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Kansas NARFE has a lot for which to be thankful. We give thanks that a group of people had the foresight eighty four years ago, to create an organization dedicated to the preservation of the federal worker's earned benefits. So many people have benefited from the dedication of many active and retired federal employees. That has taken a lot of giving. It is giving that each of us should pause, from time to time, and offer thanks. The American traditional Thanksgiving holiday is associated with lots of good eats and fellowship. Without the COLA's we have come to expect, buying that food, at today's prices, would be difficult on the annuity received at the time of retirement some 20 - 30 years ago. Paying medical bills is another area many have had help from the past efforts of the dedicated NARFE members working together.

Christmas is only a few days from now. Gift giving is a part of observing Christmas. Pause to think of the gifts received, because NARFE members of the past gave of themselves. We have current opportunities to give a gift of introducing federal workers to NARFE. It 's as simple as using a Gift Membership Application (F-85) to NARFE. It's low on calories. Think what would happen if each current NARFE member gave a gift membership during this season of giving!

The recently completed Kansas NARFE Training Seminars provided a lot of good NARFE information to many chapter members. It also provided reason for reinforcement of NARFE knowledge to those NARFE leaders who provided instruction. My thank you goes out to all who participated in the Training Seminars held in Ottawa, Chanute, Colby, Dodge City, Clay Center, Hutchinson, and Leavenworth. It is my hope, that this information will be shared with many other NARFE chapter members. Sharing this information is another way of giving.

All 46 Kansas NARFE chapters have, or will be having election of 2006 chapter leaders. My thanks go out to you who are continuing your chapter leadership and welcome to those who are coming on board as new chapter officers. I would like to urge chapter Presidents to fill the appointed committee chair positions. It is great to see the F-7's coming in with the positions of: Service Officer, Legislative, Membership, Public Relations, NARFE-NET Coordinator, NARFE-PAC, Newsletter Editor, and Alzheimer Committee Chair filled. What better way to give strength to a NARFE chapter. What a great opportunity to share your talent and receive at the same time. Chapter Presidents, **ask** your chapter members to be active on those chapter committees.

We now have the new "Zap" retractable NARFE banner coming soon. It will be another good recruiting display. Like the table top NARFE display kit, the new "Zap" retractable banner will be available to chapters for calling attention to NARFE.

On November 16th, a Ways and Means Committee Panel heard testimony from Rep Tom Davis (R-VA) sponsor of Premium Conversion Legislation, H.R. 994, to allow federal retirees to pay for their share of health insurance premiums with pre-tax annuities. Davis' testimony marked the first time that Ways and Means Subcommittee received testimony about this NARFE priority, with 283 co-sponsors.

Read your NARFE Magazine and share it with others. What better way to share conversation around a cup of coffee, than discussing what you learned from your NARFE - about your future.

Tell em about NARFE - ASK em to join.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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This is our last newsletter for calendar year 2005. It's also the last time this year I can personally ask you to support our NARFE legislative initiatives. The 109th Congress will soon go into their holiday recess, therefore it is very important that you sit at the computer, get on the telephone or write a letter to your Senators and Representative and ask that they support our priority legislation. Below is their record on our priorities this year.

	GP O/WEP Repeal S 619 HR 147	Prem. Conversion S 484 HR994
Sen. Brownback	NO	YES
Sen. Roberts	NO	NO
Rep. Moore	YES	YES
Rep. Moran	YES	YES
Rep. Ryun	NO	YES
Rep. Tiahrt	NO	NO

It should be pointed out that Senator Roberts and Representative Tiahrt supported Premium Conversion during the 108th Congress. Your correspondence should ask why they don't support it during the 109th Congress. This legislation would give the average retiree in our state over \$400.00 annually to help pay health insurance and Medicare increases. The time spent contacting our legislators is a small price to pay for

\$400.00 a year.

Please note in your correspondence that as federal retirees we pay income tax, sales tax, real estate tax, etc. Therefore we are not asking for something for nothing. We are only asking to be treated fairly. In fact active federal employees receive this benefit.

Some good news is that I have heard very little lately on HR 2290. To refresh your memory this is the legislation that would make it possible to reduce your pension 2% a year for the next 10 years in order to help balance the federal deficit. The problem we have in Kansas in that Representative Ryun is a co-sponsor of this legislation, therefore those that live in his district need to contact him and let him know that you cannot afford a reduction in your annuity, especially since the average annuity in our state is only \$1300.00 a month.

