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Twenty five percent. I look at the calendar and realize that 25% of the Kansas Federation of NARFE "year" has passed. Then my thoughts turn to - that means only 75% of the "year" is remaining. The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Kansas Federation will be held in Wichita, April 2006. Do we have 25% of the Federation work completed?

Of course, the mainstay of NARFE is at the Chapter level. So, do the chapters have 50% of their goals completed? The Chapter year started in January. Often, we find the summer months are busy with work, family activities, etc. and so many of the Chapters don't hold Chapter meetings during some part of the summer. Has a nominating committee been appointed and have they seriously looked for Chapter officer candidates? Has recruitment gone as anticipated? Have members contacted their Congressional friends? We all need to take a look at these issues and determine if we need to avoid that last 25% of our year with much remaining undone.

Recruitment is an important item. Recently I visited with a member who retired from the same organization that I retired from. He reported his recruitment of a fellow retiree. It was basically ASK and ASK again. We all need to think of those people with whom we previously worked and ASK those who are not yet NARFE members - to become committed.

Your Federation has very good Officers and Committee chairs. They are all working toward making NARFE work for the Federal worker - active, retired and survivor.

Chapter Officers, you still have time to ASK your Chapter members to attend the College of NARFE Knowledge (CONK). The registration deadline is August 15. CONK is being held August 29 - September 1, 2005 at South Sioux City, Nebraska. Time spent participating in CONK could be just the thing your Chapter needs for strengthening the Chapter. ASK.

October will be a busy month. Four NARFE Areas have Training seminars scheduled, one Chapter will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary and one Chap-

ter celebrating it's 25th. The Federation Executive Board will be holding the fall meeting at Wichita - the host area for the 52nd Annual Meeting. It's not too early to start ASKING Chapter members to plan attending one of those Area Training Sessions. If a member can't attend the seminar being conducted in their own area - they are welcome to attend another.

Have a good summer and ASK prospective members to become active in NARFE. We need them and they need NARFE.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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Here we are in the middle of a long hot Kansas summer. The only good thing is that our Senators and Congressmen will be returning home for the August recess. This will be a good time to visit with them and ask them for their support for our priority legislation. Below is their record on both pieces of legislation as of July 15, 2005.

GPO/WEP Repeal -PremConversion

	S 619	HR 147	S 484	HR 994
Sen. Brownback	NO		NO	
Sen. Roberts	NO		NO	
Rep. Moore		YES		YES
Rep. Moran		YES		YES
Rep. Ryun		NO		YES
Rep. Tiahrt		NO		NO

I would suggest that you visit those above who are listed as NO votes and ask that they support our Kansas Federal Retirees and their surviving spouses. Explain that the benefits from this legislation is not a give away to Federal Retirees but rather benefits they earned through their years of honorable federal employment. Also, explain that we pay our federal taxes and support the state through sales, property and other taxes. In other words, not only did we earn these benefits during our employment but we continue to pay our fair share of taxes in retirement.

If you cannot visit personally, pick up the phone and call 1-866-220-0044. Ask the Capital Hill operator for your Senators' and Representative's office and ask for their support.

We all read the newspaper, or scan the internet and/or watch the TV. We know that our Congressional folks have a lot on their plates. However they are elected to represent and protect our interests. Let's remind them of that responsibility.

Finally, I signed up Mike Coughlin, former Deputy Postmaster General, US Postal Service, as a new member of NARFE. Have you signed anyone up lately?

In closing, Linda and I will be attending the CONK conference in South Sioux City, NE.

We hope to see you all there.

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The PAC reports are out for the Second Quarter of this election cycle. It fills me with pride for our Federation when Kansas is in the top 15 contributors. Missouri has quite a few more members than Kansas and is just slightly ahead of us in the Region. Remember NARFE-PAC is sometimes referred to as 'The Federal Retiree's Fund for the Future.' This is the only tool we have Nationally to get legislators to listen to our requests and/or recommendations.

Our Federation has several Chapters with no recorded contributions to PAC this year. Please look this over this list (page 8) and if you think there is an error, contact me. Last year one Chapter submitted PAC funds from a member and did not get credit for it. When we investigated we found out the member had moved from another Chapter but National had never been notified to transfer the membership. We want each Chapter to receive credit for any PAC funds their members submit.

