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Greetings to all for the new year.

The need for an active and viable NARFE organization is as important as it has ever been.

The close of 2004 brought out the opening of 2005. It meant chapters were seeking chapter leaders. Many of the 2004 chapter leaders are the 2005 chapter leaders. I thank you for continuing the important job of maintaining a viable NARFE chapter. I extend a warm welcome to all new leaders in our chapters. The function of the NARFE organization begins at the chapter level.

Without the backing of chapters, the national NARFE does not have the strength to defend our individual Federal Annuity from the erosion of our earned benefits.

Now is the time to set your sights on goals for 2005. How many contacts will be made with your Congressional members that represent you in the 109th Congress. How many new chapter members will we gain. How will we best serve the current members of the Chapter. The list can go on. Time waits for no one. Make conscience efforts to have a successful year. Urge your members to read their NARFE magazine to learn the latest efforts being carried out to protect our earned benefits.

Your chapters will be selecting delegates to the Kansas Federation Annual Convention. Make every effort to be fully represented at the April 24th - 26th Convention being held in Kansas City, Kansas.

Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters now have one less Chapter. Olathe Chapter closed during December. The membership was transferred to the Shawnee Mission Chapter. I wish the enlarged Chapter well.

Federation Training Officer Gale Beck held a Chapter Officers Training Seminar on January 24 at Chanute. He also has sessions planned for Area 5 and for Area 6. Training Officer Beck has enlisted the aid of former Federation Officers, present Federation Officers and the Region V Field Vice President. I hope the Chapter leadership of those Areas will take full advantage of the opportunity to strengthen the chapter effectiveness.

Membership is an important part of NARFE. Seek new members by asking. Ask the persons you suspect may be eligible for NARFE membership, if they are currently members. If they are not a NARFE member, ASK them to become a member. So often, we don't get and retain members if we don't ASK.

We have many opportunities available to all of us and it is my hope that we will take the responsibility of making the very best of 2005.

Since the November elections, I have been scanning newspaper articles and television reports on just what the Bush Administration and Congress have in mind for 2005 which might affect our retirement benefits. While I might be wrong, I believe changes to the present Social Security Program would not be beneficial to Federal Retirees. Both NARFE and AARP have come out against this proposal. I believe they are correct. Why dramatically change a program which has provided security to literally millions of Americans since the late 1930's.

In the last Federation Newsletter, I suggested that Chapters prepare a memo to send to our Congressional Senators and Representatives asking that they support NARFE's Legislative priorities. I believe this is a must. I have, with my wife's assistance, prepared a memo for the Lawrence Chapter members to sign at our January meeting. In it we ask our Congressional Delegation to pledge not to reduce our retiree's benefits in order to improve the Federal Fiscal situation. We all worked hard to attain our retirements. We are proud of our Federal Service and EXPECT them to honor the promises made to us for our service to our country.

In closing, please remember the NARFE Legislative Conference scheduled for February 26th through March 1st. Information on the conference is detailed on pages 16 & 17 in the December issue of NARFE's magazine. If your chapter plans on sending a member let them know I will be scheduling the individual meetings with our Senators and Representatives the first week of February. They can contact me at jfsurritte @HOTMAIL.com after February 15th and I will send them a copy of our meetings agenda.

Remember, now is the time to be alert and vigilant. What happens on the national legislative front this year is more important than ever to our future.

