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Convention time is fast approaching ! Are you ready? The Wichita Chapter Convention Planning Committee has done their jobs well and YOU shall have a great time at YOUR Convention. So come on down. Meet with old acquaintances and take the opportunity to make new friends.

*Quoting Webster's Dictionary - **Convention** is an assembly, as delegates, to act on matters of common concern. We certainly have many concerns - the basic one is not new, **protecting our earned benefits !***

Fifty-two years ago, it was a concern, the basic reason for the formation of an organization to champion the cause of the federal worker. The cause of concern is still here. The civilian federal annuitant, their spouse or survivor must not let their guard down. There are those who have no qualms about reducing the promised earned benefit. Along with the retirees, the currently employed federal worker have reason to be concerned. Potential for reduced future annuity by items such as the suggested changing the hi-three to hi-five for computing the retirement annuity (that one thing could easily cut an annuity check by 4.5%). Changes in the amount of health insurance premium being paid by the employer! The list goes on. Do any of us have cause to be alarmed? I think so.

We must work on being good listeners. Listen for the hint that the person with whom you are visiting may be a potential NARFE member. Then ask. Ask if they are a NARFE member. If their answer is no, then ask, why not? We need all of the numbers we can muster, to be able to influence the Congressional people. So, our influence peddling is related to recruitment, retention and being able to convey our needs to our politicians.

Don't forget to let people know about NARFE. It's sad to hear someone say "I don't know what NARFE is." Take every opportunity to let people know what NARFE is and what it can DO. Just stop and think that annuitant might not have joined NARFE because those of us who understand how important NARFE can be, didn't recognize the need to explain.

This is the time of the year to be thinking about

elections of Federation Officers. It is not easy to secure person to serve in the offices. So, it is also time to be thinking about appointing the nominating committee for your Chapter. That committee needs plenty of time to prepare for next year's Chapter leadership. It's also time to be thinking about recognizing good work done by your fellow NARFE member. Tell your Chapter leaders when you appreciate their efforts on your behalf. Awards are a way of expressing your recognition of good things that happened because someone cared enough to make the Chapter function effectively. It's a big job - but it can be financial worth it too.

I wish to express my appreciation for the wonderful work done by so many during these past months. It has been a pleasure to serve you as your Federation President. It is my hope that you will say yes to requests to serve during the coming year on the many committees it takes to make an organization functional.

Make the most of your opportunity to have a good time and do good things at YOUR Convention April 23, 24 & 25th, Wichita. Just DO IT !

AND - DON'T GET CAUGHT, STILL LEANING INTO THE WIND, WHEN THE WIND STOPS BLOWING !!

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Here's hoping your chapter members had a productive National Lobby Week. It is important that we, as NARFE members, keep the pressure on this Congress to support our National priorities. To remind you, they are as follows.

Congress should not cut or delay our current benefits, both CSRS and FERS annuities and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan;

Congress should know our concerns about bringing Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) into the FEHBP and the impact of that proposal on the future cost and cost-sharing aspects of the program;

Congress should support Premium Conversion for federal retirees and military retirees;

Congress should support the repeal of GPO/WEP.

While there are indications the present leadership of both the House and Senate do not want to cut our benefits in this election year, it is very important that we remain vigilant and keep the pressure on.

If your chapter was unable, for whatever reason, to participate with emails, letters, phone calls or personal visits the week of March 20-24, 2006, as requested by National Headquarters, DO IT NOW. It's never too late to contact a Senator or Congressman.

To remind you, below is how each Senator and Representative supports our Legislative initiatives. Keep the pressure on those members who do not support our priorities and thank those who do.

	GPO/WEP Repeal	Premium Con.
	S 619	S 484
Sen. Brownback	NO	YES
Sen. Roberts	NO	NO
	HR 147	HR 994
Rep. Moore	YES	YES
Rep. Moran	YES	YES
Rep. Ryun	NO	YES
Rep. Tiahrt	NO	NO

Each Senators' and Representatives' local office, e-mail address and phone number can be found at www.senate.gov for Senators Brownback and Roberts and www.house.gov for Representatives Moore, Moran, Ryun and Tiahrt. These web sites give all of the information needed to contact both Senators and your representative.

Finally, this is the last Federation Newsletter before our State Convention in Wichita April 23-25, 2006. Hope to see a lot of you there. It's been a pleasure working with you the past two years.

