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FEDERATION PRESIDENT**

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## **Hello and Welcome 2006.**

Welcome to the new Chapter Officers, who will be receiving the Federation Newsletter direct from the Newsletter Editor for the first time. Thank you to the retiring Chapter Officers.

Newsletters are a great means of communication. It is my hope - that the NARFE Federation Newsletter is shared with as many NARFE members as possible. Newsletter Editor John Lancaster does a terrific job. Of course, Editor Lancaster will give the retort - "the Newsletter is only as good as the contributed material". Communication is essential to fulfilling NARFE's objectives.

Keep in mind that other people may not hear or read what we thought was said or written. That could be another good reason for sharing the Federation Newsletter with other members of your Chapter -if it doesn't sound right, discuss the issue and ask questions. One of the strengths of NARFE is being a part of a collective bargaining group.

The reason NARFE has survived since 1921, is the basic need is still present - the **group pulling together**, protecting our **earned benefits!**

The beginning of a new year has traditionally involved "New Year's resolutions". What are your Chapter's New Year's resolutions (goals)?

Have your Chapter Officers held a planning meeting? Do your 2006 plans include involving chapter members in Chapter activities, Federation Convention attendance, and National NARFE convention representation? Does your Chapter have a recruitment goal? January is a good time to set your sights on how you plan to be involved in doing your part to help NARFE protect Federal Civilian Employees and Retirees earned benefits.

Our earned benefits face a real challenge in the coming months. With all of the disaster aid in the hopper, Congress will be looking everywhere for funds. Don't let them view our earned benefits as an **easy target** for getting some of those funds. Our best defense is to be informed (read your NARFE magazine as soon as you receive it), be heard (e-mail, call, visit, write your Representative and Senators), recruit more NARFE members, (the budgeters look at how many NARFE members watch their moves) and stay active. Judy Park, Legislative Director of NARFE, has sent word of March 20-24, 2006 to be **Nationwide Lobby Week**. More will be forthcoming, so begin to place March 20-24 on your Chapter calendar as **nationwide LOBBY WEEK** ( March will also be

**NARFE-PAC Month**). Quoting from her communication "Look at January as the month to **get ready**; February to **get set**; and March **to go**".

If you are interested in serving on a committee at the National NARFE Convention - let me know right away. Donald Cooper 785 537-1676 or cooper@flinthills.com.

Your Federation Secretary, Carol Ek has gotten the Federation Convention Packet out to all 46 Chapters. Don't lay the packet aside. Get your delegates to the convention designated. Find out their committee preference. Fill out the forms and get them sent. April 23rd will be here before we turn around! Round up the door prizes, Alzheimer's auction items, pack your bags and be ready for a great time in Wichita.

This is your Convention and you will make it a great event.

## **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

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## **MARCH 20 thru 24, 2006!**

You need to put these dates on your calendar. These dates have been designated by the NARFE National Executive Board as National Lobby Week.

March 2006 has been designated as NARFE-PAC Month. What the National Executive Board would like is that all State Federations and Chapters lobby our Senators and their Representative to support our priority legislation. Of course that legislation is GPO/WEP Repeal and Premium Conversion. To remind you, these legislative initiatives would eliminate Social Security reductions because you receive a federal annuity and would allow you to pay your Health Benefit payments with pre-tax money.

The support of each Senator and Representative for these initiatives is as follows:

	<b>GPO/WEP</b>	<b>Premium Conversion.</b>
	<b>S 619</b>	<b>S 484</b>
Sen. Brownback	NO	Yes
Sen. Roberts	NO	NO
	<b>HR 147</b>	<b>HR 994</b>
Rep. Moore	YES	YES
Rep. Moran	YES	YES
Rep. Ryun	NO	YES
Rep. Tiahrt	NO	NO

As you can see we have a lot of work to do to get the folks saying NO to change their minds.. What we need to do is encourage our members to call, write or email these folks

and ask for their support. A better alternative is for members of each chapter to schedule a meeting at their Kansas office of our Senators and their Representative and ask them face to face to support our federal retirees.

