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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)**

**Guest Speakers: September 14, Dana Gargus, Kitsap County Senior Information,
October 12, The Birthday Month, China Sun Buffet & Lanny Ross Reg. IX VP**

PRESIDENT

By the time you read this newsletter, our summer will almost be over. Twenty members came and enjoyed our picnic luncheon for August with hamburgers grilled to perfection by our treasurer, Suzanne Rueter.

In September we will start our regular meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, have a potluck luncheon, invite a speaker to provide additional community information, and follow up with a business meeting.



October is our birthday celebration month and we always celebrate at a local restaurant. This year on October 12th, I have procured space in the meeting room of the **China Sun Buffet**, 4331 Bethel Rd, Port Orchard, WA. The lunch is \$7.25 paid at the restaurant. I have asked Lanny Ross to be our speaker.

By the time of our meeting in September, the national NARFE convention will have happened and we will have a new slate of officers in Washington DC. Hopefully, new directions that will help strengthen our organization will be forthcoming. ■



Mike Kaaland

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Lawrence Kalco
Carolyn Sanders
Maureen McColl
Chuck Larson
Laura Larson
WELCOME BACK
Nelson Lanchester
membership: *Don Podraza*

EDITOR'S NOTE

The GOOD NEWS is that the Fiscal 2011 Federal Pay Raise (1.4%), requested in the President's budget, was passed by the responsible Senate Subcommittee on July 27, 2010. Much emphasis and planning has been coming out of NARFE toward making August 2010 a success as "Meet Your Candidates Month" during the congressional summer recess. Bill Powers, District IV VP, assisted by Ralph Sanders, Chapter 181, will be meeting with a representative from Norm Dick's office. During this meeting, emphasis will be on Federal Employee COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) and efforts of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

TAKE NOTE

The next newsletter will be issued in **November 2010**. Items for publication in the **Nov/Dec** newsletter must be in the hands of the editor

by the **20th of Oct 2010**. I can be reached at 1904 Valley Ave E, Port Orchard, WA 98366. (360)769-9670; e-mail: arthayw@aol.com. **PLEASE notify me if you have a change of address including change of zip code** or if you will be temporarily away.

The Chapter 888 bi-monthly newsletter is available by e-mail. If you would like this service, please advise by sending me an email. **Each e-mail newsletter saves the chapter 16¢ plus postage.** ■

Art Haywood

From the Secretary's desk:

A nice Thank You note for Chapter 888's support has been received from Michael and Elaine Ferri, co-chairs of the recent WSFC convention in Everett.

Due to the fact that no delegates from Chapter 888 will be attending the NARFE National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI in August/September, Rex Tauscher from Bremerton Chapter 181 will carry our proxy votes to Grand Rapids.

Sadly, coincidentally, and all on the 15th of July, we lost three of our long-time Chapter 888 members: **Margaret Grogan**, 89 was born in Dubois, ID. She retired as a Nurse's Aid from the Washington Veterans Home at Retsil. She is survived by her husband, Orville, sons Lester and John, a brother, sisters and grandchildren.

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Bruce W. Beck, 75 was born in Bremerton. He worked as a Journeyman Carpenter at PSNS. He is survived by his wife Odette, son Patrick, a sister and grandchildren.

Albert G. Vivian, 79 was born in Butte, MT. He retired as a Planner and Estimator from PSNS. He is survived by 3 daughters, Cynthia, Christine and Lynda, a sister, brothers and grandchildren. Obituaries in greater detail are available on the Kitsap Sun web site. ■

Stu Higgs



MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Port Orchard Chapter 888 is **443**. Keep up the good work! Recruiting new members is crucial! Look for appropriate times to get other retired and currently employed Federal personnel interested in joining Chapter 888 and attending the monthly meetings. Don't forget—spouses of current members qualify to join!

Perhaps you could pass along your NARFE monthly magazine. I'm always available to answer questions about membership. Give me a call at 360-876-1100. ■

MEMBERS DROPPED
 Jerry Bailey
 Monte Lee
 Kathleen Plasket
 Duane Miller

Don Podraza



IN MEMORIAM
July 15, 2010
Margaret Grogan, 89
Bruce W. Beck, 75
Albert G. Vivian, 79

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ALZHEIMER'S



Chapter 888 donated \$350 to the State Alzheimer's Fund in May. We currently have \$56.55 in our Port Orchard Chapter 888 fund. Remember to save your aluminum cans and bring them to our meeting or take them to the truck in Towne Square and let them know that the amount should be donated to the NARFE Chapter 888 Alzheimer's Fund.

To help prevent Alzheimer's, remember the following: **1) eat sensibly 2) exercise and 3) communicate with others.**

Don't forget that a **good laugh** or at least a smile prevents wrinkles and is good for your health! ■



Helen Ristvet

TREASURER

THANK YOU

A big **to** our "past" State Treasurer, Rex Tauscher, for his superb help these past years. He was a tremendous help to me. Chapter 888 wishes him all the best in his future endeavors. ■

Suzanne Rueter



Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.



George Washington

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