Have you had any discussion at Chapter meetings requesting contributions to PAC? Sometimes our members don't even understand the what and why of PAC. It is the duty of the officers of a Chapter to keep the members educated. Have a Great Summer!

(SEE PAC REPORT ON THE BACK PAGE)

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I know I've probably said over and over again that when I took this position for NARFE I was told there really isn't that much to do except at convention time. Well, I will not tell the next candidate that. It seems every day brings news and additional challenges

to be met. It is full of wonderful challenges enabling you get to know members from all over the country and expand your knowledge of what NARFE does for you. Everyone who has any interest in helping their NARFE members should be getting their resumes' in to John Lancaster for the nominating committee election of officers for 2006-2007 for whatever position you might be interested in holding in the Federation.

Many of us will be attending the College of NARFE Knowledge, South Sioux City, Nebraska, August 29 through September 1, 2005. I did include a registration form in each of the President and Secretaries letters when I mailed the Executive Board minutes of June 02, 2005. Get those out to your members and give them a chance to attend the college of NARFE knowledge. It is open to all members - you do not have to hold an office in your Chapter. Mary Ann Kelley, Federation Secretary of Minnesota and myself have been asked to hold a Secretarial Training Session at the College. I do hope some of you will take advantage of this session.

We will be holding one day training sessions in several areas in Kansas following the College of NARFE. Presently they have all been scheduled during the month of October. When you see these seminars advertised, either in your newspaper or whatever, set a day aside to learn more about what your Federation and NARFE are doing for you. There is a small charge to take care of the lunch and a very small portion of the training materials used. You don't have to be a member in the area where the meeting you might want to attend is being held. These training sessions are open to all NARFE members and are very informal. I'm sure you will be surprised and made to feel very welcome.

Most of you will be holding your elections in October. Be sure you send your F-7 "Chapter Area Officers" in immediately. You can send a second one after the President gets your committee chairs assigned. Officers do not have to be installed before you give me the names. Headquarters and I need the officer's names and addresses to make certain mailings all get to the correct person.

Officer Updates

Area 1A, Chapter 2136: Add 1st Vice President Howard Gummig, P. O. Box 336, Wathena, KS 66090-0336, Telephone 785-989-4915, E-Mail: hjum-mig@msn.com

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Area 4, Chapter 138, Change President to Gary E. Townson, 212 Brownie, Rose Hill, KS 67133-9706, Telephone 316-776-2684, E-mail address: gesst@prodigy.net

Area 4, Chapter 138, Correct Secretary Alice Humlicek's E-Mail address to: romans-polkaband@cox.net

Area 4, Chapter 138, Change Alzheimer's Chair to: Mary C. Tomlinson, 1526 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67214-1110, Telephone 316-267-2690, No E-Mail address.

Area 4, Chapter 1794: Correct the e-Mail address of President & PAC Chair Janice A. Neuschafer to janicen3@cox.net.

Area 4, Chapter 0757: Correct mailing address of Edgerly L. Brewer to 716 N. Tweed St, Apt 305, Winfield, KS 67156-1505.

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I have received several inquiries this summer on several issues involving chapter treasurers. The organization name change, direct deposit, and review of chapter constitution and bylaws have all drawn questions.

Now is a good time to review the chapter's bank account information and see how the account is listed. In some cases the old name of the national association may not even be mentioned. If it is, now is the best time to get it changed. The July issue of the Quarterly News for NARFE Leaders has a copy of the Virginia State Corporation Commission Letter as well as a copy of the Internal Revenue exemption letter which should make the change easy to handle. Also in the July issue our National President reminds those chapters that use non-profit mailings to do the paperwork at the

post office for the name change.

The January and April issues of the Quarterly news each have an article and a direct deposit authorization form for those chapters who wish to go to the direct deposit system.

This years issues of the Quarterly News for NARFE Leaders contain several articles and reminders of the name change. I urge any current chapter treasurer to save these issues and pass them on to the chapter treasurer next year.

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My first Federation Executive Board meeting was a real learning experience for me. Now I know more about what is expected of Area Vice Presidents. I took some action and have been to visit Chapter 378 in Lawrence for their June meeting. I found them to be a nice friendly group of active people. Several members were absent due to illness.

I had cataract surgery on July 11. It was a success as was the one I had last November. I hope that I can accomplish more now that I can see what I'm doing!

