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www.narfewadist4.org/ch888.html

March/April 2009

Chapter Meetings are held at **11:30 am** on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month at the **EAGLES LODGE**,
4001 Jackson Rd in Port Orchard.

MARCH 10, 2009 – SPEAKER: VALERIE YOUNGREN,
Kitsap Hospice Representative

APRIL 14, 2009 – SPEAKER: CHRISTOPHER SMITH
Gardening, Horticulture

MAY 12, 2009 – SPEAKER: CHARLOTTE GARRIDO,
Kitsap County Commissioner for District 2

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

WOW another edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to our Newsletter Editor!!

I would like to emphasize the importance of the District IV workshop coming up March 30, 2009 in Sequim. The workshop offers an opportunity to get up to date on topics which are current and timely for our NARFE members in Chapter 888. I would like to encourage all Chapter 888 members to attend.

Another timely topic is membership. Do you know someone who is eligible for membership in NARFE but has never joined because they have not been invited? Do them a favor -- invite them to join today and bring them to a Chapter meeting, introducing them to other members who have common interests.

Art Haywood

IN MEMORIAM

BILL RUETER, beloved husband of Suzanne Rueter, Chapter 888 treasurer, died on January 25, 2009 of brain cancer. He was a member of NARFE for 31 years and active in Chapter 888. His smile and his presence will be sorely missed by all.



Bill & Suzanne
grilling
hamburgers
at Chapter 888's
picnic in 2007

DISTRICT

IV WORKSHOP will be held at the Sequim Elks Lodge on March 31st from 9:30 to 3:00. All are welcome. The cost will be \$12 which includes a buffet lunch. Visit our website, narfewadist4.org for an outline of the agenda and contact Bill Powers (360-377-7917) for reservations.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE has been passed by Congress and current federal employees will receive tax relief via payroll tax withholding. Social Security recipients will receive a one-time \$250 payment. Federal retirees not eligible for the above will receive a \$250 per person refundable 2009 tax credit.

Bill Powers, District IV VP

SECRETARY

I have sent applications to those delegates to the 2009 Wenatchee convention who wished to serve on a convention committee. Effort continues to get the balance of the applications, etc. ready for all of the delegates. The National and Federation Secretaries have been notified that Wally Niesen is now the Chapter 888 Service Officer. We note with sorrow the passing of fellow member Ruben Armendariz.

Stu Higgs

CHAPTER 888 MEETINGS are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July when there is no meeting). Social time begins at 11:30 AM with lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by a speaker and business meeting. **If you have never joined us, let this be your invitation.** Your first attendance has no requirements other than to show up! After that, we ask that you bring a dish and your own plate and silverware. If you have any questions, contact any of the above officers.

LEGISLATION

I will be attending the Legislative Training Conference in Arlington VA on March 7-10 which will include one day of visiting members of Congress and their staffs.

Legislation has been introduced for Premium Conversion, Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). Provide your support by contacting your Legislators.

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MARCH IS NARFE-PAC MONTH

You can support NARFE goals with a contribution to NARFE-PAC. Complete and mail the NARFE-PAC form on page 10 of the March 2009 magazine and receive a lapel pin for a \$20 contribution.

Bob Mueller

NARFE SCHOLARSHIP Reminder!

Children, grandchildren, and stepchildren are eligible to apply for a college NARFE scholarship.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2009. Refer to Application, page 41, February 2009 NARFE Magazine.

MEMBERSHIP in Port Orchard Chapter 888 is around 450. Recruiting new members is crucial! Look for appropriate times to recruit qualifying friends and acquaintances into our chapter. Don't forget—spouses of current members qualify to join! **SIGN YOUR SPOUSE UP TODAY!** The message from NARFE Headquarters is clear. There is an organized group in Congress that is after your earned benefits and your health insurance premiums. NARFE membership is your best insurance against eroding benefits! You may never regain the benefits that you lose. Stay the course and keep recruiting new members to NARFE!

Don Podraza

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10	Chapter Meeting
March 31	District IV Workshop, Sequim
April 14	Chapter Meeting
May 12	Chapter Meeting
May 14-15	State Convention, Wenatchee, WA

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Anyone interested in receiving a monthly call for the meeting with information on speakers etc. call Helen Ristvet at 871-0522.

ALZHEIMER'S

Total on hand (Feb 2009)-\$349.97 Remember to recycle your aluminum cans. Bring them to the Chapter meeting or take them to the Towne Square recycle trailer on Mile Hill in Port Orchard, requesting that the money be credited to NARFE, Chapter 888. **Exercise your body and brain to help prevent Alzheimer's.**

Helen Ristvet

TRAVEL

Donna Longwell is providing Day Trips and Extended Tours and will give NARFE 10% return on short trips up to \$500. On longer trips, the return is 5%. It is convenient because the bus picks up at the Givens Center. What a fun way to make a few bucks for NARFE and enjoy the company of fellow NARFE members! Check out the following trips:

March 13—Wing Luke Asian Museum, walking tour of the International District and Uwajimaya. \$45.

March 27—Senior Expo at Highline Community College \$10 (Free with your own transportation.)

March 28—Northwest Women's Show - \$35.

April 7—Tip-toe through the Tulips. View the Skagit tulip fields and enjoy the festival. includes continental breakfast - \$35.

April 25—Tour Chateau St. Michelle and other wineries in our area. Price includes Continental breakfast, mimosas, lunch and tastings at several wineries. \$69

June 6—Travel to Leavenworth for their annual charity wine and art festival - \$79.

Contact **Donna Longwell** at 206-870-4366 for more information

Virginia Julian

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next newsletter will be issued in **May 2009**. Items for publication in the **May/June** newsletter must be in the hands of the editor by the **20th of April 2009**. I can be reached at 1904 Valley Ave E, Port Orchard, WA 98366. (360)769-9670; e-mail: elainhay@aol.com.

PLEASE notify me if you have a change of address including change of zip code or if you will be temporarily away

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