



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

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

**March 2016**

**NUMBER 03-16**

**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**

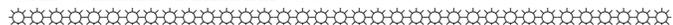
*NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.*

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..... April 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting..... May 9<sup>th</sup>
- \* 2016 WSFC Convention..... May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting ..... June 13<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,

I hope by now you have received your March NARFE magazine and, as you can see, a lot of it is devoted to NARFE-PAC; traditionally, March has always been the month we focus on NARFE-PAC. I'm proud to say the members of Chapter 181 have always been strong supporters of NARFE-PAC and, in fact, our chapter is in the lead for donations in the state of Washington. As stated

by our National President, Richard Thissen, "NARFE-PAC – in tandem with our Headquarters' lobbying efforts and member grass-roots advocacy – ensures that NARFE continues to be a force to be reckoned with on Capitol Hill." Read his full explanation of how NARFE-PAC works in his letter on page 4 of the March NARFE magazine.

Once a year, the NARFE magazine puts out a voting record of all of our elected representatives and how they vote in support of NARFE issues. It is very telling how many do not support us as current or retired federal employees. We need to always remember that our elected officials are in a position to vote away our hard-earned benefits. That is one of the main reasons we have NARFE-PAC. I encourage you to use the special envelope attached to

the March magazine as a wrap and send a contribution to NARFE-PAC as soon as possible.

We, the Executive Board of Chapter 181, realize many of you may not have a computer or a friend or relative who can print information for you, meaning you sometimes do not get

information you need. Our goal is to make sure you feel important and remembered by getting information to you in whatever form you need. We are happy to mail specific pieces of **Cont. Page 2**

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**MARCH IS NARFE-PAC  
MONTH**

***Our NARFE-PAC Chair, Don Palmer, has information and pins. Contact him at (360) 373-0806. BECOME A SUSTAINER!***

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**President cont.** information on a case-by-case basis. Just call any member of the Executive Board listed on the back of this newsletter and we will do whatever it takes to help you out.

I suggest that you go to the main branch of Kitsap Regional Library located on Sylvan Way in East Bremerton. They have an open computer lab on Fridays at 1:30 to assist anyone of any age to set up an account. Take a grandchild or a young person to help you get started. The phone number for Kitsap Regional Library is 360-405-9100.

Thank you for your support and may you have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Steve Ferguson

Steve Ferguson here.

Ralph Sanders and I registered for and attended the February 25<sup>th</sup> "2016 Senior Lobby Day" in Olympia. It was a function coordinated by the Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby. The event was very well organized and featured a variety of speakers expounding on their specific legislative priorities. The Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby priorities are too numerous to list in this article but can be found on their website [www.waseniorlobby.org](http://www.waseniorlobby.org). Contact me if you need assistance obtaining this information.

NARFE focuses on fighting for our earned retirement benefits. The Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby legislative priorities seem to focus on increasing state support for a wide range of social programs.

I encourage you all to look at the NARFE website ([www.NARFE.org](http://www.NARFE.org)) and review NARFE's 114<sup>th</sup> Congress legislative priorities. Many of these priorities are listed in the NARFE Bill Tracker section of the monthly NARFE magazine (see page 10 of the March issue). Again, for assistance obtaining this information, please contact any of us listed on the back of this newsletter; we are here to help you.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Ralph Sanders

Hello, fellow recruiters. I call you my fellow recruiters, because you are. We all have a responsibility to sign up members, whenever and wherever we may find them. So, good luck and happy hunting.

The registration deadline for the Washington State Federation of Chapters (WSFC) Convention is 31 March

2016. The Convention will be held in Kennewick, WA this year, on 15 May through 17 May. The registration form is on the WSFC website ([www.narfewa.net](http://www.narfewa.net)); click on "2016 WSFC Convention in the left column, and scroll down until you come to the list of forms. Those without computer or internet access, please contact our chapter secretary, Bea Bull (360-377-6569) for the forms. Thanks for attending; you will learn a lot about NARFE and its functions. And remember, the WSFC is offering a \$50.00 scholarship to the convention for members in good standing (dues are up-to-date). That scholarship amount is on the registration form; you simply include it in your calculations when completing the form.

Now for the membership report. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will be dropped in next month's report: Five (5) members; Doreen Gibson, Robert Johnston, Mary Mason, Linda Ramirez and Howard Wilcox.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal during the month of February: Six (6) members; John Covert, Ruthann Jassek, Dorothy Kidrick, Stephanie Peterson, Jack Teach and Victoria Trower.

Now for the positive side of our report for the month of February. We have four (4) reinstated members: Delona Kent, Richard Lawrence, Alfred Mercer and Jerome Twogood.

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.

### **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!!

### **MISSING MEMBERS**

Our "Missing Members" list is even smaller than it was last month. The following members are still missing: Helen Hamilton and Marie Terry. Thanks for helping us to find these members.

## **MEETING CANCELED**

March 14<sup>th</sup>

**2016 WSFC CONVENTION**  
**“A Bigger, Bolder, Better NARFE!”**  
May 15 – 17, 2016  
Three Rivers Convention Center and  
Marriott SpringHill Suites, Kennewick

### **SECRETARY**

Bea Bull

The speaker for April will be Cathy Brorson, Outreach Coordinator for Kitsap Credit Union. She will conduct an hour-long training session titled “The Psychology of Spending”. We will dispense with chapter reports to accommodate the length of her presentation, but please feel free to ask us about financials, membership, or legislation after the meeting.

We’re here to make sure you get information you can’t access yourself; if you need a copy of the Tax Aide Site listing, please call any one of us; our contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

Another important document that everyone should read is the “Strategic Plan”; this will be a hot topic at both the WSFC Convention and the National Convention. There are Resolutions to be voted on and every member needs to be informed and their opinions heard. To access it online, log into the National site ([www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)) and click on the blue box that says “Strategic Planning”. Scroll down and select “Strategic Plan – Final”. This is a 50 page document but, if you have absolutely no other way to access it, we can mail you a copy.

It’s a little known fact that federal retirees may downgrade their FEHBP at any time; not just during an open season. So, if you’re a federal retiree and decide you want to switch from Self & Family to Self Plus One, or from either of those to Self Only, you may do that at any time during the year.

Remember the F-100? “Be Prepared for Life’s Events”? Do you have a copy you’ve never filled out or is it time to update your copy? This is something to think about at the beginning of each new year. Need a copy? Log into the National website ([www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)) and scroll down to “Resource Library” in the left column; click on “Be Prepared” and the PDF of the document will open. If you have no way to access this information online, I can get a copy for you.

**BEWARE** of phone calls claiming to be from the IRS, stating you are about to be sued if you don’t respond immediately. The IRS will NOT call you. Ever.

Finally, 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).

### **TREASURER**

Rex Tauscher

Our income for January was \$915.33 with expenditures of \$1,348.44. Our net Worth as of 31 January was \$32,356.48. 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 February was \$10.42. No donations were received since our last report. We sent our annual check to the Alzheimer Association Research Fund in the amount of \$310.00.

#### **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

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Lillian M. Hankinson.

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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**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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