Another great area of concern is the Budget Reconciliation Bill, S. 1932. This Bill would make it harder for our members to qualify and receive long-term Medicaid benefits and is OPPOSED by NARFE and other organizations representing SENIORS. Please have your chapter members let our elected representatives know they want this legislation defeated.

For more detailed information on all of this information please visit pages 10-14 of the January NARFE magazine and the KANSAS NARFE web site.

All of this information has been sent to State Federation Board. As the NARFE National Executive Board states, we need to use January to get ready; February to get set; and March to go get 'em. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN to MOTIVATE your Chapter members to do their part to protect their benefits.

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

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Here we are at the start of a New Year. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter NARFE-PAC reports are published. Kansas should have great pride in the fact that we are now in 9<sup>th</sup> place Nationwide. Last Quarter we were in 11<sup>th</sup> place. We have passed a couple of heavy hitters. Missouri and Arizona are now behind us in the standings. This is terrific news! Just think how much higher we would have been in the standings if each Chapter had added to the fund. I am dismayed to report that 35 Kansas Chapters have not made a single contribution to our PAC funds this Quarter and 12 Chapters have not contributed anything for the entire 2005 Year.

Lobbying has been in the news recently and that may make some members opposed to contributing to a Political Action fund. Let me assure you that the NARFE lobbyists are not doing anything underhanded. While NARFE members have contributed \$158,095.90 to our PAC fund this year, that is quite insignificant compared to the millions of dollars thrown around in Washington. What we can do is provide a couple of thousand dollars to assist the campaign of Legislators who try to get bills, favorable to us, passed. A thousand dollars gets the ear of someone considering a vote on a bill impacting your retirement benefits. [Are you aware those benefits are now being referred to as ENTITLEMENTS?] That term alone creates a negative impression. We desperately need friends in Congress and the only way to encourage them to protect us is with PAC dollars.

I hope to see at least one new contribution to NARFE-PAC from each Chapter in Kansas by the time the Convention convenes in April. (Reports are printed on page 7 of this newsletter)

#### **SECRETARY**

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This has been a very interesting summer, fall and winter. I have had some time to do some traveling which I don't take often. I visited my two cousins in South Carolina with my sister-in-law and her sister. This was a real fun trip. Then I traveled with the same sister-in-law to California to visit my kids, my cousin and her kids. This was another fun week. In fact one wonders sometimes, why come back to the real world.

Well, I guess the explanation isn't that difficult - this in home and we have a plan. Being a member of NARFE, and fortunate or unfortunately enough to be the State NARFE Secretary for all of you keeps me in tune with the nicest and most dedicated people in the world.

I was talking to the young man I used to work with last week. He asked "NARFE does what for me. I am still employed." After talking with him, I decided he is truly a "target" to receive a gift membership. I am so proud of two members in my chapter (Janice Neuschafer and Mary I. Christie) who attended the "Back To Basics" workshop at Hutchinson and listened to John Lancaster and Jim Miller giving facts on how to gain members, they both came home and gave their current postman a gift membership for Christmas. I understand both recipients were very appreciative. This isn't the only way to gain members, but it is certainly a good one. Once we get them hooked, maybe they will stay.

All of you President's and Secretaries should have received your "2006 Convention Packets" by now. Please watch the dates and return the reports by the dates shown in the letter. If you are not going to be sending delegates to the convention, sign the "Yellow Proxy" form and get it back to me. After your "Proxy" is assigned, that member will contact you to ask how you want to vote before attending convention.

We also will be getting information on the 2006 National Convention. Watch those dates as well. This will be held in Albuquerque, NM, which should be a lovely location. The forms can be handled in the same manner as the State forms.