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SPRING! Glorious Spring. I am not nor have I ever been a Winter person. When the first crocus blooms in my yard I feel like it reason for a Celebration! With that out of my system, let me greet you and say that Wichita is ready for a great convention April 23 -25 and I hope to see lots of you there.

If you are carrying proxies, ask if you can bring their NARFE-PAC contribution also. As usual we will have a PAC table where you can make contributions. Rest assured, whether the PAC contribution is made before after or during the convention, your Chapter will receive credit for it.

I have received some questions about us not having

a new PAC pin. Since NARFE works on the 2 year Election cycle, they just produce a new pin every other year. The current one says 2005-2006. That doesn't mean we only want one contribution every other year. We only have 24 months to build up a fund to support our elected officials.

Soon I will be receiving inquiries from NARFE Headquarters concerning requests for contributions to National candidates. We can only help our friends if we have funds to provide. Talk NARFE-PAC up at every Chapter meeting. Fifteen dollars entitles one to a pin but any size contribution will help. If everyone gave at least \$1.00 to NARFE-PAC at every Chapter meeting think of the help we could be to re-elect incumbents or to unseat them if necessary.

Have a wonderful Spring.

SECRETARY

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Every year as the State Convention draws closer, I become concerned with the fact that some Chapters have not returned forms needed to determine whether delegates will be attending the convention or proxies have been forwarded showing who will be carrying that Chapters vote to the convention. I always like to give the members the benefit of the doubt and believe there must be a good reason other than apathy. That's why hours and hours, e-mails and telephone calls are made to Vice President's, Chapter President's; and Secretaries reminding them that the deadlines are near or past. We do not do this to aggravate you; we do it because we care! We care about you as members and we care about how your earned benefits will be affected by legislation taking place in Washington.

The State Convention is the only time all members can congregate and make their needs and opinions known to the people they elect as "watchdogs" for them. At the same time, this is the only time the officers elected to the Federation offices get information from across the State and to learn how and why needs concerning members in one area may not be the same concerns that affects members in the other area. This is your arena to make your wishes known.

If you haven't sent the delegate listings or proxies; request to be assigned to a committee; awarding members from your Chapter for their work; or, sending the names of those members to be remembered during the memorial service; please do so as soon as possible. **The deadline for all except the memorial listing was due March 1.** The memorial listing is not due until April 1 and can be revised up to convention.

"A smile can happen in a flash, but the memory sometimes lasts forever."

Roster Corrections on next page

Area 1

Chapter 002, Topeka: Correct Address of President James F. Miller to 7220 SW Asbury Dr. 219W, Topeka, KS 66614-6058
Correct Name of Secretary to:
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Remove Legislative Chair Both Federal and State – now vacant.
Add Treasurer Kenneth Fraser e-mail address:
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Remove NARFE-PAC chair – now vacant.

Chapter 1948, Sabetha: Add Legislative Chair – John H. Feek, 513 Main, Sabetha, KS 66534, Telephone (785) 284-3201, e-mail:
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Correct e-mail address of Gale D. Beck, Area 2 Vice President to: beckgjks26@netks.net

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Chapter 138, Wichita: Change: Newsletter Editor John Lancaster – Telephone (316) 721 0606, and e-mail to: jlancaster2@cox.net.

Area 5

Chapter 2050, Hays: Correct e-mail address of Secretary Arlene A. Stramel and Membership Gary L. Stramel to: gstramel@media-net.net.

Chapter 2053, Oberlin: Change Address Of Secretary-

Treasurer Annette Miller to: 410 N. Grand Avenue, Oberlin, KS 67749-1702.

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Chapter 1996, Scott City: Add Legislative Chair - Don French, 907 N. 4th, P. O. Box 301, Leoti, KS 67861-0301, telephone (620) 375-2268, e-mail: jrfrench@wbsnet.org.

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There isn't much to report in Area 1. I hope to be able to attend the Federation Convention. I'm collecting articles for the auction and have sent in my reservation and reserved a room at the hotel. See you there.

AREA 1A VICE PRESIDENT

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'Tis a wee bit late, but hope you all had a Happy St. Patrick's Day. With a name like Gallagher I don't have a choice! Visits were scheduled for Chapter 2136, Doniphan County, on Feb 11, but had to cancel due to ice as well as Chapter 2164, Brown County, on Feb 16 due to ice. Both have been rescheduled for March and April. Buffalo Bill, Chapter 27, was visited on March 2. The Pony Express, Chapter 1948, was visited on Feb 21 and I had the pleasure of installing the newly elected officers. The current dues structure was discussed at the various chapters.