AREA 1A VICE PRESIDENT

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Have been working with Gale Beck to secure a place in our village of Leavenworth for a Training Seminar for Area 1 and Area 1-A combined. The Training Seminar will be held on Thursday, October 27 at the High Noon Restaurant, 206 Choctow St., downtown Leavenworth. Gale reports this seminar is not only for Chapter Officers and Committee Members, BUT for all Chapter members and spouses. Come and learn more about NARFE and its operations. More details later reference the training seminar from Gale. A rash has kept me on the downside all summer (allergic to one of my meds), so my summer vacation this year will be in Sioux City, NE. This will be my first experience at the College of Knowledge.

I plan to visit chapters in my area during the coming months. An e-mail I received from Jim Miller regarding the end of the special session of the Kansas legislation was forwarded to chapters in Area 1-A. Have a great summer.

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Chapter #384, the Emporia Chapter reports they plan to assist in the Emporia Alzheimer Memory Walk in October. They will be adding this to the funds they usually collect for Alzheimer's as a Special Project. Iola Chapter #2077 will recognize there 20th Anniversary at the October Meeting with President Don Cooper as guest speaker. Chapters in Area 2 and others will be invited to attend. A cake and special frills will be apart of the celebration. The Chapter was chartered in the spring of 1985 with 32 members. Osage City Chapter #2099, has no activity this summer since they do not hold summer chapter meetings. They will again start chapter meetings with the first fall meeting being the last Friday evening in September at Lamont Hill Restaurant.

Tri-River Chapter #2098 has invited me to attend there August meeting. Tri-River meets monthly, and they rotate between various communities, mainly churches and what great meals and active group they do have. Ottawa Chapter # 785. Looking forward to meeting with them within the next few months for an update on current activities.

What else is new? I have been working with Richard Thissen, NFVP and others to have a NARFE booth at the National Convention for USDA/FSA Employees, formerly ASCS. This will be held at Rapid City, South Dakota the last four days of July. The South Dakota Federation of NARFE has been asked to work with FSA to have a NARFE display booth on site for the convention. This NARFE display will provide on site NARFE Recruitment materials to some 800 attendees.

Still in the development stage are training Seminars for Area 3 at Junction City, October 13; Area 4, at Hutchinson October 26; and Areas 1 and 1A, Leavenworth, October 27. Training Seminars for Area 2, 2A, 5 and 6 were held earlier this year.

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Summer is a difficult time to keep in touch with chapters. Some chapters do not even have chapter meetings during the summer months. I have contacted each chapter president and asked them to give me a convenient date that I may come and visit with them on several issues of concern. As yet, none have invited me. My next step is to announce to chapter president that I will be visiting their chapter and please allow me a few minutes to discuss some items important to them and our NARFE organization.

Retaining members is still number one in working on chapter membership. Getting new members is vital but generally holding on to one is easier that finding the new blood. One of the best methods I have found in retaining members is by promoting the Dues Withholding option. Converting to D/W makes even more sense now that we have had the dues increase then a couple years ago. However, before the dues increase was announced the Chanute chapter (799) provided a \$5.00 check for any person signing up for dues withholding. We promoted D/W with the facts that you do not have to write a check and mail it to pay your dues; you don't take the risk of being dropped when you forget to pay; and you help NARFE by reducing their cost of mailing the notices out. With this modest incentive, which was provided by an anonymous person, the chapter secured over 50 percent of the members switching to D/W. Currently with the increased dues and the reduced cost of membership when on D/W, we should be seeing a lot of members making the switch. The records I am seeing do not support that concept. I hope we will continue to inform members of this option and offer an incentive if possible. It does not take many retained members to keep some money in the chapter treasury to pay a small incentive for members to switch to D/W.

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Time flies when you're having fun! Here it is almost the end of summer and time for the 7th Biennial Region V College of NARFE Knowledge scheduled for

August 29 thru September 1, 2005 at the Marina Inn, South Sioux City, Nebraska. Dennis and I are registered. It promises to be a great time of learning, relaxation, and fun with fellow NARFE members. If you would like an application check your *NARFE RETIREMENT LIFE*, contact me, or send a check to Geraldine Jackson, 28230 Bow Belle Lane, Gravois Mills, MO 65037 with a check for \$65.00 until August 15th or for \$70.00 after that date.