#### **Changes in Chapter Listing**

With this issue of the newsletter, you will be receiving four new pages for your "Chapter Officer Listing" thanks to John Lancaster. After receiving the F-7 for Chapter 2, 27A and 1162 - we determined that too many changes occurred to cross out on your listing. Update your books by pitching the ones in them and replace them with the new pages.

Other Changes – Change to title on all pages from 2005 to 2006.

**Area 2**

Chapter 2099, Doris Anderson, Alzheimer's Chair – Correct her address to 306 Lakewood Terrace.

**Area 2A**

Chapter 2100, Fredonia – Remove Isabelle M. Cook. Isabelle passed away and has not been replaced at this date.

**Area 6**

Chapter 1995, Garden City – A new Secretary has been elected. Add: Brenda Myers, P. O. Box 955, Holcomb, KS 67851-0955, telephone: 620-277-0027, e-mail: bmyers59@pld.com.

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In the first 10 days of the new year I have received more than half of the Per Capita checks from Chapter Treasurers. The changes of 2003 to the By-Laws have made the billing system so much simpler and I hope Chapter Treasurers appreciate it as much as I do. It has been a pleasure working with you and my thanks for your co-operation.

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I don't have much to report from Area 1. My knee kept me from attending all the Christmas Parties. In November, I was once again elected President of Chapter 1162. Seems I will be busy in 2006.

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A New Year has begun and, hopefully, all of us will get in high-gear and get out in the community and recruit, recruit, and recruit. National Headquarters sends each new member a letter asking them to contact their chapter president. I guess I missed reading that tid-bit somewhere. Well, for what it's worth only two new members have called me since May to say they have joined and then ask when we meet, where we meet, etc. The Chapter Membership Chair always sends a welcoming letter to them with information, but we can't do this until we see their name on the M-112.

Chapters need to give their members all the information regarding the upcoming Federation Convention in Wichita, April 23-25, 2006. Let members know ahead of time so they can plan to attend. I've always looked forward to seeing friends from other parts of the state that I've previ-

ously met at the conventions plus making new friends. Arrangements have been made to visit all the chapters in Area 1-A between now and April. It's always a pleasure for me to visit the various chapters.

Information from John Surritte has been forwarded to Area 1-A chapters regarding NARFE Congressional District Liaison and Oppose Medicaid Provisions in Final Budget Bill.

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Chapter elections have been completed for the Five Chapters in Area 2. Two chapters had new Presidents elected. Kenneth Herrick was elected president of the Emporia Chapter #384 and Spencer Ambler was elected President of Iola Chapter #2077. Carry-over presidents are Clair G. Smith for Osage City Chapter 2099, Maxine Brown for Ottawa Chapter #785 and John McCoy for Tri-river Chapter 2098. No changes made in Chapter Secretaries. Tri-River, Winona M. Hornbuckle; Herbert C. Crawford, Ottawa; Sylvia M. Riepen, Osage City; Joann Maxwell, Iola and Glenda Failing, Emporia.

Two Chapters are making plans to celebrate their 20th Chapter Anniversary this spring. Tri-River Chapter #2098 will celebrate their Anniversary Tuesday evening March 14th at the Cadmus Grange Hall, 6PM. Osage City Chapter #2099 will celebrate their Anniversary Friday evening May 19th at Lamont Hill Restaurant.

NARFE Members who may want to attend either or both of these chapter celebrations should contact the chapter in advance and let the chapter know of their plans. Like any other event, chapters need to know numbers so they can plan accordingly.

See you all at the Kansas Convention in Wichita, April 23,24 25 at the Airport Hilton. Once again, mark these dates on your Monthly Planner.

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I need to report a sad note in that Isabelle M. Cook, President of NARFE Chapter 2100, died Saturday January 7, 2006. She had been President of the Fredonia Chapter for many years. She was an amazing person. The last meeting I attended at Fredonia in mid 2005 that she was presiding. She was also still employed as Postmaster at New Albany, a small community about eight miles northwest of Fredonia in Wilson County. At that time she was eighty five (yes 85) years old. She had served as the Postmaster at New Albany for the past 32 years. Isabelle was diagnosed with cancer

shortly after that meeting and was unable to continue work or activity in the NARFE Chapter. Her family, friends and I will all miss her smiling face and willingness to be involved in community services and in supporting the goals of our organization.

