

# May/June 2009

## NARFE PORT ORCHARD CHAPTER 888

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### YOU ARE INVITED

**Chapter Meetings** are held at **11:30 am** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month at the **EAGLES LODGE**, 4001 Jackson Rd in Port Orchard (**Potluck lunch**).

**MAY 12, 2009 – SPEAKER: CHARLOTTE GARRIDO**

**,Kitsap County Commissioner for District 2**

**JUNE 9, 2009 – SPEAKER: CAROL HANES,**

**Manchester EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Laboratory**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The May 2009 NARFE Magazine, page 6, contained "A Message from the National President" titled "The Price Is Still Right!" promoting the NARFE dues referendum. Be sure to read the message carefully. You will be given the opportunity to vote your opinion of this proposal this fall. Until then, additional coverage will appear in both the NARFE Magazine and the Chapter 888 newsletter. Your Chapter 888 Executive Board will be evaluating this proposal and, in future Newsletters, providing you their opinions for your consideration

**Art Haywood**

### SECRETARY

The Secretary is delighted to have all of the paperwork submitted for the WSFC convention in Wenatchee on May 14th & 15th. We draped the charter for **John Neil Bailey** at our April chapter meeting. John was 64 and retired as a Nuclear Engineer from PSNS after 38 years of service.

**Stu Higgs**

### LEGISLATION

The economic recovery bill that President Obama signed into law in February 2009 provides for a one-time payment of \$250.00 to Social Security beneficiaries. Money will be delivered in the same manner you receive your SSI checks.

I will be attending the WSFC Convention in Wenatchee and have been appointed to the Bylaws Committee.

**Bob Mueller**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 Chapter Meeting  
May 14-15 State Convention, Wenatchee, WA  
June 9 Chapter Meeting  
**JULY – NO CHAPTER MEETING**  
August 11 Chapter Meeting (**PICNIC**)

### PROGRAMS

The Chapter 888 birthday meeting in October has previously been held at Angel's Buffet in Bremerton. Since this restaurant has now been closed, we are looking for a new place to hold our October meetings. If there are any suggestions, please call me at 792-2626.

**John Smith**

### NARFE SUPPORTS CURRENT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES .

NARFE lobbyists are continually looking out for our rights and benefits. Recently legislation was proposed that would take away the pretax healthcare payment benefit of active (current) federal employees. Our lobbyists were there to stop this legislation and explain that a large portion of private enterprise also has this benefit.

**BILL POWERS, District IV VP**

### DISTRICT IV WORKSHOP



**Ralph Angulo,**  
District IV Service  
Officer

**Rex Tauscher,**  
WSFC Treasurer

**Bill Powers,**  
District IV VP

**Bob Edwards**  
District IV  
Webmaster

**Lanny Ross,**  
Region IX VP

Thanks to Bill Powers & NARFE Olympic Chapter 1006 for sponsoring an interesting, educational workshop at Sequim in March. It was a good opportunity to be updated on what NARFE is doing for all of us and also to meet some of the state and national officers.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Port Orchard Chapter 888 is approximately 437. Recruiting new members is essential to “grow” our constituency to command the respect and fulfillment of our requests to Congress! Look for appropriate times to recruit qualifying friends and acquaintances into our chapter. Don’t forget—spouses of current members qualify to join and they INCREASE our constituency! IF YOUR SPOUSE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN NARFE, SIGN THEM UP TODAY! **Don Podraza**

## 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

Chapter 888 has \$392.87 in the Alzheimer’s Fund. Remember to bring your aluminum cans to the meeting or take them to the trailer at Towne Square and tell them to credit NARFE Chapter 888. If each of our 437 members took 3 cans a week, that would be 1411 cans or 5644 a month. The money we collect is used for Alzheimer’s research.

The ways of helping to prevent Alzheimer’s are:  
1)Keep your brain active – read, play games, etc.  
2)Exercise your body a half hour a day by walking, swimming, going to the gym.

3)Eat your veggies and take smaller portions of meat and dessert.

**Helen Ristvet**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

AARP Tax Aid volunteers from NARFE Chapter 888 helped 877 individuals from our area to complete and file their Federal income tax return.

**Mike Kaaland**

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** The next newsletter will be issued in **July 2009**. Items for publication in the **July/August** newsletter must be in the hands of the editor by the **20th of June 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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## 50th Anniversary Washington State Federation of Chapters 2009 NARFE Convention

**May 14-15, 2009, Wenatchee, WA**

**Building on the Past, Looking Toward the Future**

**Featuring: Margaret Baptiste,  
NARFE National President**

## CHAPLAIN

If anyone knows of a sick member or a member’s death, please call me at 674-2424.

**Helen Higgs**

## 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.

A couple of trips that Donna is offering: A day trip to Leavenworth on the 6th of June. It’s the wine and art festival. A longer trip on the Golden Princess Coastal Sampler and Land Tour Sept 20-28. This is a cruise and bus trip and is all inclusive. **It’s time to get out of the house!!**

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

**Virginia Julian**

## NARFE-PAC

Support the efforts of NARFE to preserve our benefits by contributing to NARFE-PAC and contacting your Legislators about current legislation being considered.

**Senator Maria Cantwell**

Website: [www.cantwell.senate.gov](http://www.cantwell.senate.gov)

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**Senator Patty Murray**

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