

N.A.R.F.E.
National Assn. Of Active & Retired Federal Employees
Poulsbo Chapter 0881
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Poulsbo, WA 98370



Chapter #0881 meets quarterly, third Thursday of March, June, September, & December.
For September's potluck lunch, A pot roast will be provided. Please bring condiments that will go
Along with the roast. Lunch starts at 12 noon followed by a program and short meeting.
Location: Vinland Lutheran Church, West end of Finn Hill Rd. near Clear Creek Rd.

Program for September

Dana Gargus, from the "Agency on Aging" will be our guest speaker.

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President: Mary Atichison, 1st Vice President: Carolyn Minder, Treasurer: Donald Cole,

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District IV: Vice President: William (Bill) Powers
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Don't forget to bring all of your empty aluminum drink cans to the meetings where they will be collected and turned in at a recycling station. It goes to a very good cause that NARFE has championed for years, the Alzheimer's Research Program.

Chapter President's Message: Dwindling attendance at our Chapter level continues to plague our cause. Since we only meet quarterly and we go to the trouble to bring in guest speakers, we ask Chapter members to make more of an effort to attend these four annual meetings. Speakers are disappointed when there are only a few members present for their presentation.

It is also a great time to talk with other members about what NARFE's stand will be on issues that will impact each and everyone of us retired federal employees. We must stand together or fall separately.

With the continued down turn in the economy the powers that be in Washington DC are looking for ways to cut government cost and save money, let it not be at the federal retirees expense.

Is there a reason that you do not attend the Chapter meetings? Do you need a ride? Mary Aitchison (360) 598-4597 or Carolyn Minder (360) 697-1946 would help those in need of a ride. Please call at least a day before the meeting.

I encourage all Chapter members to read the article in the NARFE September magazine page 36. There will be no increase in our retirement checks for 2010, but health premiums will increase. Hence, a loss to us!

District IV Vice President's Message: In the August issue of our NARFE magazine, page 36, there is an absentee ballot for the 2009 NARFE Dues Referendum. This referendum establishes a "single dues" for yearly membership. The "single dues" includes Chapter, State, and national dues. Dues will be \$40 per year and will apply uniformly across America. Cut out and mail your "Special voter's Coupon" to: Bill Powers; 3507 Perry Ave NE, Bremerton, WA 98310. There will be a slight increase in Poulsbo Chapter 881 dues if this referendum passes. The main difference, with the uniform dues structure is that Poulsbo Chapter 881 will receive \$9 in lieu of \$6 for yearly dues. The main difference from the National's perspective will be a SINGLE DUES makes bookkeeping much easier. We urge you to vote on this "2009 Dues Referendum", either at the September 17th Chapter meeting or by mailing in your absentee ballot. Ballots must be postmarked by November 3rd (election day).

If you can't find your August magazine, just send a postcard to my above address with your Name, ID# (found on top line of your NARFE magazine mailing label), & Chapter #881 with your YEA or NAY on the referendum.

Bremerton Chapter has implemented a Kitsap Transit bus advertising campaign. They have two queen size bus exterior displays (26" x 86") traveling around "kitsapland" that say: "FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: laws can change, so can your retirement, with national's website, the national toll free number, and PROTECT IT NOW!" They also have twenty interior bus overhead panel displays (9" x 17") that say: "FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: Don't let Congress target your retirement. Secure your earned retirement. Join NARFE today!" These advertisements will run through June 15, 2010. Thanks you Bill Powers District IV VP.

Remember that NARFE is here to protect your retirement. Also, remember our new NARFE slogan "**NARFE works for you**".