All chapters in Area 1-A have been informed about National Lobby Week, March 20-24, either in person, e-mail, or letter. All members are asked to visit our Representatives and Senators or if you are unable to visit to contact them via e-mail, letter or phone and let them know that NARFE supports the following: (1) Congress should not cut or delay our current benefits, both CSRS and FERS and the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program. (2) Congress should know

our concerns about bringing Health Savings Accounts into the FEHBP and the impact of that proposal on the future cost and cost-sharing aspects of the program. (3) Our continued support for Premium Conversion for federal retirees and military retirees. (4) Our continued support for the repeal of GPO/WEP. John Surritte needs to know our results so please let me know what your chapter did by Monday MARCH 27.

April 23-25 is convention time in Wichita this year so hope to see you there. Chapters need to send me our "President's Yearly Chapter Report " NLT APRIL 1st in order for me to complete my report for the convention. In order words, It's like to be able to brag about what you have accomplished this year.

And, last but not least, I am stepping down as Area 1-A Vice-President. My visits and contacts with all the chapters have been a great experience for me and I have enjoyed working with all of you. My thanks to the Federation Officers for all their help. I thank you for the kindnesses you have shown me. There is someone in your chapter that could step up to the plate and be the next Area 1-A VP, so-o-o please think about it. May God bless you always.

AREA II VICE PRESIDENT

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Tri-River Chapter 2098 celebrated their 20th Anniversary, Tuesday evening, March 14th at Cadmus Grange Hall at 6 P.M. Fifty plus members and guest were in attendance. Officers representing NARFE were Don Cooper, Federation President, Gale Beck, Area 2 Vice President and Joan Beck. Richard Dixon, President of the Ft. Scott Chapter and some members of the Ft. Scott Chapter were in attendance. "Thanks for coming".. A scrumptious meals was eaten followed by President John McCoy recognizing and presenting certificates to NARFE members who had been members of the chapter for 20 years and recognized those who had belong to NARFE before chapter 2098 was organized. Chapter 2098 was organized, March 20, 1986. Charter members were: T. L. Barrett, Elmer Rockers, Carlene Brownback, Elizabeth Smith, Ruth Buchanan, Ethel Smith, John Cawby, Charles Timmons, Jean Nickell, Richard Tyrell and Fern Parmely. Now the chapter is looking forward to its 25th Anniversary.

President Don Cooper provided some updated information to the membership on why NARFE is

needed by Federal Employees and Retirees and Spouses, and how "all" should become involved.

Osage City, Chapter 2099 has announced that they will celebrate their 20th anniversary. Friday, May 19th, at Lamont Hills. It is hoped that other chapters in Area 2 will make plans to help Osage City Celebrate their anniversary.

I had the opportunity to visit the Ottawa Chapter, 785 at their monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 21. Like many other chapters Ottawa is looking for younger individuals to step in and assume some of the chapter positions.

The Kansas Federation Convention will be at the Airport Hilton, in Wichita, April 23, 24, 25. Why not make plans to attend? I sometimes get the impression that as Federal Employees retire, many of them shift gears, that is they shift into neutral, and are more than willing to let someone else spend "their" retirement years to protect "their" benefits. Do we have chapter members in that category? I hope not???????

Chapter Presidents should remember that not all chapter members received the Federation Newsletter. Therefore Hi-points of this newsletter should be shared with chapter members, either through email, reports at chapter meetings, in chapter newsletters or a combination thereof. If you do not have a chapter newsletter, why not start one now. Anyone who can write a personal note or letter, can write a NARFE Chapter Newsletter.

The training session here in Kansas in 2005 provided a lot of guidance and help on preparing a newsletter. If your chapter does not have one, why not give it a try? "now".

AREA IIA VICE PRESIDENT

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Maintaining membership and securing new members has to be one if not the highest priority that our NARFE organization and chapters need to deal with. I feel that we need to stress the roots of NARFE and understand how NARFE members have protected our earned benefits since we first organized in 1921. When I was in school many years ago I was not a good student of history but have grown to appreciate the past and how it can teach us.