Area 3 is scheduled to have a NARFE Leadership Training Session lead by Gale Beck, Kansas Federation Training Officer on Thursday, October 13, 2005. I am working with Brad Cooper, the Clay Center President to find a suitable location for our meeting and luncheon. I picked Clay Center because Clay Center is about in the center of our Area and by holding it in Clay Center the traveling would be equal for most chapters. If you have any suggestions please contact Brad Cooper or myself. We would appreciate your input and assistance with this training day.

The majority of the chapters in my Area vacation in the summer months. One member approached me and told me that he has been busy recruiting during the summer so he hopes to have many prospective or new members when our chapter begins our normal schedule in September. I hope that your chapters enjoyed the summer vacation and will return to their normal schedule with enthusiasm and hopefully, new members, to boot!

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I have attended chapters in Kingman, Hutchinson and McPherson since our last letter. My main purpose was to let everyone be aware of the upcoming Training Workshop. We are planning a BACK TO BASIC'S TRAINING WORKSHOP on 26th of OCTOBER, 2005 at the WESLEY TOWERS SOCIAL CENTER/CHAPEL in Hutchinson, Ks. We plan to begin the conference approximately at 8:45 AM. The Registration and cost of Meal is to be \$7.50.

I need reservations by the 22nd of October and you pay as you arrive. Please make every effort to attend this meeting as it will cover many areas. The Regional Vice-President-Richard Thissen, State President-Don Cooper, State Secretary-Carol Ek, and State training officer-Gail Beck, and perhaps others will be the

presenters, More information will be available at a later time.

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Summer vacations appear to be in session in Area V meaning few NARFE activities for this writing. However, I am pleased to have had the opportunity to visit Chapter 2085 Stockton, July 20 for a summer meeting get-together at their President, Mike and Bernita Gawith residence. I presented the Chapter a Citation for Distinguished Service for a 7.32% increase in membership in 2004. Membership is so vital to the success of NARFE that it is indeed a rewarding opportunity to present awards for increase in membership.

Our last writing we noted that the 52nd State Federation Convention is scheduled for April 23-25, 2006 at the Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, KS. If you have not done so we again encourage NARFE members to mark your calendar of these dates and it is not too early to start making plans to be in attendance.

Legislative issues GPO, WEP and Premium Conversion remain passage priority. Each NARFE member is encouraged to keep your Congressman and Senators informed of your interest.

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My how time flies. Summer is already half over. The temp is around 100.

We attended the Ness County Old Settlers Reunion in June. An all school reunion in Scott City the first of July.

I visited Chapter 2086, Ulysses, Wed. July 13, 2005. President Alice Frey had a good program on the role of the service officer.

We lost a chapter president, last week. Weston V. Hardy Jr. , President of Chapter 1996, Scott City, passed away last week and we attended his services on Saturday, July 16. Wes was the person who got me to take the Postal Service exam. I worked with him for 15 years at the Scott City Post Office.

I received a letter from U.S. Senator Pat Roberts. He didn't endorse any of our concerns, but he will keep our comment and concerns in mind.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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It's impossible to separate membership from politics. Numbers matter, both in KS and in Washington, DC. Yes, it's summer and attendance may be down. Our best prospects for new members are in the ranks of those we worked with. Carry NARFE applications and the Ten Worst Mistakes, the Next Ten Worst Mistakes, and any NARFE educational material with you, when you shop, when you walk. Former NARFE National President Charles Jackson had some shirts made emblazoned with FEDERAL EMPLOYEE, ACTIVE OR RETIRED? ASK ME ABOUT NARFE! He wore those when walking through malls. The Jefferson County Chapter at Valley Falls is changing their meeting time from a noon meal to evening. Purpose ? Invite the still working federal/postal employees to a meeting they can attend after working hours. They have extended invitations to known retirees also. What works for YOU and your chapter? Pass those on to me because..... I'll attend the College of NARFE Knowledge (August 29-Sept. 1 in South Sioux City, NE) and I'll pass those on and pick up the newest member recruiting forms and information. Those items will be part of the handouts at the NARFE Training sessions, starting in October. Enjoy the rest of the summer! There's not much of it remaining!

STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

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The KS Legislature adjourned without hitting our tax free status. Several legislators hinted broadly that ALL potential sources for new taxes would be explored, starting before January 2006. Several expressed their opinion that gaming, thought to be a dead horse they should stop beating on, will rise again in 2006. Their thinking is, regardless of ultra conservatives opposition, gaming / casinos are in KS to stay (2) that's not going to change and will only worsen if and when out of state Indian tribes receive approval for more casinos (3) establishing casinos operated by the state for the state's benefit (and a hoped for 72 % of profits going to bolster the public schools) would partially stop the cash drain going from KS to surrounding states. (4) KS operated casinos would probably inspire the Indian

operated casinos to make some real cash contributions to the state of KS, instead of infrequent " token " donations.

All speculation! What is estimated for the future is that KS will face critical shortfalls down the line. Estimates for the state reserve fund as projected by the KS Division of Budget are \$ 396.4 million in 2005; \$ 185.0 million in 2006; MINUS \$ 87.7 million in 2007; minus a whopping \$ 445.1 million in 2008.

Those will be some of the challenges faced by KS legislators. Have no doubt about the challenges NARFE will face in retaining the benefit we share with retired state employees. Yes, Ron Richey, Topeka chapter state Legislative Chairman and I will welcome company next year! Especially if you are on a first name or at least a nodding acquaintance with your Senator and or Representative.

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Greetings from your State Service Officer:

The "dog days" of summer are with us! These ninety and hundred degree temperatures help us appreciate air conditioning.

There are so many things to write about that it is difficult to know what is most beneficial to you as members of NARFE . First, I want to provide you with important phone numbers and addresses for retirees:

TAX MATTERS: Call OPM's "Annuitant Express," 1-800-409-6528 to start, stop or change tax withholding (federal or state (if other than Kansas) or to obtain a duplicate 1099R- "Statement of Annuity Paid."

DEATH OF SPOUSE, DIVORCE, OR REMARRIAGE: Notify Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Operations Center, P. O. Box 45, Boyers, Pennsylvania 16017-0045. Phone: 1 (888) 767-6738

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Notify OPM, Retirement Operations Center, P.O. Box 45, Boyers, PA 16017 of address changes, either home or financial institution.

LIFE INSURANCE: To obtain written confirmation of the amount of life insurance under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program, call OPM at 1-(888) 767-6738.

I have had several people who tell me they are having trouble remembering when to take their meds and whether or not they have taken them. May these suggestions be helpful so that you may lead a healthy life!

Use a magic marker to write on the top of the cap how many tablets you are suppose to take. Example: 1 each day, 2 before each meal, 1 in the a.m. and 1 in the p.m. If your dosage remains the same, you can transfer the cap to the new bottle after the old one is empty.

If you take a whole tablet one day and a half a tablet the next day, use a small calendar to check off the whole tablet by circling the date you took the tablet and x on the day you take the half tablet. Marking the calendar after you take the tablet insures you are taking your medicine as you should.

If you are taking more than one kind of tablet or drops or other measurements on an irregular basis, use a calendar for each type of medicine, keeping the calendar with that particular medicine.

If you are having trouble remembering to take your meds, put them in a container and keep them in plain sight.

Keep close tabs on your refill date, particularly if you order your meds by mail so that you will have your new prescription in time to avoid missing your dosage. This also applies to getting a new prescription in the date on your current prescription is expiring.

KANSAS ALZHEIMER'S CHAIR

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Through the end of June, the Kansas chapters have donated a total of \$11,415.45 which computes to \$2.13 per member. Please extend a **Thank You** to all of your contributing members. As voted by the Alzheimer's Committee Members at the state convention, our goal for 2005 is \$3.25 per member.

June Buckles and **Madelyn Brown** of Junction City Chapter 383 have done it again! Last year they worked with their local Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and had one night's Bingo proceeds (\$1,447.5) donated to Alzheimer's Research via NARFE. They have worked with the Eagles again this year and have contributed a check for \$2,858.24! Thanks again to June and Madelyn for the original great idea and its 'double-good' 2nd year results!

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:

"I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped on. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener."

--Unknown

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I have received several inquires about sending e-mails to our national congressional people. Due to security provisions some of the e-mail addresses are "hidden" now. The easiest way to send e-mails to your representatives &/or the president is through the National NARFE web site.

When using their web site, if you do not wish to use the "pre-formatted" message, just insert your own message in place of theirs.

I have also placed the information from NARFE's new Congressional Directory for making contacts on the KSNARFE.org National legislative page.

