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National Assn. Of Active & Retired Federal Employees  
Poulsbo Chapter 0881  
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Chapter #0881 meets quarterly, third Thursday of March, June, September, & December.  
For December's potluck lunch, A Minder Ham will be provided. Please bring condiments that will go  
Along with the ham. 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 December 17, 2009

Kristine Reeves, Senator Murray's Kitsap and Olympic Peninsula Regional  
Director will be our guest speaker at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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Don't forget to bring 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:** We have been fortunate to obtain a speaker from Senator Patty Murray's office for our December meeting. This is your opportunity to question someone who has a better answer to some of the questions about legislation that will impact your retirement. Such as the health care bill currently in the Senate. It is a bit discouraging to obtain speakers that can answer your concerns, then to have only 10 members show up. Remember it is your retirement. Mary Aitchison

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.

**District IV Vice President's Message:** NARFE scored a major legislative victory last month with passage of the 2010 Defense Authorization bill. Read the Legislative Report in NARFE's December magazine for details. The main item for currently working federal employees is that "FERS" unused sick leave can now be credited toward retirement. This item has been a legislative priority for two years. Its passage will increase productivity, decrease agency costs, and level the playing field between the old retirement system (CSRS) and the present retirement system (FERS). Another item in this bill affects annuitants being re-employed by a federal agency without offset of annuity from salary. Those planning to be 2010 census enumerators will be affected. I recently passed the test for 2010 census enumerator. I look forward to the job but don't look forward to visiting houses with Rottweiler guard dogs of those who didn't turn in their census questionnaire.

The National Dues Referendum results from our chapter are 84.6% in favor of single national dues. Our chapter gets **five votes** based on our membership size. **We cast 4 YES and 1 NO.** We will be notified of national results next month.

Healthcare legislation has been passed from the House of Representatives to the Senate for debate and resolution. So far it looks like legislation will slightly affect active and retired federal employees. However, things can change quickly and it never hurts to let our senators know our viewpoints. Bill Powers District IV VP

**Odds & Ends:** The National HQ is considering adding to their General Store, NARFE License Plate frames. Before moving forward with this product, they are polling members to ascertain an interest in such an item. This message is not to take orders but to ask members if they would be interested in purchasing the frames if they were offered. If you would support such a product, you may let our Lanny Ross, Regional IX VP know or email directly, National Vice-President Beaudoin. They would like to know by end of year. If you don't know how to get hold of Mr. Ross or Mr. Beaudoin just drop me a line at my address at the top of this newsletter. The frames will cost \$14.95 plus shipping and handling. Thank you Don Cole.

We want to remember our Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> vice president in our prayers, as Carolyn Minder will be going into the hospital on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November for a knee replacement.

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