The report of Isabelle's passing should be a reminder to every chapter that we need to be looking ahead and planning on new people who will be able and willing to take over the officers jobs in the future. This involves one very important action. New (and usually) younger members need to be recruited and trained for the officer's positions. Most years our Kansas NARFE Federation offers training opportunities throughout the state where any person can attend and learn how a NARFE chapters works and the duties of the different officers. Being an officer is not a difficult job, unless you do not have training on how to it. I encourage each chapter to talk about planning for the future and encouraging specific members to get training, even before you have an open position. There is very little cost to the individual for this training which is usually a lunch.

Also, invite members to attend the Kansas Federation of Chapter annual conventions. These are always enlightening meetings that have helped me understand the great opportunity and responsibility we have in working together to protect the benefits we or our spouse have earned.

Please mark April 23-25 on your calendar right now and plan to attend the 2006 Convention in Wichita.

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Chapter 138, Wichita, KS is hosting the 2006 Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters on April 23 through 25, 2006 at the Airport Hilton Conference and Convention Center. The cost of the room is \$79.00 plus sales & occupancy tax (13.3%) so the room should cost about \$90.00 per night. The full conference package is \$60.00 per person which includes three meals. I hope that Area 3 is fully represented by all 50 authorized delegates.

This convention is an important one. We will elect at least two vital leadership positions: Federation President (Don Cooper has expressed his desire to step down) and I am stepping down as an Area 3 Vice President. This brings up a very serious fact. So far, to my knowledge, no one from our area has expressed an interest in running for the Area 3 Vice President nor for the Federation President.

Another important Convention piece of business will be the three proposed resolutions which will be reviewed at our convention. Two will affect Kansas Bylaws only and one will affect the National and therefore, the Kansas Bylaws. The ones for Kansas are pretty straight forward and shouldn't raise too much controversy. However, the one for the National Bylaws, I'm sure, will inflame many NARFE

members. This proposed resolution will be under discussion and up for vote at the National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico which is scheduled for September 10-14, 2006.

As you know, the current dues structure is unwieldy and confusing. Under this proposed resolution, there would be a flat rate of \$35.00 per person per year which would cover all National, Federation and Chapter dues. This resolution would also close the discussion on voluntary chapter membership. National will automatically disburse the Federation and Chapter membership fees. Each Chapter would receive \$8.00 per member. For those chapters whose dues are greater than \$8.00 they may request National to collect the additional dues from their effected members. All in all, I hope you will agree with me that the drafters of this resolution have thoroughly thought out the dues structure and formulated a fair and equitable way to resolve the problems with the dues and chapter members. Those members who object to mandatory Chapter membership will still be able to boycott their chapter meetings and yet allow the NARFE infrastructure to fund all the vital business they perform.

I'm also positive that you all know that, for the majority of us who have one of the Federal Health Insurance Plans, know that Medicare Part D is inferior to what we currently have. Everyone should retain any form of proof of our status to protect ourselves against the 1% per month penalty for postponed enrollment in the Medicare Part D in the event that in the future our plans change our drug coverage.

In December, the House & Senate narrowly approved the final fiscal year FY 2006 Budget Reconciliation Bill (S.1932). Normally, this bill would have then been sent to the President for his signature, but a procedural motion which caused a change in the bill required that the bill be returned to the House for re-consideration. Congress is now in session again. The latest news from National NARFE is that we should contact our representatives to urge them to oppose the final Budget Reconciliation Bill (1932). This bill changes Medicaid. Medicaid is the only government program that provides comprehensive long term care to severely disabled persons. So, here's another opportunity to contact your representative and to express your opposition to this bill.