Consider that in 1920, our federal government had no pension plan for any federal worker even

though Federal Civil Service had been established in 1883, thirty-seven years earlier. As history shows, four men in Washington, DC petitioned the federal government for a pension plan. Legislation was passed in 1920 that would give up to \$720 per year for retirees of the federal government. The following year, these men spearheaded a movement that resulted in the formation of our predecessor, the "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CIVIL EMPLOYEES", It has been renamed several times until we now know it as National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Through the years our NARFE Association has fought to maintain and at times improve on the treatment Congress provides to federal retirees and spouses. Space will not allow a long list of benefits we enjoy because of the united efforts of thousands, perhaps millions of former and present member's efforts resulting in the benefits we enjoy today. Scan this brief list and see if you would like to give up any of these:

- A. 1939 - Survivor annuities were introduced for the first time allowing voluntary contributions.
- B. First chapter organized in Topeka as 001. Washington DC wanted this number so Topeka accepted 002.
- C. 1952 - An annuity increase of up to 25 percent was granted.
- D. 1959 - The Federal Employees Health Benefit Program was passed as well as the Federal Life Insurance program.
- E. 1962 - The Cost of Living (COLA) was implemented.
- F. 1969 - Congress changed high "5" to high "3".
- G. Retirees living in Kansas were permitted to claim full exemption on their annuities when filing their STATE TAX RETURN.
- H. 1988 - NARFE was instrumental in defeat of Catastrophic Health Insurance. (A very significant accomplishment).
- I. 1997 - NARFE worked to get our COLA paid on January 1 each year after it was delayed for 3 years.

If this whets your appetite for more NARFE history, you can learn more by digging into brochures and material available for our National NARFE office.

It is important to know that we have a knowledgeable and efficient staff in our Washington NARFE office, but the power of NARFE is in each member who contacts our legislators in Washington about our identified concerns. Do not figure that John,

Shirley, Bill, Jim or some one else will do the job for you. We must all carry our part of the load or it will not get done. Jim

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As always Spring ushers in a time for renewal and new growth. Therefore it is fitting that the Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters holds its annual convention in the spring of the year. Next month in Wichita we will again assemble to hear the reports of our past year and to elect the leadership for our following year and to chart the course of our organization.

This year I will be stepping down as the Area 3 Vice President. This position has truly been the best position I have held within NARFE for both Dennis and me. We have so enjoyed visiting all the chapters in the area, making new friends and reconnecting with old.

So far only one person has tentatively shown any inclination to accept the nomination for this position. Hopefully, she will accept. The duties of the position fall within her talents and abilities.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Convention!

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The March 1 report indicates Area V will fall short of our goal to have a Chapter delegate from each Chapter attend the State Federation of NARFE Chapters Convention April 23-25, 2006 in Wichita. However, each Chapter will be represented at the convention by delegate or proxy. Chapter members whose plans change from non-attendance to could attend are encouraged to register by April 7, 2006, and still enjoy several convention activities. It would be great to have good Chapter representation from Area V.

AREA VI VICE PRESIDENT

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I just thought I was about back to normal. Sciatica in my right leg is keeping me slowed away down. I can't even bowl yet.

The biggest thing in our part of the state is the lack of rain. We are dry, dry, dry. Out here the weather goes along with the legislature. We need rain and favorable legislation. We need to keep in touch with all of our state and national legislators about our problems.

I have visited all of my chapters except one. Ulysses is scheduled for next month. Dodge City Chapter 1873, has been working hard to get members to attend their monthly meetings and it has paid off. They have doubled their attendance. Garden City Chapter 1995, is still working on a President. Lawrence Dawson is retiring as president, due to health problems. Great Bend Chapter 1709, Scott City Chapter 1996, and Ulysses Chapter 2086 are all doing very well.

The Federation of Chapters convention is here. Plan to be in the Wichita Airport Hilton April 23-25, 2006. See you there.

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Membership numbers continue to slide down. We have a few new members being recruited by chapter or federation officers and members, but the largest number are recruited by national. KS continues to score well with conversions to Dues Withholding, and recruitment of CFE's. We need to turn the corner on bringing back those members who have dropped and continue to work on retention.

We'll have a Membership meeting at the Federation convention and the agenda will include topics that have been requested. We will also have a exchange of ideas from Chapter Membership Chairs. Ideas that work for some chapters can be valuable to others. There is strength in numbers and the sooner non-members realize that truth, the stronger NARFE will be! I hope to see YOU at the Federation's state convention in Wonderful Wichita, home of the Sweet Sixteen (or better) Wheat Shockers !

Why not reproduce Page 8 and give a copy to each delegate to the Wichita Convention? It is the official schedule of events that will be in the Program. Ed.