All of the current congressional representatives have web sites and on the web sites are "contact us" links to send them e-mail.

I hope this will "cure" some of the problems NARFE members seem to be having with e-mail addresses.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PUBLIC RELATIONS/EDITOR

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I had the opportunity to accumulate the evaluation sheets which were turned in at the Kansas City convention for President Cooper. The overall evaluation numbers were sent to the Chapter Presidents in the minutes of the last Federation Board Meeting.

Some of the comments alluded to the price of the hotels and meals being considered to be too expensive. For those chapters that have not had the opportunity to host a convention or be in on the planning for

one, I would like to explain a few of the things which must be considered when planning a convention.

First, the hotel is in business to make a profit, just as any other entity. NARFE usually gets their meeting rooms at no cost *provided that we rent an agreed to number of sleeping rooms*. When one goes to Motel 6 to rent a room because it may be a little less expensive, the host chapter can pay over \$500.00 per day for meeting rooms if they don't meet the sleeping room agreement. They usually get the meeting rooms free if the sleeping room requirement is met.

Meals.....Our functions are usually sit down meals and we have to consider the set up of the room for a meal, the meal itself, tax, and a gratuity for the servers. If we go to Burger King for a meal, that leaves the hotel holding the bag for the dining room we might have used when it could have been rented to another group.

I assure you, the Federation does the best it can in negotiating the best prices we can for the sleeping rooms, meals, and meeting spaces to provide a comfortable place for our convention.

God Bless America!

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THOUGHTS FROM GEORGE CARLIN:

COWS

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that our government can track a cow born in Canada almost three years ago, right to the stall where she sleeps in the state of Washington, and they tracked her calves to their stalls, but they are unable to locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give them all a cow.

CONSTITUTION

They keep talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq. Why don't we just give them ours? It was written by a lot of really smart guys, it's worked for over 200 years and we're not using it anymore.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a Courthouse? You cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal," "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" and "Thou Shall Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians! *It creates a hostile work environment!*

And Last but not least.....

George CARLIN said it best about Martha Stewart ... "Boy, I feel a lot safer now that she's behind bars. O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too. But they take the one woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and haul her off to jail."

PAC Report from VP Townson

Location	Chapter	Contributors	Amount
Wichita	138	62	\$511.00
Shawnee Miss	1162	08	\$355.00
Topeka	002	17	\$350.00
Buffalo Bill	027	17	\$250.00
Hutchinson	537	12	\$192.00
Tri-River	2098	10	\$160.00
McPherson	1794	5	\$135.00
Iola	2077	6	\$100.00
Logan County	2032	4	\$ 95.00
Lawrence	378	4	\$ 90.00
Jefferson Co.	2231	4	\$ 90.00
Crossroads	739	4	\$ 80.00
Manhattan	366	4	\$ 65.00
Jackson Co	2215	4	\$ 65.00
Emporia	384	4	\$ 65.00
Junction City	383	2	\$ 60.00
Doniphan Co	2136	5	\$ 52.00
Kansas City	1160	2	\$ 35.00
Cowley County	757	2	\$ 35.00
Chanute	799	2	\$ 35.00
Colby	2291	2	\$ 30.00
Hays	2050	2	\$ 30.00
Pittsburg	550	1	\$ 25.00
Ulysses	2086	1	\$ 25.00
Brown County	2164	2	\$ 25.00
Fort Scott	792	1	\$ 25.00
Solomon Valley	2085	1	\$ 25.00
Herington	1933	1	\$ 20.00
Nemeha Co	1948	1	\$ 15.00
Garden City	1995	1	\$ 15.00
Abilene	2137	0	\$ 00.00
Ottawa	785	0	\$ 00.00
Salina	280	0	\$ 00.00
Great Bend	1709	0	\$ 00.00
Kingman	1939	0	\$ 00.00
Fredonia	2100	0	\$ 00.00
Goodland	1991	0	\$ 00.00
Dodge City	1873	0	\$ 00.00
Marysville	1947	0	\$ 00.00
Scott City	1996	0	\$ 00.00
Independence	1763	0	\$ 00.00
Osage City	2099	0	\$ 00.00
Coffeyville	2257	0	\$ 00.00
Atchison	621	0	\$ 00.00
Oberlin	2053	0	\$ 00.00
Total		191	\$3055.00