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June, July & August

Jun. 12th Eagles Lodge, 4001 Jackson Rd in Port Orchard

June Program: Carol Hains, EPA

July: No Meetings

**Aug. 14th - Eagles Lodge, Picnic and music by the
Chords-men**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

In May all Chapter 888 members were sent a copy of the Chapter 888 Survey. As you can tell from the Survey, we are trying to determine the level of interest that members have in the Chapter and what we might do to improve the way we do business. We sent out almost 400 surveys and we have received 60 so far. We asked that you get them back to us by the end of June; so, dig it out, fill it out, sign it (we can't tell who it's from if you don't sign it) and put it in the enclosed envelope. If you don't remember your membership number, you can find it on the address label of your NARFE magazine. My sincerest thanks to all of you who have taken the time to complete the survey and send it back to me. Art Haywood, President

Chapter 888 Secretary:

Sadly, the obituary for Yvonne Turner was in the newspaper this week. Yvonne was my predecessor as Chapter Secretary and was one of the most cheerful persons I have ever met despite her long-time dependency on dialysis. She will be missed by her legion of friends.

At the WSFC convention in Silverdale last month, there were 153 attendees which represented a very good turnout. All of the state officers were re-elected. In January 2007 WSFC President elect Dwight Pace resigned due to health problems and the WSFC vice president Dale Brighton took on that responsibility. Federation officers are President Dale Brighton, VP Clark E Crouch, Secretary Vic Rohret and Treasure Rex Tauscher. The by-law proposal to old the conventions every other year was defeated, as was a companion by-law to have the federation oversee the convention registration fee. The 2008 WSFC convention will be held in Walla Walla.

Programs:

NARFE speaker for June 12th will be Carol Hains, of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the

Manchester Lab. Come and find out what's going on in our own back yard area. See you there.

Reminder: JULY is our vacation month; there will be NO meeting in JULY.

August: We are scheduling the Kitsap Chords-men singing group for our AUGUST Picnic, which will be held at the Eagles Lodge in Port Orchard. Hamburgers are the order of the day. Please bring side dishes of salad, beans, dessert, potatoes, etc. Your smiling faces will create a good time for all.

October 9th is our birthday party date. We are celebrating birthdays and the anniversary of Chapter 888 that began 43 years ago. This will be held at Angels Buffet on Wheaton Way in East Bremerton. Time is 11:30 a.m.

John Smith

CHAPTER NEEDS:

POSITIONS are open for those who would like to do things rather than sit around procrastinating:
Publicity/Programs Assistant for Membership

Treasurer's Report

Bank balance as of 5/31/2007	\$3,568.83
Designated Income	(724.65)
Funds available	\$2,884.18

Suzanne Rueter

Chaplain

The Memorial Program at the WSFC convention last month was quite unique. The ceremony was held on the patio of the Silverdale Beach Hotel overlooking the waters of Dyes Inlet. Amazing Grace opened the ceremony followed by an invocation by LCDR Ed Kahl, CHC, USNR. For the roll call of chapters a line was formed of each chapter president or representative who, while facing the attendees, passed a floral wreath from president to president as the chapter's number of deceased was read. The wreath was made up of one blossom for each chapter. A ship's bell toll as each chapter was named. The U.S. Navy Hymn was sung, followed by a benediction and the playing of taps. In keeping with the convention theme of, "Navigating our Future", the ceremony was ended with the floral wreath being floated out into the inlet by the crew of a Hawaiian outrigger canoe.

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

Legislation:

The weekly legislative message is available to telephone callers (703/838-7780 and toll free at 1-877-217-8234), posted on NARFE's Internet site, www.narfe.org, made available to NARFE-Net Coordinators; and broadcast to more than 47,000 GEMS e-mail addresses. For the latest information, signup for GEMS.

ALZHEIMER

We were able to donate \$316.00 to the national Alzheimer fund at WSFC convention.

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. 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 our chapter 888 treasurer. Members dropping off aluminum must specify that it is to be credited to "NARFE Chapter 888". For May, we have received \$29.65 from West Sound Recycling. Bring your aluminum cans to the chapter meeting on June 12th and Art Haywood will take them down to the recycler.

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

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in Port Orchard Chapter 0888 is at 484. Recruiting new members is crucial! Look for appropriate times to recruit qualifying friends and acquaintances into our chapter. Don't forget—spouses of current members qualify to join! If your spouse would like to join NARFE, sign them up today!!

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE:

THE GOLDEN BOX JACKPOT is at \$125! If your name is drawn, you will win this jackpot! However, you must be present at the monthly meeting/drawing to collect the dollars. Plan to attend all meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the Eagles Hall in Port Orchard.

RECRUITERS:

Stuart Higgs, our secretary, keeps score for those of you who are recruiting new members. The recruiting period started January 1, 2007 and continues for one year. You must recruit at least two new members in order to qualify for a monetary award. If you have recruited a new member, be sure to contact Stuart at 360-674-2424 to make it a matter of official record.

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 recruit new members to NARFE!

Don Podraza Membership Chairmen
360-476-1100

TRAVEL – Mosquito Fleet Society CRUISE - Kitsap Mosquito Fleet will be the theme narrated by the Mosquito Fleet Society. Lunch is included during this 3 Hour Cruise. Cruises leave from Port Orchard Dock; boarding is at 11:30a.m. on Sunday, July 8th, for the southern route and Sunday, September 16th, for the northern route. Cost \$50.00 per person each route. For more information call 360-874-8813.

NARFE District IV website

I've got the page underway, now I need observations and comments from you all. Please inspect for correct names, titles, spellings, and so forth. Also, if any photos don't belong or shouldn't be there - we don't want to embarrass anyone, we can take them off.

Bob Edwards (n7hxx@arrl.net)

Editor's Note:

The next newsletter will be issued in late August 2007. Items for publication in the **September/October** newsletter must be in the hands of the editor by the **20th of August 2007**. I can be reached at (kaaland4648@wavecable.com or 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 newsletter is available by e-mail and will be posted on the District 4 web site www.narfewadist4.org. If you would like to have the newsletter sent to you via e-mail, please let me know at (kaaland4648@wavecable.com). Each e-mail newsletters **saves the chapter 16¢ in postage**. Mike Kaaland, Editor

Calendar 2007:

June. 5th, Aug 7th, Sep 4th Tuesdays, Board Meetings at Stafford Suites 10 a.m.

June 12th, Aug. 14th, Sep. 11th Tuesdays, Chapter Luncheon Meeting at Eagles Lodge at 4001 Jackson Rd in Port Orchard