In closing, I wish you and yours a very happy and safe Holiday season. Will talk to you again next year.

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The 3rd Quarter PAC reports are in and Kansas is doing very good! At the close of the First Quarter, we were in 18th place. After 2 Quarters we were in 13th place. As of 9/30/05, Kansas is the 11th highest contributor to NARFE-PAC! WAY TO GO! Unfortunately there are still 12 Chapters with a 0 in the space for amount of contributions. I know of several groups that don't even recognize contributions unless there are at least three 0's in front of the decimal point. NARFE will provide you with a beautiful pin to wear proudly proclaiming your participation in the PAC process for only \$15.00. Who of us can't afford at least \$15.00 to protect our hard earned benefits? Better to ask Who CAN afford to gamble with our benefits. Are you aware that a recent report came out listing our retirement benefits as "ENTITLEMENTS?" That makes us sound like we are on Welfare!

I personally am outraged that anyone would classify the benefits I worked so many years to EARN, as Welfare! Before this kind of thinking develops roots and starts to grow, we must get the support of all our Legislators. PAC funds help re-elect our friends and help support the election efforts of the enemies of our enemies. I challenge every Chapter in Kansas to explain to your members why PAC is so important. If you have trouble doing that, call on your Area Vice President. If that doesn't work, call me and I will make a visit to your Chapter to explain why this is in the best interest of every retired Federal employee.
SEE THE PAC REPORTS ON PAGES 7 & 8

Some people never seem motivated to participate,
But are just content to watch while others do the work,
They are called "Speck Taters"

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The time is here already to get your completed form F-7, "Chapter Officer Roster" for the 2005-2006 year to Headquarters; the State President Donald L. Cooper; your Area Vice-President; and me. Officers do not need to be installed before the F-7 is completed and submitted.

The F-7 is the only way headquarters and I can get the correct information to your officers, so make this a priority.

The State Convention will be held in Wichita, Kansas, this year. Convention packets will be mailed to the current Secretary on my files. The Delegate At Large credentials will be mailed to the current President on my files. The delegate-at-large credential can be corrected; however, convention packets will be mailed only once.

If you have a resolution you wish to submit for a change in the bylaws (either National or State) submit the F-3A to me as soon as possible. All F-3A's must be routed through me. **Remember**, any resolution must be endorsed by your Chapter members before it can be submitted. When wording your resolution make certain it says exactly what you want. Have someone proofread and explain to you what they think it says. Many times when we write something, we understand it because we know what we're thinking. Someone else might get a complete different understanding out of those same words. Just a caution.

The training committee completed the 2005 scheduled training sessions with Area 1 and 1A. Every training session, beginning with Area 5 at Colby brought a sense of accomplishment but over that a sense of learning for the people on the training committee. Meeting with the members on their home turf gave a sense of fulfillment that cannot be duplicated in any other venue. It was such a privilege to meet new people, renew old acquaintances, and visit with all the members to get our perspectives back in order. God Bless all of you.

I did have the privilege of attending the 50th Anniversary celebration in Hutchinson, Kansas on October 12th. Congratulations to the Salt City Chapter and continued success. They had many highlights but the drawing of ten (10) scholarships for attendance at the "Back to Basics" training workshop was an outstanding gift to ten lucky members. And, I believe every one of them showed up at the training session on the 26th.

"Nothing on earth can make life worthwhile, than the sunshine and warmth of a beautiful smile."

Some people never do anything to help,
But are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters"

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The end of December I will send out the billing for Per-Capita. The billing for Per-Capita will call for the return within 30 days but as a practical matter I hope that Chapters will authorize their Treasurers in advance to pay this annual Per-Capita so they can pay it when they receive it and are thinking of it. Every year we seem to follow a pattern where almost all are paid within the first two weeks yet two or three forget and go beyond 30 days causing extra last minute work for our Federation Secretary. The Federation Secretary uses the final Per-Capita figures to authorize Chapter Delegates to the Federation Convention. I will be billing from the November Summary information.

I hope each Chapter President, Secretary, and Treasurer has shared the information on the M-114 and has the M-114 record in line with Chapter records. This is an area that always seems to need attention due to the ever-changing membership of NARFE. In addition to the hard copy that is sent to the President in April and October I encourage Chapter officers to use the on-line services of NARFE to view the M-114 and M-112. When you make a correction to your M-114 the correction will not show up on that form until the next printing of that form. You should view the M-112 at the end of each month to verify that the corrections you called or mailed in during the month have been made.