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I recently received the following NARFE-PAC Reports covering the two year cycle from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. Along with the lists of numbers, there were some interesting facts. There were over 20 thousand more contributors during this cycle than during the 2001-2002 cycle. The average contribution was \$19.44, also an increase from recent cycles. Since this is the first cycle I have been involved with NARFE-PAC, I don't have information on how well Kansas did in comparison to itself in prior cycles but I am confi-

dent these numbers also reflected an increase. Kansas contributed \$19,063.40 during the last cycle and our National Candidates received \$9,000.00 toward their 2004 Campaigns. (THE REPORT IS ON PAGE 6)

One thing that disturbed me was the statement accompanying this information. Judy Park is the NARFE Legislative Director. She stated "Members should never be in the dark about NARFE-PAC income and distributions, yet many chapter officers tell us they never receive this NARFE-PAC information." All we at the Federation level can do is provide the information to you at the Chapter level. We can not come out and tell every member about PAC. That is the duty of the Chapter officers. Remember, disclosure is the key to donor confidence, and confidence is the key to more donors. On a personal note, I am looking forward to attending the NARFE Legislative Training Conference in Washington DC, the end of February. I hope to bring back encouraging information to all of you.

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Changes: Area 3

Form F-7 for Chapter 1933 has been received for 2005 with no changes in officers.

Thank you to all Chapters who did send the F-7, "Chapter Officer Roster", in timely. By this time all Chapter Presidents and Secretaries should have received the roster for the entire State and subsequent corrections for all Chapters except two. Share these rosters with your officers and members so they can share ideas and possible visits with other members in the State. I never visit with another Chapter that I haven't gotten some good idea to carry home to try to make my home Chapter a little better. It's always rewarding to share ideas and meet new friends.

December 16, 2004, Chapter 1994, Olathe officially merged with Chapter 1162, Shawnee Mission. The closure of another Chapter doesn't necessarily mean a loss of membership as all memberships transferred at the same time. History has shown that every time a Chapter closes we have lost members when their current membership expires. This is another reason we must do everything we can to prevent Chapters from closing by becoming officers and making a real push to create "one-on-one" contact with eligible current and retired employees to become new members. We must have officers and membership to maintain a viable organization.

"Call to Convention" packets were mailed to all Federation Officers, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Secretaries. Packets included all forms and driving directions which should be needed to make your plans for attendance. Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, has been working very hard to make your visit pleasant and rewarding. Please make every effort to return the delegate, request for assignment to a committee, awards, and memorial listing by the dates shown on each form. A lot of long days and hard work goes into making assignments, preparing necessary reports and agendas, and meeting with committees to meet the deadline dates required for a successful convention. Re-

member, you must make your hotel reservations by telephoning 1-800-445-8667 or 1-913-342-7900 or faxing 1-913-342-7901 by March 24, 2005.

If I can be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to call, e-mail or send a FAX. If I'm not available at the time, I will get back to you.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CONVENTION!

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They say timing is everything. It's true, I should have written a reminder about the change in the Federation By-Laws in the last newsletter. Many of you remember that at our last Federation Convention we adopted new by-laws. One area that was clarified was Article VIII, Section 1, Revenues and Expenses. The change made it easy to establish the exact per capita due from each chapter since we are now all using Headquarters information that is relayed to the President each December. Luckily only two chapters followed the practice of previous years.

I want to thank all the Treasurers for getting the Per Capita sent in to me in a timely manner.

I have checked with a local auctioneer and he will again supply the bid cards and tear sheets for the Alzheimer's auction at the Federation Convention in Kansas City, Kansas, April 24

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The news is already out so I don't know what to say about Public Relations except that there has been no mention of the electricity being out at my house for 23 hours. After our chapter meeting today and talking with members whose power was out for up to 6 days, there is nothing for me to complain about in that area. My pneumonia (presently cured) and broken toe (mending) are all the other excitement from down south.

On the serious note, I have a pin with Uncle Sam pointing his finger and saying, "I want you!" This means that since I have the opportunity to chair the Nomination Committee at the convention I will be there and "I want you" to be a candidate for an office. But, the Nomination committee, to be effective, needs persons to interview. We have five (5) positions which are elected at the convention and eight to be elected at caucus. I am concerned about the five to be elected at convention.

If you, or any member in your chapter has a desire to help NARFE (or know someone who might be interested) by becoming an officer, please let me know. You can email me or call me at the numbers listed above. Our committee will probably not be too severe in our questioning you (or them) when we meet. If NARFE is to remain viable, we need members to step forward and volunteer.