Again, I hope to see you all in Wichita, KS at the 2006 Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters Convention in April.

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Another New Year: My how time flies. I visited the Wichita Chapter #138 on 18 January. They had a very interesting Program. I especially was interested, because I had a salesman coming to my house to discuss the very same topic the next day, (Annuities). There are many ways Senior Citizens can invest for retirement. All finance persons recommend the diversification of funds and this is only one avail-

able method.

I am making plans to visit other Chapters in Area IV before Convention. Please, pay attention to the dates for submitting registration for Convention. Registration for Delegates must be into Carol Ek before April 7. Committee assignments should be in by 1 March. And listings for Certificates of Awards and Memorial mention should also be to the Secretary by 1 March. Hope to see many of you at Wichita in April.

I have announced to Chapter #138 that I do not plan to be a candidate for Area Vice President at the convention, so be on the look-out for someone to present at that time. I feel that several reasons have been considered before coming to the above conclusion. THANKS.

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Custer 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Chapter 2050, Hays, experienced a complete officer change for 2006 with the Chapter election December 14, 2005. A sincere "thank you" was extended to all serving officers with special appreciation to Dorothy Sauer for the 18 years of service as Chapter President. It was a rewarding experience for the Area Vice-President to install the elected officers and commend past and elected officers for their leadership role in maintaining an active Chapter.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual convention of the Federation of Chapters is April 23-25, 2006 at the Airport Hilton, Wichita. Convention packets are in the hands of each Chapter with a detailed listing of what and when is needed from the Chapter. As noted in previous writings the most successful Convention would be delegate representation from each Chapter. However, knowing delegate representation is not always possible, assure the Chapter is represented by "proxy".

Legislative issues remain the forefront of NARFE's concerns. Members are encouraged to be ready for call to action by dedicated NARFE leaders to protect and restore earned benefits in 2006.

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Modern medicine is great. For three months I was just about in a wheelchair. Now after back surgery I am just about back to normal.

I have visited three chapters in the past two months and I have talked to the other two chapters. Scott City Chapter 1996 have a new board. President Betty Latoush; Vice-President Marion Fussell; Sec-Tres Darrel Miller, and Service Officer Jean Hardy. Darrel is also working the Membership Chair and the Leg. Chair. They are a nice addition to the

Chapter.

Garden City Chapter 1995 is looking for new officers. They have a new Secretary. Brenda Myers, of Holcomb, is the new Secretary of Chapter 1995. More work will have to be done to get the rest of the officers.

#### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

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The good news on membership statistics is, we're in better shape than some (not KS!) predicted. The next good news is that we're past the Christmas season and we can settle down to work on what's important to NARFE. I'm asking the Area Vice Presidents to encourage their chapter leaders to start "Operation Clean Sweep."

Check the 2005 M-112's for names of members dropped for non-renewal and follow-up as to why. (Deceased is a legitimate excuse.) The dropped member may have what they believe to be good reason but they may also appreciate the special attention. Ask the chapter Membership committee and officers to document the reasons as we may find a pattern that will prove valuable to other chapters.

I'm not trying to cry WOLF! when saying that 2006 will be a very challenging year as NARFE volunteers patrol the State House, trying to ensure retention of our very valuable tax exempt status. If our members who have their tax returns "hired out" would ask for a printout of what they would pay in state income tax without the exemption, they would quickly find that, in some cases, ONE YEAR savings would pay for a Life Membership!

Election year 2006 means potential misery for federal retirees and active employees alike. First Vice President John Surritte will address some of the dangers we could face in proposals to attack our earned benefits. Combine all of those and we see that membership in NARFE is the best job and benefits insurance protection available! Take advantage of it!

#### **STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR**

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The KS Legislature has returned to Topeka, and in this election year, about half of the action will be geared towards looking good for re-election.