Our Federation funds remain in line with budget projections so far this year. The Federation receives the majority of its funds back from National in the form of Monthly Federation Rebates much like the chapters do for their dues paid any given month. Our other main source of revenue is the Per-Capita that each chapter pays to the Federation each year.

Edith and I wish each of you a Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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I have not had the time or energy to do much NARFE work since the last newsletter. On October 18, I went to the Shawnee Mission Hospital for a total right knee replacement. I was told it would be a 4 or 5 day stay. Well.....it turned out to be a 17 day stay. The knee surgery went well, but my medical doctor was afraid it would overdo my husband if I went home then, as Clyde has a bad heart condition.....so.....I went to the Mid America Rehab Hospital for therapy. Everything went well again and I was to go home on Friday morning. In the middle of the night I became really ill.....so they got an ambulance to take me back to the Shawnee Mission Hospital and then I got my gall bladder

removed on Tuesday November 1. That went well and I finally got home on November 4. What a long 17 days!

Everything is going well, but I sure am weak after all this. Home Health Care comes to our home for therapy now, three times a week. They say I'm doing fine. Sure hope my strength gets back soon so I can get out to see the NARFE chapters rather than looking at the four walls and out the window!

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Areas 1 and 1-A hosted a Training Seminar in Leavenworth on October 27. Federation Officers were the presenters. Members attending felt the seminar was highly successful. Four chapters from Area 1-A were present: Pony Express 1948; Sunflower 1160; Brown County 2164; and Buffalo Bill 27. There were 51 participants including the Federation officers.

A visit was made to Brown County 2164 on November 17. We had a great lunch and very informative meeting and I was able to swear in the newly elected officers for the coming year.

Copies of e-mails I received from John Surritte (NARFE Lapsed Cosponsor) and Don Cooper (October 25 (Gain/Loss Report) were forwarded to chapters in Area 1-A. Also, a list of names of USDA/FSA employees who registered to win a free membership at the FSA State Convention on 10/15/05 was sent to each chapter for recruitment purposes.

Chapters in Area 1-A are reminded to send me a current copy of their F-7 Form and their newsletter (if they have one).

Happy Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone peace and happiness at Christmas and the New Year.

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Two chapters have reported they have completed their elections at the time of this report. They are Emporia Chapter #384 and Iola Chapter #2077. Both have elected new presidents which will be reported with the other three chapters in the next Federation Newsletter.

The Iola Chapter #2077 celebrated its 20th Anniversary in October with Federation President, Don Cooper as guest speaker. Chapter members were present from the Ft. Scott Chapter and the Chanute Chapter to help celebrate the 20th Anniversary. An anniversary cake was served to the group and the 20 years of History in two scrap books was put

on display to show the activities of the chapter during the past 20 years.

The Osage City Chapter #2099, which has been on vacation this summer has again started its monthly meetings. Tri-River Chapter #2098 will have their new officers installed at the December meeting by the Area Vice President. The Area Vice President is making plans to visit The Ottawa Chapter #784 the early part of the year 2006

KANSAS TRAINING SEMINARS

The Seventh Training Seminar for the year 2005 was held at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas the latter part of October. Two other seminars were held in October with one at Hutchinson, and one at Clay Center, Kansas. Earlier in the year seminars were conducted at Ottawa, and Chanute in the spring followed by one at Colby and one at Dodge City during the summer months. All seminars were well attended, and Richard Thissen, National Field President was able to attend all of them except for the last one. We "Thank" Richard for his support.

Kansas has been the only state in Region V, a seven state region to undertake such a venture this year. Three NARFE Members from Nebraska came to Kansas to attend the seminar at Hutchinson, something they hope to do in the future.