God Bless NARFE and the USA.

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A New Year has begun and new chapter officers are in place. If a 66 year old woman can give birth, then we have no more excuses for not doubling our membership, **this year!**

Membership chairs need to contact members receiving their second notice. Don't wait for members to be dropped before making contact. Also, pay close attention to the **expire date on the M-112**. Members receiving the 2nd notice have been seen with expiration dates a year, or two in the future. This caution also applies to dropped members on the M-112. I suspect that National has received the members renewal (hence the new expire date) but has not purged the name from the list.

Make sure all members are getting the information on the 2005 Federation Convention. Most of us in Area 1 could commute to KC, KS. However, to be there early on Monday AM (and to attend the Alzheimer's Auction) many of us will stay at the hotel on Sunday night. It would be great if Area 1 chapters sent 100% of voting delegates allotted plus a few more for the smaller chapters.

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Area 2 chapters have completed their election of new chapter officers for the year 2005. I want to recognize those who have assumed the key officer positions as "New Officers". Emporia Chapter #364. James Gray has step forward and will be the Treasurer, replacing George Ford who with his wife Ruth has moved to Newton. Iola Chapter 2077, Joann E. Maxwell will be the new Secretary replacing Marilyn Weide of Yates Center and Helen L. Ambler, Treasurer replacing Lillian Qualls. Osage City Chapter #2099, no changes; Ottawa Chapter, #384, our oldest chapter as you can tell by its number. L. Maxine Brown is the new President replacing John Humerickhouse and John C. Elder the new Vice President; Tri-River Chapter #2098, John M. McCoy is the new President, Clifford Wright, 1st Vice President and Tommy Darrell Williams, Treasurer.

Those who have continued in their current offices, whether they are officers or serve on committee's are to be commended for continuing to contribute of their talents to NARFE. And again, "Thanks" to all whether you are in Area 2 or in another chapter or area for continuing to give of not only

your talents but years of your life to NARFE.

Tri-River Chapter #2098 is to be commended for having recruited 48.17% of their potential members. They have only been outdone by Colby Chapter #2291 which is the youngest organized chapter in Kansas in October 1994 I challenge other chapters to get these percentages as a membership goal for the year 2005-06. (Just as a curious note I checked to see who the Federation President was at the beginning of 1994 and at the end of 1994?) Emporia Chapter #384 should be recognized for 41.8% of their membership is on Dues Withholding.

Membership: Are we really spreading the word to potential NARFE Members, working Federal Employees. I visited with a Federal Retiree a few days ago, who has retired and he joined NARFE. He said he had never heard of NARFE until a few years ago, "that NARFE was the best kept secret in town."

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As I have visited each of the six NARFE chapters in Area 2A it appears that each has a similar problem. That problem is not enough dedicated members within the chapter who are willing (or able in some cases) to take on a leadership role. Gratefully, this is not the case in all chapters.

I feel that there are answers to this problem if we can effectively communicate with those members. The first problem I observe is that some members feel they are not qualified or do not understand enough about the position they are asked to fill, so they refuse to become involved. Training can help solve this problem. Area 2A offered leadership training on January 24 at Chanute for our six chapters. You are likely reading this after that date. Another chance of receiving training will be at our State Federation meeting in Kansas City, Kansas April 24-26 of this year. I encourage each of you reading this to invite persons that could make good officers in chapters or the Federation to attend the meeting in Kansas city. Knowledge will be shared that could interest those attending and result in them becoming capable leader in the future.

A second problem observed is the lack of bringing new members into the chapters. I know this is difficult, but not impossible. If chapter members will carry information and applications forms and give this information to prospects, some will join our forces. The average age of those attending chapter meetings must be near 80 years of age. I am not opposed to our older members having the leadership, but time has a way of taking them away, and then who will carry on to lead the chapter. Recruitment and retention are things that every chapter needs to talk about whenever they are together.

