

NARFE
PORT ORCHARD CHAPTER 888

December/January

Dec. 13th - Christmas Party at Eagles Lodge, 4001 Jackson Rd in Port Orchard
December Program:
Songs by South Kitsap High choral groups!
Jan. 10th - Eagles Lodge

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

During our October chapter meeting at Angels Buffet, NARFE Chapter 888 awarded William T. Wren, 95, with a Lifetime Honorary Membership in NARFE (No More Dues), Congratulations Bill. Our guest speaker was Ron Rada of Edward Jones Investments.

Our Nov Thanksgiving luncheon meeting guest Speaker was Karen Becker, the Director of Community Relations for Ridgmont Terrace and Stafford Suites.

ANNOUNCEMENT: **GEICO** announces there annual PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD; One award will be given to 4 NARFE, Federal Active Employees for outstanding achievements in the following areas: *Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment. * Fire Prevention & Safety. * Physical Rehabilitation. * Traffic Safety and Accident Prevention. Additional Information is available at www.geico.com or Ph 301-986-2798

The following officers were elected at the November meeting and will be installed to office on December 13th by our District IV President Bill Powers. They will then assume positions on Jan 1, 2007.

President	Arthur Haywood
1st Vice Pres	Mike Kaaland
2nd Vice Pres	Wally Niesen
Secretary	Stuart Higgs re-elected
Treasurer	Suzanne Rueter

Christmas Potluck Luncheon Program is Dec. 13th. Ham will be provided by the chapter. Please bring side dishes, deserts, salads, etc at the Eagles Lodge at 4001 Jackson Ave, SW, Port Orchard. See you there. Thank you, John Smith.

CHAPTER NEEDS:

These Positions are open for those who would like to do things rather than sit around procrastinating:

Publicity/Programs
NARFE NET Coordinator
Historian/Records
Ways and Means Committee
Assistant for Membership

Welcome New Members.

Acocello, Anthony C. Davis, Robert M.

Morgan, Charlotte S. Silberman, Douglas J.

Akler, Kenneth D. Hope, James P.

Kyle, Madeline L. Wilson, Wilson RI

John Smith

Legislation:

on the NARFE National Executive Board (NEB) Meeting November 13-15, 2006 By Lanny Ross, Regional Vice President, Region IX

The NARFE Legislative Director, Judy Park gave a report on what we might expect in the 110th Congress. First, there are 121 signatures on the Discharge Petition, but we expect nothing will happen in the 109th Congress. Will our bills pass next year? Don't forget we still have a very large deficit; we still have two wars and the global economy is still the same. So the answer to the question is: Not very likely! Our bills will be introduced again, but costs cited will be even higher. We're still looking at who we want to introduce our bills. Total WEP/GPO repeal will probably never happen. Congress is feeling the clout especially from teachers. We are considering asking that WEP/GPO go in as separate bills. That way, the cost is reduced and we might be able to get somewhere with one of them. "Don't look for major changes with the new Congress." And

"Public Sector Benefits No Longer Safe." These were headlines in the NY Times on the Monday before election. It might give you an idea of what we are up against. Our primary goal remains – *Protect what we have!* NARFE-PAC dollars went to 19 non-incumbents. \$688,600 went to 231 successful candidates and to 20 who were unsuccessful. New NARFE-PAC pins have been designed and are being purchased. Just as the cost of most everything else has raised, the donation to acquire one of these new pins is now \$20. The new Congressional Directory should be available no later than April 2007 and key chapter officers need to have one. Watch your NARFE magazine for details. The NARFE Legislative program (L-2) will be available by the end of December 2006.

.Treasurer's Report

Its time to build a budget for 2006, Officers and Chair persons gather projections for your 2006 expenses. There will be a budget planning meeting at my house, (3520 140th St. Ct. NW, Gig Harbor WA 98332) Wednesday Dec 13th at 10:30 A.M.

Suzanne Rueter

Chaplain

Holiday greetings to everyone.

Passing along the latest information on Federation Dwight Pace's recuperation. Fortunately, the news is better than it has been for awhile. After almost 5 weeks in the hospital and rehab facility, Dwight was able to return home on November 17th. Wife Lois reports his heart is doing well and his kidneys have begun to function but he will remain on dialysis (on a limited basis) for a time yet. Dwight is still very weak and must maintain an exercise program - but all in all he is doing well. Your continued thoughts and prayers will help speed his recovery, I'm sure. I know we all hope to see Dwight wielding the gavel and kicking up his heels at the Federation Convention in Silverdale next May.

Jo Rice

If anyone knows of a sick member or a member's death, please call Helen Higgs at (360) 674-2424.

Chapter 888 Chaplain Helen Higgs

ALZHEIMER

Alzheimer's fund is at \$121

Rex Tauscher the Washington State Federation Treasurer setup a deposit record for Chapter 888 at the West Sound Recycling truck at the South Kitsap Mall on October 20th. Members may drop off aluminum cans, extruded aluminum (no steel screws or corner braces) and no aluminum pie plates or foil material. He set it up so the West Sound Recycling will send a check to chapter 888 treasurer. Members dropping off aluminum should specify that it is to credited to "NARFE Chapter 888". Chapter 181 has a similar arrangement with the East Bremerton collection site at the WALMART. This last month Chapter 181 totaled over 230 pounds of aluminum with proceeds going to Alzheimer's.

Telephone Committee

A new calling list will be published shortly

Anyone interested in receiving a monthly call for the meeting with information on speakers etc.

CALL ME AT 360-871-0522

Helen Ristvet

Travel Opportunities:

call Virginia Julian at 360-871-1209.

**2006 GOAL IS 500
MEMBERSHIP SCORE**

Nov 1. = 480;

There was no winner in Nov., Laverne Murley's name was drawn for the Golden Box Award of \$105.00 but she was not present to collect her winnings. December's drawing will be for \$110. You must be present to collect.

Don Podraza Membership Chairmen
360-476-1100

On October 2 Charles Niesen met with Mr. James Pappas, president of IAM&AW Local Lodge 282. and delivered three NARFE posters which he will post at Bangor, Everett, and Bremerton offices. We will be working together to improve NARFE awareness among the currently employed Federal Workers. We all know the battle to retain and improve our rights as Retired Federal Workers is an ongoing one and it starts even while still employed. The unions in the Federal sector have much in common with NARFE and we are hoping joint efforts such as this will bear fruit in gaining political action for our cause.

Charles (Wally) Niesen

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Editor's Note:

The next newsletter will be issued in late January 2007. Items for publication in the **February/March** newsletter must be in the hands of the editor by the **20th of January 2007**. I can be reached at 4648 SE Inwood Ln., Port Orchard, WA 98367. (360) 871-3002.

PLEASE notify me if you have a change of address including change of zip code or if you will be temporarily away. Thanks to all those who have responded.

Note: The Chapter 888 bi-monthly newsletter is available by e-mail. If you would like this service, please e-mail me. **Each e-mail newsletters saves the chapter 16¢ plus postage.** Mike Kaaland, Editor

Calendar 2007:

Dec. 5th, Jan 2nd Tuesdays, Board Meetings at Stafford Suites 10 a.m.

Dec., 12th, Jan. 9th Tuesdays, Chapter Luncheon Meeting at Eagles Lodge at 4001 Jackson Rd in Port Orchard

Mar. 8th, Dist IV Workshop at the Sons of Norway in Poulsbo.

May 16-18th, 2007 WSFC Convention at the Silverdale Beach Hotel.