Thanks goes to all who attended the seminars, to the Area Vice Presidents "Your Area Vice Presidents" for doing the ground work on securing a site, making the arrangements for lunch, notifying chapters, handling the registration and the list goes on and on. Thanks goes to Carol Ek, Federation Secretary for putting the training materials together for hand-out on the later seminars. Thanks goes to all the Trainer, who used their talents, contributed some expense and much of their time in the year 2005 to prepare lesson outlines, to travel to the seminars, and make their presentations. Time that they could have used for vacations, travel, family visits, you name it. Some of those that should be recognized are John Lancaster, Jodine Elwick, Gary Townson, Carol Ek, Jim Miller, John Surritte, Linda Surritte, and President Don Cooper who said lets do it. Oh Yes. When you see your area Vice President, Thank them, for making the local arrangements.-----

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It never fails to amaze me when I read the questions and answers in our monthly NARFE magazine. Some are questions I have never even thought about but it is a problem for at least one person and likely many more.

When I visit chapters I never fail to have one or more persons who ask me a question about something I have presented or about a problem they are having in dealing with health insurance, retirement benefits, dues withholding, etc.

I realize some of our chapters need outside resources to help with problems. As Federation Officers we all have the privilege of getting training and exposure to a wider range of information than the average chapter member. So far, I have had the knowledge to answer the questions but I know if I get stumped we have within our Federation, region or national office someone who can and will give me an answer.

One of the joys of serving as an Area V.P. is the direct interaction with so many different people. I have had a couple members ask how NARFE is different from one of the large national senior citizen organization. I have explained that we are a grass roots organization where the individuals vote for the positions we take several causes while the other organization is run from the top down with the national officers making the decisions. They tell the members what they have done and publicize that they have so many members supporting their cause. I am so thankful that I have the opportunity to contact my legislators directly concerning a proposed bill or position they are taking and let them know how I want them to vote. I encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity and not leave it to someone else. If you have not contacted your legislators in the past week or ten days, do it now. They have a lot to think about and they all seem to have short memories!

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Happy Holidays NARFE Members

I was pleased that we filled the room for our "Back To the Basics" Training held in Clay Center on October 13, 2005. Every critique from the attendees stated that the training was worthwhile and the food was excellent. I wish that all the chapters in my area would have been able to attend.

Don Cooper, President of the Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters, and I were privileged to attend the special recruitment meeting held in Concordia on October 22, 2005. So that the invited guest could attend they changed their meeting time from their normal luncheon meeting to an evening meeting. Although it sounds boastful, Don and I make a good speaking team. This chapter applied for matching funds from National to assist with their recruiting efforts. The chapter members were pleased that they were able to recruit three new members into their chapter.

Now that the holidays are here and time and money become short, it is a good time to remind everyone that when you use dues withholding you pay the least amount for your invaluable NARFE membership without fuss and muss. The amount of dues withhold is \$2.05 for national and only a few cents more for your chapter dues which varies depending upon the amount of your chapter dues. Believe it or not, the

members who have joined the dues withholding program report that the amount has been withdrawn without any disruption to their annuity. With dues withholding, you will be able to save money because the dues collected are at the lowest rate, you'll save postage, and you won't have to bother writing a check. National benefits, also. Their paperwork is less and they save postage, too. So, I urge you to jump onto the dues withholding program. Continuation of NARFE membership is the best gift you can give yourself.

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The last time I reported about having an Area IV Workshop. This was held here in Hutchinson on 26 October and turned out to be a great success. I am pleased for the cooperation from the personnel who attended. There were 49 reservations made and 48 were in attendance. I had many comments regarding the facility. In-as-much as Gale Beck has returned to me the results of the comments, I shall report them so others may compare. There were 33 surveys turned in as follows.

Evaluations by	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Program topic	29	4		
Program content	26	7		
Handout Material	29	4		
Meeting Facility	30	2	1	
Lunch	19	13	1	

Some extra effort is necessary to get ready for something like this but by living at this facility, much of the smaller details are part of the fringe benefits. I appreciate the comments from several of the attendees for having the street markings to the proper area of the Workshop. The attendance of all who attended was what made this successful. I thank all who came and I especially want to thank the Presenters. I know they needed to do lots more work in getting ready for this kind of meeting. I was especially gratified to have representatives from four of five Chapters in Area IV. Also, We had three persons from Nebraska who wanted to attend and observe our procedures for having a Workshop of this kind.

A report on my recovery. As some of you knew, I had both knees replaced during the Summer and I can report that I am able to see sunlight at the end of the tunnel. I can walk without any assistance of a walker or cane. I am able to drive and am becoming much more active. I wish to thank those who sent cards during my convalescence. I hope to make visits to all of the Chapters again before State Convention time in April.