Encourage chapter members to think of one person they know who is either working for the federal government or has retired from civil service and talk to that one person, showing them why they need to be a member to protect their future benefits. Members will be added one at a time!

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Winter weather has arrived in Area V in 2005. The receipt of moisture is welcome but high temperatures in the 20's are cold. The good news is the saying 'if you don't like the weather in Kansas, just wait a day and it will change,' so we know warmer temperatures will start arriving soon.

Mark your calendar for March 8, 2005, to be in Colby, KS. Federation Training Officer Gale Beck is planning an Officer Training Meeting for all Area V chapter members. All the details of the training have not been worked out but we know it will be very informative, educational and enjoyable. Regional and State NARFE Officers will be present to share information and training with the group. Each Chapter in the Area will receive the training schedule as soon as finalized.

State Federation Convention packets should be in the hands of each Chapter. To make it possible for an effective and enjoyable State Convention, Chapters need to complete all required reports in a timely manner. Each Chapter member is encouraged to assist the Chapter Officers in getting the reports for your Chapter submitted. State Convention is at the Hilton Garden Inn / Reardon Convention Center, Kansas City, Kansas, April 24-26, 2005. Plan now to see friends and make new NARFE friends by being in attendance.

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Great Bend, Chapter 1709, will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on March 10, 2005, by honoring all of its charter members. Many Federation and Regional officers will be in attendance.

Chapter Presidents in Area 6, circle March 9, 2005, on your calendar.

Kansas NARFE, Area 6, will hold a workshop in Dodge City. "Back to Basics" is the theme. Urge all members of your chapter to attend. Hear about the organizational structure of NARFE, chapter office duties, and best of all obtain Membership Services information. Federation Officers and

our National Regional Vice-President will conduct the workshop.

On January 4, Rep. McKeon (R-CA) again introduced legislation, H.R. 147, to repeal both the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. Now is the time to contact your Legislators to get on board.

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1. December and January Seasons were great! I was pleased to be invited to two December Chapters Holiday-Meetings: Chanute #799 and Sunflower (Kansas City) #1160, and of course, my own Topeka Chapter #02 too. "Thanks, one and all."

2. Great News: The national Executive Board approved to continue the \$8.00 Finder's Fee, for 2005, for members who recruit new Current Federal Employees (CFEs). Recruiters must continue to write their I.D. number and Chapter number on the CFEs Membership Applications Forms, in order to receive their award.

3. January NARFE Retirement Life Magazine: Page 50: Dan Galvan, Ph.D., National Vice President, explained the NARFE Scholarship for NARFE members: grandparents, great-grandparents or step-parent children, whose high school seniors may be eligible for the NARFE Scholarship Forms Please read that page.

Page 51: David Sullivan, National Secretary. Please read his article and then on the same page because he asked Topeka's Chapter #02 Newsletter Editor, Bill Brownell's permission for the article that Bill wrote for his Chapter, "Welcome Newcomers".

4. Food for Thought:

a. Are your Chapter's supplies for NARFE, well-stabled or is your supply getting low? If the supplies are low, then it's time to order more F-18 Requisition Printed Supplies from NARFE from the Mailroom's supplies, e-mail to: mailorder@narfe.org or send a F-18 with your request and mail to: NARFE Mailroom;606 North Washington St; Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1914.

b. Do you still have your January NARFE Magazine? If not, then ask another member to give you their magazine. But better yet, keep your magazines for several months. If an annuitant and spouse both receive a NARFE Magazine, keep one copy and take another copy, each month, to your dentist or doctor because this is one place that federal employees will be able to read about NARFE.

Contact Barbara Brownell for help in various Membership items.

My computer will soon be fixed, possibly sooner than you receive this Newsletter.

