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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: March 8, Chris Smith, Gardening Expert. April 12, Tom Flagg, Station Manager of NOAA
Fisheries Science Center, Manchester Research Station

PRESIDENT



Our Chapter 888 treasurer called a meeting on Feb. 4 at her home. Two members of our chapter and I attended for an audit and budget committee meeting. I'm happy to report that, as usual, thanks to the organization and attention to detail of our treasurer, Suzanne Rueter, the books balanced for the audit and we came up with a proposed budget.

Due to questions concerning reimbursements of claims for expenses by members for attending conventions and workshops, we waited until the regular monthly meeting on Feb. 8 to finalize the budget with input from the attending voting members. We finalized the budget with help from the membership and are well in the black for the year. We will not be sending a representative to the National Convention for the second year in a row and will once again be sending our voting power by proxy with the Bremerton chapter representative.

Attendance at the meeting was down a little due to illness and doctor appointments but the potluck meal was wonderful, as usual. Our speaker was Kitsap County Deputy Sheriff Schon Montague. His presentation was very well received and of interest to all.

With the continuing disproportionate targeting of the federal ↑



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sector as one means to help get our national economy on solid footing, the need for NARFE's representative presence in Washington DC is more evident than ever. Communicating our interests to our representatives continues to be extremely important. As the membership reports come back to us from national, state, and local sources, it's plain to see we need to increase our recruitment efforts. I believe it would be most helpful to emphasize recruiting current employees and younger retirees while still remembering our friends and peers who have been around for a longer period of time.

We have over 400 members in our chapter and a normal attendance of between 20 and 30 attendees at our monthly 2nd Tuesday meetings. It would be great to see attendance and participation pick up. If any are interested, please call any of the chapter officers listed in this newsletter and we will facilitate getting you here. ☐

Charles (Wally) Niesen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
*ETHEL MCGEE,
MICHAEL TANDY,
ROGER AEMISEGGER*

WELCOME MEMBERS TRANSFERRED IN
*CAROL HALEY,
BILLIE LYNN LONSFORD*

membership: Don Podraza
questions, call me 360-876-1100.

1st Vice President

As both Houses of Congress head into a recess, federal employees may be breathing a bit easier. The continuing resolution funding the federal government through September recently passed the House without amendments further curtailing federal pay or benefits.

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Amendments proposed by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., to eliminate step increases for federal employees were voted down. Rep. Todd Rokita's, R-Ind., proposals to eliminate other pay raises and prevent federal workers from doing union activities on the job did not come up for a vote. 📧

Mike Kaaland

SERVICE OFFICER

For Benefits 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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Port Orchard Chapter 0888 is 438. Recruiting new members is crucial! Look for appropriate times to recruit qualifying friends and acquaintances into our chapter. Be sure to use your NARFE magazine to recruit.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER: **Paul Jansuy**

MEMBERS DROPPED FOR NON-RENEWAL: George Allen Tolar, Aline R Beaver, Paul F Browning

I'm always available to answer questions about membership. 📧

Give me a call at 360-876-1100.

Don Podraza

EDITOR'S NOTE

The 2011 District IV Workshop will be hosted by Poulsbo Chapter 881 on 17 March 2011 (St. Patrick's Day), from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Sons of Norway, 18891 Front St NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370 (Sons of Norway website: www.poulsbosonsofnorway.com/index.html)

Special emphasis will be given to: **Protecting Your Benefits; F-100 Be Prepared for Life's Events; NARFE National Issues; and the Legislative Training Conference** held March 5-9, 2011.

The workshop will be held in the Norse Room. At 12:00 noon, lunch will be served in the Viking Room. The menu will be corned beef on rye sandwiches with cheese, potato salad, and split pea soup (green). The cost for lunch is \$12.00 including tax and gratuity.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO DISTRICT VP. BILL POWERS TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.



My wife, Elaine, and I will be attending. Any members wishing to attend and lacking transportation should give us a call (360-769-9670) before the workshop is held on March 17th. 📧

Art Haywood



ALZHEIMER'S

NARFE Chapter 888 has **\$219.79** in the Alzheimer's Fund. Don't forget to bring your aluminum cans to the monthly chapter meeting or take them to the recycle center at Towne Square to be credited to Chapter 888's Alzheimer's Fund.

For Alzheimer's Association's email news go to www.alz.org to get information on their initiatives, research, events and how to support their mission. 📧 **Helen Ristvet**

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