I wish to commend the Winfield-Ark City chapter in the gains of Membership in their Chapter. They now have several new Officers but I commend Edgar Brewer in carrying on and putting new life in that area.. **GOOD WORK ED!**

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With election of officers and committee chair appointments for the 2006 year brings the preparation of F-7's "Chapter Officer's Roster". Chapter secretaries are encouraged to notify the National Office, Federation President and Secretary as soon as your election is held of the Chapter Officers for 2006. It is an encouraged goal to have a copy of the "Chapter Officer's Roster" in the hands of the Federation Secretary by December 1, 2005.

The halls of Congress makes for a degree of frustration but not for discouragement. We as NARFE members need to keep up our communication with our Congressman and especially our Senators in support of our legislative calendar Premium Conversion and GPO/WEP repeal. Maybe 2006 calendar year will bring what prior years have not and that is passage of NARFE priority legislation.

As we prepare and experience the upcoming holiday season Area V extends to all NARFE members the blessings of Thanksgiving and the joys and happiness of Christmas.

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I attended the Kansas Federation of NARFE chapters Executive Board Meeting on October 25, 2005 in Wichita. I sent a report to each chapter in the area and have visited each chapter in Area VI within the last two months.

Alice Frey, President of Ulysses Chapter 2086 issues a very good newsletter to her chapter. They meet 4 times a year and their next meeting will be on January 11, 2006.

Great Bend Chapter 1709 has a good newsletter editor in Bill Van Skyke. Chapter 1709 is a nice strong chapter.

Chapter 1995 in Garden City needs some more new members and it is a very nice chapter and it is fun to visit with them.

Richard Goodnough, President of chapter 1873 in Dodge City is also attempting to recruit new members.

I mentioned in the last newsletter about the two deaths in Chapter 1996 in Scott City and they are still without a president. The chapter does have a new CFE member and two dropped members have renewed through dues withholding. (Saves money and we don't have to remember to send in our dues)

Personal note: I will be out of action for the next 6 to 8 weeks due to back surgery.

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Although the KS Legislature is adjourned, several committees have been meeting and will submit their recommendations when the full Legislature convenes in January. Two items have been added to the budget burdens, already overloaded with the public school financing issues. First, the KS Board of Regents, on November 17, asked the Legislature to approve increases in sales taxes and property taxes to fund \$ 70 million a year in repairs to buildings at the state's universities. The proposed tax increases fall in an election year, so make your own guess as to approval.

Second, one committee recommendation will deal more harshly with sex offenders, and that opens the door for election year rhetoric, posturing and straying from actual issues to emotional side tracks. It all makes for good campaigning though. Stay tuned, as January will be packed with such fun and games.

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Greetings from your State Service Officer: Happy Holidays to all of our Great NARFE Members!

This is a wonderful season as we think of all of our family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for and often don't really appreciate our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

The "Open Season" for Health Benefits coverage is upon us with the effective dates for making any changes are Monday, November 14 and will end Monday, December 12, 2005, and will be effective January 1, 2006. The premiums will be reflected in your annuity payments in February 1, 2006. You should have received your brochure on the plan under which you are currently covered. There may be some changes in your current plan that your need to carefully review to make sure you are still getting the coverage you need. If you wish additional brochures on other plans you may call the Office of Personnel Management @ 1-888-767-6738. This is a toll free number. It is suggested you call between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for easiest access. If you desire to retain your present coverage, you **need to do nothing**. It is also recommended that retirees covered under Medicare and a Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan that you do not need to enroll in the Part D Medicare Drug plan as your coverage under the Federal Plan provides better coverage than Medicare Part D drug coverage. Your November 2005 NARFE Magazine carries some of the 2006 FEHBP rates as well as Health Benefits Questions and Answers.

The NARFE Hotline (www.narfe.org) provides weekly legislative messages to keep us updated on legisla-

tion that affects us. I cannot express how important that it is to contact your Senators and Representatives to let them know your opinion and desires for their support for legislation affecting us. Your Chapter Legislation Chairman should also keep you updated on important legislation and letting you know to contact your Legislators.

If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me as I will assist you in anyway that I can.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

KANSAS ALZHEIMER'S CHAIR

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Through the end of October, the Kansas chapters have donated a total of \$15,513.92 which computes to \$2.89 per member. Our Federation goal for 2005 is \$3.25 per member. Thank You to all.