(Editor's note: Barbara's new email address is above)

STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

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The KS Legislature arrived in Topeka, along with a nasty ice storm that affected much of the state. Several legislators were delayed due to accidents enroute. It didn't take long for the gloves to come off and for the different factions of the GOP to take a few swings at each other, plus saving some solid swings at Governor Sebelius, from House Speaker Doug Mays(R-Topeka)

So far, most of the early action has been in the form of bonfires and smoke screens. Emotional issues of opposition to gay marriage; increasing the taxes on tobacco to fund increased health care for uninsured Kansans; repeal or revision of the " Clunker " tax; legislation to curb wholesale purchases of cold remedies that go to fuel Meth labs, and rival GOP health planning have grabbed most of the headlines.

Unless this legislature is willing to dodge education funding issues all the way to adjournment, then pass off to the courts, taxes and spending will soon HAVE to be on the front burners. A tip of my hat to Ron Richey, Topeka Chapter 0002. Ron has offered his younger legs and enthusiasm in walking the halls of the Capitol building. There's always room for several more, and there is safety in numbers, as long as the numbers are singing off the same page ! If you're interested in a day, a few hours, or the entire session ? Let me know !

IF you don't know who your Senate or House member is ? Check your CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. That little card has a wealth of political information ! (Our state Senator is # 20; our Representative is # 51 in the guide) You can contact them in the same way you contact our national Representatives.

The Topeka Capital- Journal has a FREE online service ! Their ad states " For complete coverage, including insider columns, legislative biographies and committee assignments." Click on legislature.cjonline.com. It has been stated, by politicians on both sides of the aisle, that this could be one of the most important sessions in KS history. They may be right on target, if not on schedule. And what they decide and vote on, could have serious financial results for NARFE members. As for the non-member ? They could probably care less ? Nah !

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Greetings from your State Service Officer. The New Year has dawned and we are looking to a prospect for a better 2005. We feel that God has been with us during 2004 as my husband, Ray, has been in the hospital six times. We are faced with yet another trip to the hospital when he will receive a replacement three wire pacemaker. I appreciate John Lancaster helping me out with the last newsletter article.

"Thank You, John!"

We've survived the icy weather and clean-up of our city is still under way. The weather is much improved and we feel blessed when can enjoy it.

We are facing a new Congress who will be considering a number of bills that can affect our retirement and benefits. As Federal Retirees we must keep abreast of any pending legislation that will affect us. The sad part is that the majority of the proposed legislation reduces benefits, the amount of the percentages of the COLAs we receive and the amount of annuity due to retirees. Watch your newspaper, listen to your programs on TV on legislation and most of all your NARFE Retirement Life is an excellent source for pending legislation and its effects on us. The Legislative Hotline has the following toll free (24 hours) Number: 877-217-8234 or you may contact them by E-mail at the Legislative Action Center: www.narfe.org if you have questions about any pending legislation. The threats are real and cannot be taken lightly and we as retirees must let our Congress know that this legislation is not acceptable.

Some of our CSRS Retirees are eligible for and are receiving Social Security. FERS retirees are eligible for Social Security.

If a Social Security beneficiary dies, there are several steps a family member or other person responsible for the beneficiary's affairs should promptly notify Social Security of the beneficiary's death by calling the Social Security Administration toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213.

If monthly benefits were being paid via direct deposit, notify the bank or other financial institution of the beneficiary's death. Request that any funds received for the month of death and later be returned to Social Security as soon as possible.

If benefits were being paid check, **DO NOT CASH** any checks received for the month in which the beneficiary or thereafter. Return the checks to Social Security as soon as possible.

A one-time payment of \$255 is payable to the surviving spouse if he or she was living with the beneficiary at the time of death, or if living apart, was receiving Social Security Benefits on the benefits on the beneficiary's earnings record in the month of death.

Benefits for Survivors: Monthly survivors' benefits can be paid to certain family members, including the beneficiary's widow or widower, dependent children and dependent parents. The following booklets contain more information about filing for benefits and can be obtained by mail by calling the toll-free SSA number above: Survivors Benefits, Publication No. 05-10084 and Social Security: Understanding the Benefits, Publication No. 05-10024. Again, I refer you to the Retirement Life publication which always has a number of questions and answers that may be applicable to your situation.