Campaign Notice:
_____ **for Federation Treasurer! Fill in your name above.**

STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

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The good news for federal retirees is...so far, no bad news ! The KS Legislature has been in session for about 72 days and debated every issue except focusing on public school funding. Expanded gambling was shot down and while some legislators declare it dead, it now seems that another " special session " may be called and if that happens, look for another pro expanded gambling blitz . Special Session 2006 doesn't sit well with voters who weren't happy about special session 2005 and are especially unhappy in this election year. Legislative leaders have stepped back from a three year funding plan and set their sights on a one year solution. Ron Richey, Topeka chapter State Legislative Chairman is taking a well deserved two week vacation and when he returns, we'll be sitting in on committee meetings who are responsible for drawing up solutions to the funding shortfall. So far, NARFE members (and non-members) benefits have not caught serious consideration. We hope to keep it that way !

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Spring arrived on March 20, but this weather has seemed more like spring. We have finally received a little rain in our area. The farmers, as well as the rest of us, are needing more rain for our lawns and gardens. Say a prayer that we'll receive more needed rain!

The McPherson Chapter 1794 is celebrating their 25th Anniversary on April 10, 2006. Congratulations! (They have a charter member who is still an active member.)

The State Convention is coming up on April 23, 24 and 25, at the Airport Hilton. The Hilton is a good convention hotel and Wichita is a good place to visit and shop. We're looking forward to seeing you. This will be a great convention if you make it GREAT by your attendance.

One of your long time members, Lew Taylor, lost his wife last week from Parkinson's disease. Many of you throughout the State will remember Lew as he was in Personnel in the Wichita Post Office and handled many grievances throughout the State. Our condolences to Lew and his family.

I do not have a lot of new information for you other than to remind to you to be alert to Congressional legislation that can affect us as retirees and our active employees. Let your Congressmen hear from you as this is the only way they know what we want and how we would like for them to vote.

My closing is a couple of reflections: "The best kind of friend is the king you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it

was the best conversation you ever had,” and “May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you humble and enough hope to make you happy.”

KANSAS ALZHEIMER'S CHAIR

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The final 2005 numbers are in! Through the end of December, the Kansas Chapters have donated a total of \$19,594.03 which computes to \$3.65 per member. Thank You to all. At the state convention in April, we will be giving certificates of recognition to each chapter that met or exceeded the Federation goal of \$3.25 per member. All contributions are appreciated and every one of you should be proud of our successful fundraising this year.

Hope to see you at the state convention in Wichita April 23-25, 2006. We will again have a Live Auction and a Silent Auction as Alzheimer's Research fundraisers. If you have some things to donate, please bring them to the convention. Most people have “stuff” stored somewhere that they don't really want or need. Do a little spring cleaning! If you are not coming to the convention yourself, you could ask someone from your chapter who is attending to bring your items. The success of these events depends on our members, both as donors and as buyers. Bring your checkbook (or cash) if you are coming to the convention and, remember, every dollar of every contribution goes to Alzheimer's Research.

I will have a limited number of the gold and silver Alzheimer's logo pins with me at the convention and will be asking for a \$5 donation for each. If you tell me your chapter number at the time of the donation, I will credit the donation to your chapter.

My usual reminder, please make sure that any donation checks you collect and submit to me are made out to “**Alzheimer's/NARFE**”. If you have internet access, the regular monthly contribution submission form is now available on the KS NARFE website (ksnarfe.org) as option # 32.

Just For Fun:

“Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.” --Author Unknown

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I have added some updates to the KSNARFE.org web site.

Chapter 1162 (Shawnee Mission) now has their web site up and running and have their chapter newsletters on the web site. A link to the web site is at item #36 on the KS web site. I have also added links to their and other newsletters to the newsletter page at item #14. Any chapter wishing to have their newsletter published on the web, please sent it to me as an e-mail attachment.

The current M-110 report from NARFE HQ is used to make the Membership and Potential members charts. These charts accessed at item #9, are now being saved on the web site as part of the KS NARFE historical records. The reports covering Dec. 2005, Jan & Feb 2006 membership are currently available.

Many thanks to the members of Area 2 and others for sending me their updated e-mail addresses. These will be used to make the KS E-mail list for the Federation Officers at the KS Convention in Wichita.

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The next issue of the Kansas Newsletter will have a new President's name in the masthead, as well as some new officers according to what I read in the pages that have been sent to me to print and assemble. That is one good benefit of this position....being able to read the paper before everyone else.