Special recognition goes to Tri-River Chapter 2098. They held their annual chapter auction and raised \$1,057.50 for Alzheimer's Research. They have great chapter participation and enthusiasm. Thanks to those who organized this activity and those who donated and purchased items.

Speaking of auctions, keep your eyes open for items that you could bring for the live and silent auctions to be held at our state convention coming up in April...more on this later.

You may be interested to know that there is a proposal to issue an Alzheimer's US Postal stamp. This would help to raise public awareness of the disease. Also, part of the price of this stamp would be used for Alzheimer's research. You may want to correspond with your Congressman to support House Resolution 466.

Just for fun:

"Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground."

--Author Unknown

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I added approximately 186 new names to the KS NARFE net list using the latest NARFE HQ semiannual membership report. When I sent out the last KS Net message, over 50 of those names came back as invalid e-mail addresses. If you know of anyone who has changed servers or e-mail names please tell them to be sure to go to the NARFE HQ web site and change the e-mail address or they will not receive any of the HQ messages.

We wish to thank those who have sent us their new e-mail addresses when they change servers. This makes it considerably easier to maintain the accuracy of the KS NARFE net list.

I have changed the format of the information on

the web from 1st VP John Surritte to partly PDF format. This way any future messages from him will be accessible from the same page. (KS Home page line #38).

Any Federation or Chapter officer that would like to have a "web page" on the KSNARFE.org web site please let me know. The only restriction to information on the web site would be that it should be NARFE related and supported and be non commercial.

Best holiday wishes to all current and future NARFE members.

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Public Relations: Congratulations to Ann Scuitte of Chapter 380 for being awarded the Kroger Community Service Award for the Dillon's store #53. As the winner of this award, Ann received a certificate and a donation of \$500.00 was made to the charity of her choice. Congratulations Ann!

Editor: As Editor, I wish to express our sorrow to the Brownell family on the passing of Dr. Brownell. Bill was editor just prior to my being assigned the position. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Barbara and her family.

Immediate Past President: As Immediate Past Federation President, it becomes my responsibility to chair the nomination committee at the convention. Our goal is to have at least two names for each of the convention elected positions. This is the President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, and the Secretary and Treasurer.

As of this writing, we don't know for sure if all of the incumbents will be candidates for these positions, but we hope so. **If I can be President, anybody can do the job.** Look around your chapter, mention it at the chapter meetings, or send me the name of any person you feel would be good in one of the positions. I will contact them if you feel they could do the job.

Convention Co-Chair: Secretary Ek will be getting the forms out for convention registration before long. Be sure your secretary gets the papers completed and submitted back to Carol on time. Chapter 138 is holding the registration and meal prices the same as last year. When the forms are distributed, have your delegates send them in as soon as possible. Let's have a good attendance again in Wichita.

Best wishes for the Christmas season and the best of wishes to all for the New Year.



Seasons Greetings from your Federation Board! May each of you and your members have a prosperous New Year.

God Bless America!

PAC REPORT FROM VP TOWNSON: (From page 2)
NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS -2006 CYCLE
THIRD QUARTER 2005-2006 CYCLE
Period 1/1/2005 to 9/30/2005

REGION V

STATE	# Contributors	AMOUNT	
MO	154	\$ 3,831.25	\$ 3,831.25
KS	244	\$ 3,817.75	\$ 3,817.75
MN	128	\$ 3,066.00	\$ - 13.50
IA	91	\$ 2,160.00	
ND	87	\$ 1,629.50	
NE	61	\$ 1,265.00	
SD	35	\$ 815.00	
Total	800	\$16,584.50	