If there are questions you have that you would like for me to address, please let me know. If I don't have the answer, I'll research it and get an answer for you.

You might be a redneck if your TV gets 512 channels but you go outside to use the bathroom.

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In calendar year 2004, the Kansas Chapters collected a total of \$16,276 which computes to \$2.93 per member. As you may remember, our total year goal was \$3.00 per member. Although we just missed our goal (by only \$409), it was a very successful campaign for us. Please extend a Thank You to all of your hard working and contributing members.

Tickets have been distributed to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries for the quilt drawing to be held on April 26th at our Federation Convention in Kansas City. The winner does not need to be present to win. It is a beautiful, multi-colored, log cabin patterned, Queen/King quilt. If you would like an original picture of the quilt to assist in the sale of tickets, just contact me by phone, mail or email. I would be very happy to send one to you. Please return sold and unsold tickets to me using the submission form that came with the tickets in the President/Secretary's convention packages. Submitted checks should be made out to "Alzheimer's/NARFE". Again, special thanks to Jefferson County Chapter 2231 for the donation of this quilt.

Remember to start thinking about items for the live and silent auction also to be held at the April convention. As suggested by some of you, the silent auction will run over two days this year.

Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart.
 --Victor Hugo (1802 - 1885)

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Please send any historical information you feel should be preserved by the Federation to the above address. Be sure to let NARFE HQ know of any changes to your e-mail address.

Help wanted: Candidates for Federation positions: Positions available:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Current officers may also apply. Bad monetary pay, however there is an outstanding opportunity to meet many good people in the state of Kansas. Notify the Immediate Past President if inter-

ested.

**NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS (From page 2)
 EIGHTH QUARTER 2003-2004 CYCLE**

Period 01/01/2003 to 12/31/2004

KANSAS FEDERATION CHAPTERS

Location/Chapter	Contributors	Amount
SHAWNEE MISSION/1162	163	\$3,416.00
WICHITA/138	166	\$2,854.00
TOPEKA/2	130	\$2,508.00
BUFFALO BILL/27	78	\$1,403.40
KAW - BLUE/366	55	\$900.00
TRI-RIVER/2098	45	\$785.00
SUNFLOWER/1160	31	\$525.00
OLD TROOPER/383	27	\$440.00
IOLA/2077	26	\$405.00
CHANUTE/799	22	\$380.00
JACKSON COUNTY/2215	21	\$365.00
HEART OF AMERICA/1794	15	\$350.00
PITTSBURG/550	16	\$313.00
HUTCHINSON/537	18	\$312.00
CHISHOLM TRAIL/2137	8	\$302.00
CROSSROADS/739	16	\$265.00
OTTOWA/785	15	\$235.00
LAWRENCE/378	15	\$230.00
PONY EXPRESS/1948	4	\$220.00
SALINA/280	12	\$210.00
GOLDEN BELT/1709	13	\$210.00
CUSTER 7TH CAVALRY/2050	10	\$175.00
NINESCAH VALLEY/1939	8	\$165.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY/2231	10	\$165.00
ULYSSES/2086	6	\$160.00
BOURBON COUNTY/792	7	\$155.00
GARDEN CITY/ 1995	9	\$150.00
EMPORIA/384	7	\$125.00
FREDONIA/2100	7	\$120.00
GOODLAND/1991	6	\$115.00
DONIPHAN COUNTY/2136	8	\$115.00
HIGH PLAINS/1873	7	\$105.00
TRI-COUNTY/1933	8	\$105.00
SOLOMON VALLEY/2085	5	\$105.00
BLACK SQUIRREL/1947	6	\$90.00
SCOTT CITY/1996	5	\$90.00
CLAY CENTER /1998	5	\$80.00
INDEPENDENCE KS/1763	5	\$75.00
LOGAN COUNTY/2032	4	\$70.00
OSAGE CITY KS/2099	3	\$60.00
BROWN COUNTY/2164	4	\$60.00
COFFEYVILLE/ 2257	3	\$40.00
COLBY KS/2291	2	\$40.00
ATCHINSON/621	2	\$30.00
COWLEY COUNTY KS/ 757	1	\$20.00
OBERLIN KS/2053	1	\$20.00
Total	1035	\$19,063.40