I'm predicting (1) no special session this year as the message was clear from disenchanting voters. Get in, do what has to be done, and get out! That will be a goal for most legislators. (2) Faced with the projected need for more dollars to fund public education; the under funded highway improvements; the KS Board of Regents asking for an increase in taxes to fund repair of state owned university buildings, MEDICAID cuts and the demand for more social services

and aid to the disabled (shall I ramble on " Didn't think so!) new sources of funding will be looked at thoroughly. One of those will be expanded gambling and one of those could be, once again, our federal annuity.

Our argument will be fairness (don't cherry pick federal annuitants out of the eligible group) and the contributions we make as residents who do pay many dollars in other taxes to support city, county, and state government. Ron and Navella Richey (Topeka chapter State Legislative) have been attending to the early business at the State House and we have several allies from other organizations. There have been no hearings (yet) but it's early so stay tuned. If you are on a first name basis with your state representative and or Senator, stay in touch with them ! And if you want to spend a day or two with Ron, Navella and me at the State House let me know!

#### **KANSAS ALZHEIMER'S CHAIR**

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YOU DID IT! You've even EXCEEDED our Federation goal of \$3.25 per member for calendar year 2005! Through the end of December, the Kansas chapters have donated a total of \$19,450.03 which computes to \$3.62 per member. Thank You to all. At the state convention in April, we will be giving certificates of recognition to each chapter that met or exceeded the Federation goal of \$3.25 per member. All contributions are appreciated and every one of you should be proud of our successful fundraising this year.

The state convention will be held in Wichita April 23-25, 2006. I hope you will be able to attend. Please start looking for Live and Silent Auction items to bring to the convention. The Silent Auction will again stay open into the second day of the convention. You may have some things sitting in your attic, garage or basement that someone else may want. Some of your local businesses may be willing to donate an item if just asked. Did you get something as a gift that you won't use? Start a box or bag and bring it to the convention or send it with someone else who is attending. The success of these events depends on our members, both as donors and as buyers. Bring your checkbook (or cash) if you are coming to the convention and, remember, every dollar of every contribution goes to Alzheimer's Research.

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

#### **Just For Fun:**

*"I felt like my body had gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for*

*seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."*

--Author Unknown

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On the KSNARFE.org web site, I try to update the KS NARFE membership charts each month (thanks to membership chairman Jim Miller) but have not been sending out a notice e-mail so I don't overload members computers.

There is a PAC information message from 1st VP John Surritte at his web page, item 38. The January 2006 NARFE magazine had an article on page 26 called "Mining Financial Web Sites." I have added a page at item 39 that will get you to the web sites listed.

If you are having problems getting to the NARFE HQ legislative pages to send e-mail to your legislators, there is a "Write to Congress" icon just below item 24 on the web site. Just enter your zip code, the click on GO. This will take you directly to the pages on the NARFE HQ web site listing your congressional representative.

I hope to see everyone at the KS NARFE convention in Wichita on April 23rd.

#### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PUBLIC RELATIONS/EDITOR**

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**EDITOR'S NOTES:** Thanks to the contributors to the newsletter. Chapters can send a special notice and they will be printed on a space available basis.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** We, NARFE members, need to be on our good behavior. It is my understanding that a person from Western Kansas has already addressed the Kansas Legislature about our benefit of not paying state tax on our annuities. I would suggest that we don't advertise this fact to the public, but be willing to speak out to support its continuance. Watch Jim Miller's comments if anything begins to happen in Topeka.

**PAST PRESIDENT:** As Immediate Past President, the responsibility of chairing the Nomination Committee falls to me. We have indications from two of our current officers that they do not wish to run again. Now is the time for ALL NARFE MEMBERS to consider making application for a position on the State board. If someone in your chapter does a good job representing NARFE, ask them to submit their application to me OR give me their name and I can contact them. REMEMBER, NARFE NEEDS YOU AND YOU NEED NARFE.

