

JANUARY 2007

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**General Meeting Date & Time:** January 8, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** Westside Improvement Club  
National Avenue & 'E' Street, Bremerton, WA

**Program:** South Kitsap Fire Department & Habitat for Humanity

*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.*

**PRESIDENT:** Dear Chapter Members, as I begin 2007 as the Chapter 181 President, I am thankful for our votes and support. There are many wonderful people in our chapter who are willing to help make it an even stronger and better chapter of NARFE. One of my goals is to increase the number of chapter members and retain those who join. If you know other members that have dropped their membership due to nonpayment of dues, encourage them to renew. Our Membership Chairman, Ralph Sanders, puts the names in our monthly bulletin of all of them. If you know them, encourage them to renew their membership dues.

Dues withholding is an easy way to keep one's membership in good standing. Let's all work together to increase the number of members in our chapter. Any time you meet with current or recently retired federal employees, encourage them to join. Make it a point to provide them with a membership enrollment card.

There are many exciting things ahead of us in 2007. I will be attending the Legislative Conference in March of 2007 in Washington DC. I am hopeful we will be effective in getting the Premium Conversion Bill passed through legislation. I hope you have marked your calendars for our State Federation Convention for May 2007 sponsored by Chapter 181. I hope you are planning to be in attendance. It promises to be a great convention. Much work has gone into making it a success already.

To all of you and your families, may you have a Happy and Healthy New Year! *George Eads*

**PROGRAM:** For our January meeting we will have two short presentations. The first one will be the South Kitsap Fire Department Chief. He just wants to come and give the public a thank-you for the levy that passed to hire new paramedics. He will also provide an update on other happenings with the Fire Department. The second short presentation will be from the "Habitat for Humanity" store, "**Builder's Bargains**" which is on 11<sup>th</sup>, one block off Kitsap Way. Don Nelson runs this store and he will give us the lowdown on the three things that make this store work, donations, volunteers, and buyers.

Next month, February, we will have a presentation about Reverse Mortgages, both the pros and cons. So start thinking about any friends, relatives, or potential NARFE members that are contemplating this move and invite them to our meeting. *Bill Powers*

**SUNSHINE:** Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of: Thomas Blakey, Florence Damiano, Ernest Gertsch, Robert Hoyt, James Jolin, Ben Meservey, John Prouse, William Searles and Harriett Tell. A Get Well Card has been sent to Bob Metcalf. *Norene Torkelson, 373-4696*

**TREASURER:** Financial activity for November 2006, including our Alzheimer's Account, receipts totaled \$1,601.22 with expenditures of \$592.45. The proposed budget for the year 2007 is attached along with our current net worth as of 30 November.

Again a reminder to all members, if you are planning an address change or have moved to a new location or changing apartment numbers, please notify either myself or the Membership Chair so that your address can be corrected and passed on to our newsletter printer. The returns and notification requests from the Post Office that we receive cost the chapter between 70-90 cents each. I have found that not all return notification requests are being sent to us by the Post Office so be sure to send us your change of address to **NARFE Chapter 181, P.O. BOX 5025, BREMERTON, WA 98312-0462.** *Rex Tauscher*

**ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ):** Donations in the amount of \$66.00 were received during our December meeting thanks to Richard and Rosetta Bobbitt, Louis and Loraine Brockerman, Larry and Sharon Vancil and a couple of anonymous donors. We also received a check for our Aluminum for ALZ for \$117.25. Those donations put our ALZ Account over \$700 which is being forwarded to the Washington State ALZ Coordinator for documenting and forwarding on to the ALZ Association.

The Aluminum for ALZ collection is still being made with an account being setup with Westsound Recycle in the East Bremerton WalMart parking lot. Your aluminum can be dropped off at that site and credited to **NARFE Chapter 181**, this should help those not attending our regular meeting were I normally collect the aluminum. In addition, with the agreement of the Port Orchard NARFE chapter 888, an account has also been setup with Westsound Recycle at the South Kitsap Mall collection area. The collection at this site will make it easier for our members living in the

South Kitsap area and those of Chapter 888 to drop off aluminum. The funds from the South Kitsap site will go to the Port Orchard Chapter ALZ Account in our combined goal to fund the needed research for a cure. For those donating this year I will be sending out the yearly receipt reflecting your charitable donations to the ALZ Fund for 2006, expect the receipt by mid January. *Rex Tauscher*

**MEMBERSHIP:** For the second consecutive month we gained more members than we have lost. I cannot remember when we have had this kind of success. I am certain that it has not happened since I have been Membership Chair. We, as an organization and as members, need to continue to get the NARFE message out to prospective members and to the public in any way we can.

These are the names of folks who have joined Chapter 181 in the month of December: Arthur Gilmore, Mary Gisselberg, Susan Grisvard, Dennis Huard, William Johnson, Stanley Napora, Jack Norris, Gary Peterson, Osa Siegner, Charles Smith, June Smith, Richard Spencer, Greg Stensrud, James Sutton, Donna Walmach and Sherman Williams. We hope that you will participate in our organization in any way that you can. Our organization's strength is in its membership. If you have questions about NARFE or the Chapter call any officer listed on the back of the bulletin and they will help you.

Now for the negative side we had five members dropped for non-renewal: Lorna Erickson, Thomas Funk, David Preslar, Norman Williams and Clyde Wood. If you know any of these folks, please call and urge them to reinstate their membership. Thanks for your help. *Ralph Sanders*

**DID YOU SEE THEM?:** Did you notice that three members of Bremerton 181 were pictured in the January 2007 issue of the NARFE Magazine? Region IX Vice President Lanny Ross was on the cover, his wife Jean on page 56 and Chapter President, George Eads is in a group photograph on page 12. Great job!

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Please take time to read NARFE's Legislative Program for the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress in the January 2007 NARFE Magazine.

## PROPOSED 2007 BUDGET

Note: Budget is not published on the website - Chapter 181 members may contact the Treasurer for a copy.

**LOOKING FOR DELEGATES:** Our Chapter Members have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about NARFE next May by volunteering to be a Delegate. If you are interested in participating in the Federation's Business Meeting, please contact a Board Member.