REGIONAL - REGION V

STATE	# Contributors	AMOUNT
MO	1488	\$28,701.81
MN	1289	\$23,392.82
KS	1035	\$19,063.40
IA	872	\$15,910.00
NE	417	\$ 7,432.61
ND	427	\$ 7,215.00
SD	364	\$ 7,083.00
TOTAL	5892	\$108,798.64

PAC STATE CONTRIBUTIONS

STATE	# Contributors	AMOUNT
CA	7458	\$155,622.00
FL	4744	\$91,560.84
VA	3850	\$83,423.41
MD	3691	\$77,629.34
PA	3890	\$68,155.73
TX	2834	\$57,078.73
NY	2795	\$47,014.60
WA	1928	\$42,825.59
NJ	2197	\$38,091.00
OH	2122	\$37,079.03
GA	1621	\$31,933.37
IL	1725	\$31,744.50
MA	1736	\$30,994.00
AZ	1460	\$30,553.50
NC	1550	\$30,130.99
MO	1488	\$28,701.81
MI	1406	\$26,858.95
MN	1289	\$23,392.82
OR	1012	\$22,829.50
CO	990	\$21,252.20
TN	996	\$20,809.50
WI	1083	\$19,210.25
KS	1035	\$19,063.40
IN	1005	\$18,202.85
AL	947	\$17,585.43
IA	872	\$15,910.00
KY	796	\$14,643.37
OK	736	\$13,963.00
SC	701	\$13,663.00
AR	659	\$11,407.13
DC	368	\$9,509.00
CT	553	\$9,451.00
LA	506	\$9,269.00
NV	454	\$9,168.25
MS	406	\$7,652.00
WV	408	\$7,635.00
NE	417	\$7,432.61
ND	427	\$7,215.00

SD	364	\$7,083.00
MT	357	\$6,605.00
RI	399	\$6,546.00
UT	326	\$6,480.00
ME	343	\$6,166.00
NH	287	\$4,980.00
NM	201	\$4,799.00
ID	199	\$4,284.00
DE	216	\$3,872.00
HI	166	\$3,579.00
VT	108	\$2,020.00
AK	46	\$1,560.00
WY	76	\$1,406.50
MISC includes overseas	27	\$905.00
Puerto Rico	47	\$795.00
Panama	4	\$350.00
Philippines	2	\$75.00
Guam	3	\$45.00
TOTAL	65326	\$1,270,212.20

Attention Chapter Secretaries:
Be sure to adhere to the deadlines for submission of your convention reports and papers to the Federation Secretary.

Chapter Presidents: Be sure to remind your delegates to submit their convention registrations to Byron Nichols in Chapter 1160 early so we don't forget. It makes his job easier.

Federation Board members: Be sure to also get your convention registrations submitted early.

You might be a redneck if people go by your house to see your Christmas lights.....in April!



Remember your valentine on Valentines Day, February 14th with a gift membership if they are not already a member.

