERS

Our "Missing Members" list is getting smaller. The following members are still missing: Ann Marie Cole, Helen Hamilton and Marie Terry. Thanks for helping us find these members.

## SECRETARY

Bea Bull

As promised, this issue of the newsletter contains the Tax-Aide site information. Note the new Affordable Care Act tax forms, 1095-B, and 1095-C that you will need when filing your 2015 income taxes. These forms are explained on page 16 of the January NARFE magazine or go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "Affordable Care Act" under "Hot Topics" (orange box).

The Executive Board decided that this is the last year we will include this information in the Chapter 181 newsletter since it is available from many other sources. However, in 2017 we will put a link to the document on the District IV website and note that in the newsletter. If you need a copy and don't have computer access, you can call one of us to obtain a copy.

Executive Board member and Past President Don Palmer is encouraging Chapter 181 members to join the Westside Improvement Club. Dues are only \$5.00 per year. For more information, go to: [www.westsideimprovementclub.org](http://www.westsideimprovementclub.org).

The WSFC is offering a \$50 scholarship to the 2016 WSFC Convention in Kennewick. However, as this goes to print, convention forms are not yet available on the website [www.NARFEwa.net](http://www.NARFEwa.net). Watch the website for them to become available.

Use the Bill Tracker in the NARFE magazine (pg. 12 in the February issue) to follow legislation to make up for a lack of COLA in 2016: H.R. 4012 and S. 2251.

If you wish to switch to the emailed version of this newsletter (you get it approximately two weeks earlier), please contact me (see back page of this newsletter).

**Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
NARFE!**



## 2016 WSFC CONVENTION

**"A Bigger, Bolder, Better NARFE!"**

May 15 – 17, 2016

Three Rivers Convention Center and  
Marriott SpringHill Suites, Kennewick

## TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for December was \$647.37 with expenditures of \$804.62. Our net Worth as of 31 December was \$32,773.54. 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 21 January was \$322.24. Donations received since our last report were \$134.92 thanks to DeAnna Gossett (\$5.00) and the annual check from West Sound Recycling for our metal collection (\$129.92).

### **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 POINT**

Westsound Recycle  
East Bremerton WalMart parking lot

**Let them know your donation is for  
Bremerton NARFE Chapter 181**

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\***

**The Port Orchard recycle facility is closed; the East Bremerton site is still open but check the next newsletter for possible changes to our recycle program.**

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Carol Tauscher for Betty Fischer

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Gale Force, Lawrence Keil and Donald Krizan.

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.

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