<b>PAC REPORTS 1/1/2005- -12/31/2005</b>						
<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>CHAP #</b>	<b>CONTR.</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>			
WICHITA	138	98	\$637.00	TX	410	\$10306.00
TOPEKA	2	26	\$485.00	FL	324	\$ 9095.00
BUFFALO BILL	27	23	\$474.05	VA	290	\$ 9042.00
SHAWNEE MISSION	1162	10	\$405.00	MD	244	\$ 7507.00
KAW - BLUE	366	22	\$335.00	PA	366	\$ 7422.00
TRI-RIVER	2098	13	\$215.00	WA	230	\$ 5983.00
HUTCHINSON	537	13	\$202.00	IL	184	\$ 4479.00
JACKSON COUNTY	2215	9	\$165.00	<b>KS</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>\$ 4331.30 (#9 IN Nation)</b>
HEART OF AMERICA	1794	5	\$135.00	OH	219	\$ 4156.50
CROSSROADS	739	6	\$120.00	MO	172	\$ 4138.25
IOLA	2077	6	\$100.00	NC	190	\$ 4137.44
LOGAN COUNTY	2032	4	\$95.00	AZ	168	\$ 4030.00
CHISHOLM TRAIL	2137	2	\$94.25	NY	169	\$ 3465.00
LAWRENCE	378	4	\$90.00	MN	133	\$ 3331.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY	2231	4	\$90.00	TN	107	\$ 3205.00
CHANUTE	799	5	\$80.00	GA	155	\$ 3134.00
DONIPHAN COUNTY	2136	9	\$74.00	MI	121	\$ 2873.00
EMPORIA	384	4	\$65.00	NJ	138	\$ 2732.00
OLD TROOPER	383	2	\$60.00	OR	106	\$ 2666.00
SALINA	280	1	\$50.00	CO	90	\$ 2622.00
CLAY CENTER	1998	2	\$50.00	IN	103	\$ 2573.60
COWLEY COUNTY KS	757	2	\$35.00	MA	123	\$ 2412.00
SUNFLOWER	1160	2	\$35.00	AL	118	\$ 2383.00
CUSTER 7TH CAV	2050	2	\$30.00	WI	101	\$ 2305.80
COLBY KS	2291	2	\$30.00	IA	98	\$ 2275.00
PITTSBURG	550	1	\$25.00	WV	85	\$ 2012.00
BOURBON COUNTY	792	1	\$25.00	KY	99	\$ 1950.00
ULYSSES	2086	1	\$25.00	OK	100	\$ 1762.00
BROWN COUNTY	2164	2	\$25.00	DC	42	\$ 1688.00
TRI-COUNTY	1933	1	\$20.00	HI	78	\$ 1665.00
OTTAWA	785	1	\$15.00	ND	89	\$ 1664.50
GOLDEN BELT	1709	1	\$15.00	ID	67	\$ 1625.00
PONY EXPRESS	1948	1	\$15.00	SC	77	\$ 1515.00
GARDEN CITY	1995	1	\$15.00	NE	65	\$ 1325.00
ATCHINSON	621	0	\$-	NV	69	\$ 1321.00
INDEPENDENCE KS	1763	0	\$-	MS	55	\$ 1247.00
HIGH PLAINS	1873	0	\$-	LA	56	\$ 1238.00
NINESCAH VALLEY	1939	0	\$-	NM	46	\$ 1025.00
BLACK SQUIRREL	1947	0	\$-	SD	41	\$ 980.00
GOODLAND	1991	0	\$-	AR	62	\$ 943.51
SCOTT CITY	1996	0	\$-	UT	32	\$ 862.00
OBERLIN KS	2053	0	\$-	MT	30	\$ 665.00
SOLOMON VALLEY	2085	0	\$-	ME	22	\$ 625.00
OSAGE CITY KS	2099	0	\$-	NH	29	\$ 558.00
FREDONIA	2100	0	\$-	CT	24	\$ 478.00
COFFEYVILLE	2257	0	\$-	AK	12	\$ 455.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>286</b>	<b>\$4,331.30</b>	MISC	11	\$ 401.00
				(Includes overseas)		
<b>STATE CONTRIBUTORS</b>				DE	14	\$ 361.00
<b>KS</b>	<b>286</b>		<b>\$4331.30</b>	RI	15	\$ 235.00
MO	172		\$4138.25	RP	2	\$ 200.00
MN	133		\$3331.00	PR	8	\$ 145.00
IA	98		\$2275.00	VT	5	\$ 110.00
ND	89		\$1664.50	WY	4	\$ 110.00
NE	65		\$1325.00	GU	0	\$ .00
SD	41		\$ 980.00	PI	0	\$ .00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>884</b>		<b>\$18045.05</b>	VI	0	\$ .00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6666</b>	<b>\$158,095.90</b>
<b>STATE CONTRIBUTORS</b>						
CA	782		\$20325.00			

