

NARFE PORT ORCHARD CHAPTER 888

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Chapter Meetings are held at 11:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
at EAGLES LODGE, 4001 Jackson Rd. in Port Orchard (Potluck Lunch)
March 9, 2010 & April 13, 2010...Speaker: March, Chris Smith, April, Wayne Senter, S. K. Fire Chief.

PRESIDENT



Remember to attend the District 4 Workshop, March 8th, in Bremerton at the West Side Improvement

Club. It will start at 09:00 am. I hope to see you there. I have Scheduled Wayne Senter our South Kitsap Fire Chief as guest speaker for our April Meeting

Tax Tips

Be aware that the incentives (Property Tax, New Car, and Residential Energy Credits) all apply to taxes owed,

If you don't normally owe income tax the incentives promised by the contractors for new windows, doors, insulation, will not apply.

Mike Kaaland

filling in for Mike Kaaland at leading the Executive Board and General Membership meetings for a couple of months. Along with commending Mike for his efforts and expertise I'd like to express my appreciation to the past presidents as well as the past and present officers and volunteers of NARFE chapter 888 who keep our chapter running smoothly. **Kudos to you all.**

As I watch the local, national, and world news I can't help the feeling that so much in the world today is spiraling downward and out of control. There are some things, however, that are still holding fast and providing some stability and sanity. One such, I believe, is the NARFE organization. For the relatively small annual membership fee we provide I think we get a disproportionate benefit in return. **Without NARFE's influence** in Washington D.C. I'm convinced, as evidenced by the negative efforts of so many individuals and organizations, our earned benefits would have been greatly diminished long ago and would still be being further diminished. For this reason we need, not only to stay the course with our support, but try to convince others to see the wisdom in being NARFE members also. Don Podraza, our membership chairman, reminds us frequently that passing on past copies of our NARFE magazines to prospective members is a great recruiting tool. Also, being educated and taking action by contacting legislators re. our concerns about our earned

benefits is very important. Looking forward to a great meal and meeting in March and April. Hope to see you there. ☺

Charles Niesen



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ann A. Akler, James Jackson, and Craig L. Paulsen

membership: Don Podraza

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

I'm really looking forward to the monthly, 2nd Tuesday, pot-luck meeting in March, as one of our much anticipated repeat speakers will be there. Chris Smith, a retired Kitsap County Extension Agent, who always brings a humor laced very informative speech about gardening of about any sort, will be there. He will be touching on a variety of subjects and will be fielding questions. His attendance is always timely and the time for attention to **Spring**

gardening is here. Whenever one takes on the task of filling in temporarily for another, one quickly learns appreciation for the efforts of the one being filled in for. Such is my case as I'm



From the Secretary's desk:

At this busiest time of the year for Chapter Secretaries, the deadlines have been sent to us for the paper work we need to submit for the delegates to the WSFC State Convention which will be held in Everett , WA, May 17th – 19th, 2010. As of this writing, only one person has notified me of their intention to attend the convention as a delegate and to volunteer to serve on a Convention Committee. As near as Everett is to Port Orchard, I am sure that there will be a number of delegates from Chapter 888 to the convention.

Many of the deadlines are for March dates and so **there is still time** to notify me if you intend to attend as a delegate from Chapter 888. Any member of

NARFE is welcome to attend the convention whether they are a chapter delegate or not. These conventions are quite interesting and enlightening in the ways that NARFE is working to support all of us members. *Continued on page 2*



SECRETARY'S DESK CONTINUED

Sadly, we have lost a long-time member of NARFE Chapter 888. Helen E. Watkins passed away on February 6, 2010. Helen would have been 100 years old on May 7th and had been a widow for 35 years. Stu Higgs

SERVICE OFFICER

" For assistance you can now email the Port Orchard Chapter 888 Service Officer (Carol Bailey) at ch888serviceofficer@narfewadist4.org . "If I don't have the answers, I'll find someone who does"!

Carol Bailey

TREASURER'S NOTE

Many thanks to my budget committee, Art & Elaine Haywood, Wally Niesen and Dod Podraza for their help in putting together the new year budget.

I presented the budget to our membership at the meeting on 9 Feb. 2010 and it was unanimously approved. Thank you again,

Suzanne Rueter

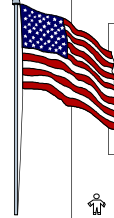


ALZHEIMER'S

We have \$331.55 in our Chapter 888 Alzheimer's Fund (which includes \$20 from Deanna Niesen's donation can). TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF--EAT YOUR VEGGIES AND PUT THE SALT SHAKER ON THE TOP SHELF OF THE CABINET WHERE IT'S HARD TO REACH!!! **Helen Ristvet**

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP:
Membership in Port Orchard Chapter 0888 is 442. Keep up the good work! Recruiting new members is crucial! Look for appropriate times to recruit qualifying friends and acquaintances into our chapter; this includes retired and currently employed Federal personnel. Don't forget—spouses of current members qualify to join! If your spouse would like to join NARFE, sign them up today!!



MAGAZINES:
After you finish reading your monthly NARFE magazine, give it to another retired or active federal employee. This is a great way to introduce them to NARFE. Also, if you're not good with words, the magazine speaks for itself. You might even show them the application form, there's one in every issue. I try to keep a magazine in the car. That way I'm ready if I meet a qualifying candidate when I'm out and about. Try making a goal of giving your magazine to a qualified individual each month!!

CONSIDER THIS:
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 you lose. **Stay the course** and keep recruiting new members to **NARFE!**

I'm always available to answer questions about membership. Give me a call at 360-876-1100. **Don Podraza**

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