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NARFE (tentative)
KANSAS 51ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

SUN, MON, TUE April 24, 25, 26, 2005
Hilton Garden Inn & Reardon Convention Center, 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2005

- 12:00 - 5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
- 12:00 - 5:00 P.M. CREDENTIALS
- 12:30 - 5:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY
- 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. TRAINING SESSION
- 1:00 P.M. AUDIT COMMITTEE
- 1:00 P.M. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
- 1:30 P.M. ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE
- 1:30 P.M. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
- 1:30 P.M. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS
- 1:30 P.M. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
- 1:30 P.M. LEGISLATIVE / NARFE PAC
- 1:30 P.M. RETIREMENT BENEFITS
- 1:30 P.M. RULES COMMITTEE
- 1:30 P.M. TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE
- 1:30 P.M. MINUTES COMMITTEE
- 3:00 P.M. ROUND TABLE FORUM
- 4:00 P.M. WRAP UP & DOOR PRIZES
- 4:15 P.M. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- 5:15 P.M. BUFFET MEAL
- 6:45 P.M. OPENING SESSION
- CALL TO ORDER
- PRESENTATION OF COLORS
- INVOCATION & PLEDGE
- WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY
- RESPONSE
- INTRO OF FEDERATION OFFICERS
- INTRO OF DIGNITARIES
- REMARKS
- DOOR PRIZES

RECESS UNTIL 8:30 A.M. MONDAY MORNING

7:30 - 8:30 P.M. Alzheimer's Auction
Announcements

MONDAY APRIL 25, 2005

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

- 8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION
- 8:30 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION
- CALL TO ORDER
- INVOCATION
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
- INTRO OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND GUESTS
- PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT
- RULES COMMITTEE REPORT
- READING OF MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE
- OFFICER REPORTS
- PRESIDENT DONALD COOPER
- FIRST VP JOHN SURRITTE
- SECOND VP GARY TOWNSON
- SECRETARY CAROL EK
- TREASURER GERALD KETTER
- AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT
- NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- 10:15 A.M. 30 MINUTE BREAK
- 10:45 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION RESUMES
- MINUTES COMMITTEE REPORT
- RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
- CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT
- AREA VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

- DOOR PRIZES
- 12:00 NOON LUNCH (Luncheon Speaker - Region V Field Vice President, Richard Thissen)
- 1:20 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION RESUMES
- 1:25 MEMORIAL SERVICE
- BENEDICTION
- 2:30 AREA DELEGATE CAUCUSES
- ELECTION OF AREA VICE PRESIDENTS
- 3:15 INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED AREA VPs
- ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICES - NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE KANSAS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
- NARFE / PAC REPORT
- VENDORS DRAWING
- DOOR PRIZES
- RECESS FOR THE AFTERNOON
- 5:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR CASH BAR
- 6:30 P.M. BANQUET
- INVOCATION
- ENTERTAINMENT
- INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
- BANQUET ADDRESS DIRECTOR LEGISLATION, Ms JUDY PARK
- INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- RECOGNITION OF HOST CHAPTER CONVENTION COMMITTEES
- DOOR PRIZES
- CLOSING REMARKS
- CLOSING OF SILENT AUCTION
- RECESS FOR THE EVENING
- RECONVENE 8:30 A.M. TUESDAY MORNING

TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2005

- 8:30 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION RESUMES
- CALL TO ORDER
- INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CREDENTIALS REPORT (FINAL)
- ALZHEIMER'S REPORT
- P A C REPORT
- MEMBERSHIP REPORT AND AWARDS
- 9:30 A.M. 15 MINUTE BREAK
- 9:45 A.M. RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND SERVICES
- TIME AND PLACE REPORT
- 11:00 A.M. INVITATION TO THE 2006 CONVENTION
- OTHER REMARKS
- DOOR PRIZES
- CLOSING REMARKS
- ADJOURNMENT

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE EVALUATION FORM ??? DROP THE COMPLETED FORMS IN THE BOX AT THE REAR OF THE ROOM. WHEN DEPARTING THE ROOM, PLEASE DEPOSIT BADGE SLEEVES IN THE RECEPTACLE AT THE REAR OF THE ROOM. THEY CAN BE USED AT THE NEXT CONVENTION

THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING THE 51ST ANNUAL FEDERATION OF NARFE CHAPTERS CONVENTION.

HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME.

11:30 A.M. EXECUTIVE BOARD POST CONVENTION MEETING