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

**52nd Annual Convention**

**Sunday, Monday and Tuesday April 23-25, 2006**

**Airport Hilton Hotel & Convention Center,  
Wichita, Kansas**

**Sunday, April 23, 2006**

12:30 - 5:00 P.M. Registration

12:30 - 5:00 P.M. Credentials

1:00 - 5:00 P.M. Hospitality

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1:00 P.M. Audit

1:00 P.M. Nominations

1:30 P.M. Alzheimer's

1:30 P.M. Constitution & Bylaws

1:30 P.M. General Resolutions

1:30 P.M. Membership

1:30 P.M. Legislative/NARFE-PAC

1:30 P.M. Retirement Benefits

1:30 P.M. Rules

1:30 P.M. Time & Place

3:00 P.M. Roundtable - all attendees urged to attend

4:15 P.M. Federation Board Meeting

5:15 P.M. Sunday evening Dinner (Tickets Required)

6:45 P.M. **Opening Session**

Call to Order

Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Welcome to Wichita

Introductions

Door prizes

Recess till 8:30 A.M. Monday

7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. **Alzheimer Auction**

6:00 P.M. - Noon Monday Alzheimer's Silent Auction

**Monday, April 24, 2006**

**breakfast on your own**

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. Registration

8:30 A.M. Business Session resumes

Invocation

Pledge of allegiance

God Bless America

Introductions

Preliminary Credentials Report

Rules Committee Report

Reading of Minutes & Correspondence

Officers Report

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary Report

Treasurer's Report

Audit Committee Report

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers (2006-2007)

10:15 A.M. 30 minute Break

10:45 A.M. Business Session resumes

Resolution Committee Report  
Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report  
Area Vice Presidents Reports  
12:00 Noon Luncheon (tickets required)  
Speakers: Barb Pretzer- Region V Alzheimer  
Coordinator & Richard Thissen - National  
Field Vice-President Region V  
1:30 P.M. Call to Order  
Memorial Service  
Invocation  
Reading of Names  
Benediction  
2:15 P.M. Area Delegate Caucus & Election of Area  
Vice-presidents  
2:45 P.M. Break  
3:15 P.M. Introduction of Area Vice Presidents  
State Legislative Report  
3:45 P.M. National Legislative Report  
Vendor's Drawing  
Door Prizes  
Recess  
5:30 P.M. Social Hour (cash bar)  
6:30 P.M. Banquet (ticket required)  
Master of Ceremonies -President Cooper  
Invocation  
Dinner Entertainment  
Introduction of Guests  
Banquet Address - Richard Thissen, Region V  
National Field Vice-Pres  
Installation of Officers  
Recognition of Convention Committees  
Door Prizes  
Closing Remarks  
Recess until 8:30 A.M. Tuesday

**Tuesday, April 25, 2006**

8:30 A.M. Business Session Resumes

Call to Order

Invocation

Flag Salute

**Committee Reports**

NARFE-PAC

Alzheimer's

Credentials

Membership and Awards

Break (no refreshments)

Retirement Benefits

Time and Place

Closing Remarks

Adjournment

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Executive Board Meeting (no  
lunch)