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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 March's potluck lunch, Cold cut platters with veggies will be provided, bring some desserts to go along with the cold cuts. 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. Poulsbo.

Program for March 18, 2010

Dr Rick Jones, Superintendent of the North Kitsap School district.  
He will talk about school funding.

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**Chapter President's Message:** At our March 18th meeting our speaker will be Dr Rick Jones, Superintendent of the North Kitsap School district. He will explain about school funding, why levies are necessary, how good schools affect property values. What the general public can do to see that the legislature does a better job of funding schools. Since he is taking time from his busy schedule to come speak to us, it would be nice to see a good member turn out. Should members with computer access like to receive the legislative updates from NARFE they can contact [memssrvc@narfe.org](mailto:memssrvc@narfe.org) supply your e-mail address and ask to have them sent to you.

**District IV Vice President's Message:** I encourage as many as possible Chapter 881 readers to attend the District IV Workshop in Bremerton at the Westside Improvement Club on Monday, March 8th, from 9AM to 3PM. To get to Westside Improvement Club, exit Highway 3 at Loxie Eagans Blvd. head east and turn south onto National Avenue. The Club is at the corner of "E" Street. The cost is \$12.50 which includes coffee/tea, 'Morningside Pastries', and a hot lunch served at noon. The lunch menu is ham (thick sliced), baked potato, green salad & potato salad, green beans, roll, and chocolate pudding. We will cover the WSFC Convention in Everett; Retention Attention (one year anniversary critique); NARFE's 'Kitsap Transit' bus advertisement; NARFE-PAC month; Lanny Ross (Region IX VP) National Executive Board report; election of District IV VP for coming year (so far Rex will be running against me); Legislative Strategic Plan by George (Sam) Sevier (WSFC Nat'l Legislative Chair); Kristine Reeves (Patty Murray's Kitsap & Olympic Peninsula Director) & Patty Murray's Health Care Specialist (I do not know her name); plus a US Census representative to give us a talk on the census form to be mailed out on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Reservation can be made through me at 377-7917. You can pay me the \$12.50 ahead of time. Send payment to Bill Powers; 3507 Perry Ave NE; Bremerton, WA 98310. Bill Powers District IV VP

**Odds & Ends from the editor:** I am not comfortable in spreading the word of gloom. But; Now is the time for all Federal Employee's both active and retired to support NARFE, as NARFE is our only voice/protection at the National level, ( i.e. the President and Congress), we would all be smart and ahead of the game to support this avenue that is available to us! A membership fee of approximately thirty-five dollars per year isn't very much to pay for this support. These times we are now facing are extraordinary and difficult. Our Nation is approaching bankruptcy due to this problem. Congress is looking for any way to reduce spending without interrupting the status quo. As our retirements including health benefits are considered to be entitlements and excessive they are endanger. Most everyone in the country would love to have our retirements, especially our health benefits. They don't take into consideration that we worked for considerably less hourly wages throughout our careers for these retirement benefits, and many of us federal employees have above average levels of education required to complete our daily workloads, but; these fact are generally overlooked by all. We must stick together, especially at this time or we may be in danger of loosing some of our earned benefits.

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.

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