LOCATION-	CHAPTER-CONTRIBUTORS--		AMOUNT
TOPEKA	2	26	\$485.00
BUFFALO BILL	27	19	\$315.00
WICHITA	138	77	\$609.00
SALINA	280	1	\$50.00
KAW - BLUE	366	21	\$320.00
LAWRENCE	378	4	\$90.00
OLD TROOPER	383	2	\$60.00
EMPORIA	384	4	\$65.00
HUTCHINSON	537	13	\$202.00
PITTSBURG	550	1	\$25.00
ATCHINSON	621	0	\$-
CROSSROADS	739	4	\$80.00
COWLEY COUNTY KS	757	2	\$35.00
OTTAWA	785	1	\$15.00
BOURBON COUNTY	792	1	\$25.00
CHANUTE	799	2	\$35.00
SUNFLOWER	1160	2	\$35.00
SHAWNEE MISSION	1162	8	\$355.00
GOLDEN BELT	1709	1	\$15.00
INDEPENDENCE KS	1763	0	\$-
HEART OF AMERICA	1794	5	\$135.00
HIGH PLAINS	1873	0	\$-
TRI-COUNTY	1933	1	\$20.00
NINESCAH VALLEY	1939	0	\$-
BLACK SQUIRREL	1947	0	\$-
PONY EXPRESS	1948	1	\$15.00
GOODLAND	1991	0	\$-
GARDEN CITY	1995	1	\$15.00
SCOTT CITY	1996	0	\$-
CLAY CENTER	1998	0	\$-
LOGAN COUNTY	2032	4	\$95.00
CUSTER 7TH CAV	2050	2	\$30.00
OBERLIN KS	2053	0	\$-
IOLA	2077	6	\$100.00
SOLOMON VALLEY	2085	1	\$25.00
ULYSSES	2086	1	\$25.00
TRI-RIVER	2098	11	\$175.00
OSAGE CITY KS	2099	0	\$-
FREDONIA	2100	0	\$-
DONIPHAN COUNTY	2136	7	\$62.00
CHISHOLM TRAIL	2137	1	\$74.75
BROWN COUNTY	2164	2	\$25.00
JACKSON COUNTY	2215	7	\$110.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY	2231	4	\$90.00
COFFEYVILLE	2257	0	\$-
COLBY KS	2291	2	\$30.00
Total		245	\$3,842.75

NATIONAL

STATE	# Contributors	AMOUNT
CA	703	\$18,293.00
TX	360	\$9,261.00
FL	299	\$8,430.00
VA	264	\$8,127.00
PA	335	\$6,798.00
MD	222	\$6,524.00
WA	194	\$5,289.00
IL	168	\$4,144.00
AZ	160	\$3,835.00
MO	154	\$3,831.25
KS	244	\$3,817.75
OH	198	\$3,776.50
NC	176	\$3,767.44
NY	151	\$3,124.00
MN	128	\$3,066.00
GA	149	\$2,969.00
TN	95	\$2,565.00
NJ	120	\$2,362.00
MA	114	\$2,276.00
MI	102	\$2,253.00
IN	92	\$2,224.60
OR	89	\$2,206.00
AL	111	\$2,206.00
CO	79	\$2,197.00
IA	91	\$2,160.00
WI	93	\$2,132.70
KY	93	\$1,870.00
OK	97	\$1,712.00
WV	70	\$1,702.00
HI	78	\$1,665.00
ND	87	\$1,629.50
DC	36	\$1,515.00
SC	75	\$1,475.00
ID	56	\$1,425.00
NE	61	\$1,265.00
LA	57	\$1,253.00
NV	64	\$1,246.00
MS	53	\$1,207.00
SD	35	\$815.00
NM	38	\$765.00
UT	28	\$762.00
AR	46	\$676.15
MT	29	\$650.00
ME	18	\$565.00
NH	26	\$493.00
CT	22	\$450.00
MISC includes overseas	10	\$386.00
DE	14	\$361.00
AK	10	\$335.00
RI	15	\$235.00
PR	8	\$145.00
RP	1	\$100.00
VT	3	\$85.00
WY	1	\$50.00
PHI	0	\$-
GU	0	\$-
VI	0	\$-
TOTAL	6022	\$142,472.89

“TATER PEOPLE”
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Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but they don’t want to soil their own hands,
They are called “DICK TATERS”

Some people are always looking to cause problems
By asking others to agree with them. It is too hot,
Or too cold, too sour, or too sweet.
They are called “AGIE TATERS”

There are those who will help,
But somehow just never get around to actually doing the
promised help,
They are called “HEZZIE TATERS”

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be
Someone they are not.
They are called ‘EMMA TATERS”

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand.
They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.
They are called “SWEET TATERS”

If you know any “SWEET TATERS” tell them thanks!
By logic of reason, You must there fore be a
“SWEET TATER”

***DON'T BE A TATER PERSON UNLESS IT IS A
“SWEET TATER”!***

Don’t forget to make your
Reservations and send
In your registration for
The 52nd Annual
KANSAS NARFE
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In Wichita
From April 23-25, 2006