There are a few reminders that I would like to bring up before the convention. Please contact your delegates and remind them:

1. If your chapter has not sent in their memorial list to the Federation Secretary, it is due by April 1.
2. If you, or they, have not sent in their registration payment, it is due before April 7th.
3. If you, or they, have not made your hotel reservations, do so before April 14.
4. Don't forget to send, or bring your door prize and Alzheimer's auction items to the convention.
5. We need officer candidates. Give the nomination committee member from your area a name!
6. Be there and have a good time.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, April 23, 2006

12:30-5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION Public Area
 12:30-5:00 P.M. CREDENTIALS Public Area
 12:30-5:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY Control Tower
 12:30 Sunday TO 4:00 P.M. Monday- - SILENT AUCTION Multi Media

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. AUDIT Premier Room
 1:00 P.M. NOMINATIONS Directors
 1:30 P.M. ALZHEIMER Multi Media
 1:30 P.M. CONST & BYLAW Board Room
 1:30 P.M. GEN RESOLUTIONS Consulate 1
 1:30 P.M. LEGISLATIVE/PAC Ambassador
 1:30 P.M. RETIREMENT BENEFITS Pool Side
 1:30 P.M. RULES Consulate 3
 1:30 P.M. TIME & PLACE Consulate 3
 1:30 P.M. MEMBERSHIP Consulate 2
 3:00 P.M. Roundtable Presidential Ballroom
 4:15 P.M. Board Meeting Board Room
 5:15 P.M. Sunday Dinner (Ticket Needed) Salon 1,2,3
 Emerald Ballroom

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2006

6:45 p.m. Opening Sessio **Presidential Ball Room**
 Call to Order
 Presentation of Colors
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation
 Welcome to Wichita
 Response
 Introduction of Federation Officers
 Introduction of Dignitaries
 Remarks
 Door Prizes
 Recess till Monday Morning
 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Alzheimer Auction
 Silent Auction Multi Media 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday
 & 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday
 Announcements

MONDAY APRIL 24, 2006

7:30-8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION PUBLIC AREA
 8:30 a.m. Business Session **Presidential Ballroom**
 Invocation
 Pledge of Allegiance
 God Bless America
 Introduction of State Officers
 Introduction of National Officers
 Introduction of Guest Federation Officers
 Preliminary Credentials Report
 Rules Committee Report
 Reading of Minutes & Correspondence
 Federation Officer Reports
 2nd Vice President
 Treasurer's Report

Audit Committee Report
 Nomination Report
 Election of Officers (2006-2007)
 10:15 a.m. –10:45 a.m. 30 Minute Break
 10:45 a.m. Business Session Resumes
 Resolution Committee Report
 Const & By Laws Report
 Officer Reports– Area Vice Presidents
 12:00 NOON Luncheon– Tickets Required
Emerald Ballroom
 Speakers: Barb Pretzer & Richard Thissen
 1:30 p.m. Call to Order
 Memorial Service
 Invocation
 Reading of names
 Memorial Placement
 Benediction
 2:15 p.m. Area Delegate Caucus & Election of Area Vice Presidents
 Area 1 Consulate 1 Area 1A Consulate 2
 Area 2 Consulate 3 Area 2A Legends Lounge
 Area 3 Board Room Area 4 Multi Media
 Area 5 Directors Area 6 Ambassador
 2:45 p.m. BREAK-
 3:15 p.m. Introduction of Area Vice Presidents
 State Legislative Report
 National Legislative Report
 Vendors Drawing
 Door Prizes
 Recess
 Social Hour (Cash Bar)
 5:30 p.m..
 6:30 p.m. Banquet (Ticket Needed) **Emerald Ballroom**
 Invocation
 Dinner Entertainment
 Banquet
 Introduction of Guests
 Introduction of National Guest
 Banquet Address
 Installation of Officers
 Recognition of Convention Committees
 Door Prizes
 Closing Remarks
 Recess till 8:30 Tuesday
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006 BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
 8:30 A.M. Business Session Resumes
 Call to Order
 Invocation
 Home on the Range
COMMITTEE REPORTS
 PAC
 ALZHEIMERS
 CREDENTIALS
 MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS
 Break– No Refreshments
 RETIREMENT BENEFIT SERVICES
 TIME AND PLACE
 Closing Remarks
 Adjournment
 11:30 –1:30 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (No lunch)