

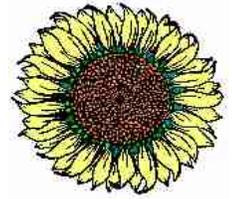


# THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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**NEXT MEETING: 11:00 A.M., Friday, 08/10 /07 at the pat Hanlon Senior Center, 1101 Ridge Ave., KCK**

For those of you with computers: Look for the newsletter on [www.KSNARFE.org](http://www.KSNARFE.org) in Item #14, in COLOR.

**July Meeting:** Annual picnic, no business meeting, from about 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.. Penny Bingo was played by most attendees. We thank all those who attended, (many of whom we hadn't seen for a while):

Birdie Allen	Byron Nichols
Regina Barger	Laverne Robinson
Wanda Collins	Theodore Robinson
Zenobia Freeman	Betty Shannon
Bob Horseman	Lawrence Shannon
Henrietta Horseman	Betty Shans
Bobbie Johnson	Ernestine Smith
Christine Leaf	Hazel Talbert
Shirley Newman	Kathryn Zunick
Ada Nichols	(+ 3 grandchildren of the Robinsons)

As usual we had plenty of good food contributed. The weather wasn't hot this year, which made the outing very pleasant. See you all again next year!

\$4.18 was contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund from the Bingo winnings.. So far this year the chapter has sent **\$901.75** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator (\$2.89 per official member).

If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund, you can send a check to the Treasurer (see the address on the back cover of the Scout). Please make checks out to "NARFE Chapter 1160". We'll forward the contribution to the state coordinator and mention you with a thanks in the Scout. Thanks to all.

**Belated Special Thanks:** Special thanks to the Meditz family for all of the literature, special information, & pictures they so graciously donated for the Josef Meditz Memorial luncheon.. Mr. Alvin Drake, thank you for sending a picture to be used for the event also.

### **Future Meetings:**

**At ALL meetings, if anyone would like to come early enough before lunch (say, at about 11 A.M.), we plan to play Bingo, with PRIZES for the winners. Please Come!**

**Membership Update:** Deceased: Miss Olie A. Anderson, 89 (7/1/07, USDA & HHS); Leland C.

Huff, 82 (7/6/07, USPS).

Note to members: Dues Withholding saves the national organization money and it saves you at least \$5 over annual dues. You don't have to remember to write that check or risk being dropped. Applications are in the NARFE magazine each month.

Members with birthdays in August are:

Hortense R Adams	Violet R Jones
Lula B Anderson	John M Kraly
Clifford T Bauhard	Rose Ann Krzesinski
Alfred E Bell	Kenneth J Ladd
Barbara A Bennett	Willis O McCord
Edward L Bielski	Richard E Miller
Noah Bland	Lurline I Nitschke
Susan E Clark	Caroline J Pippin
Bertha L Cole	Doris E Priest
Florstine S Freelon	Grover T Rhodus
Edward S Goeffert	Betty E Robinson
Anna W Hamm	Frances K Sachen
Adelaide E Hartung	Edward C Welty
<b>Henrietta Horseman</b>	<b>Kathryn Zunick</b>
Kenneth M Jones	<b>BOLD = attends most meetings</b>

The 29 members above have an age range of 69 to 95 and an average age of 83. Congratulations! If you were born in August and not in the above list, please notify the editor at the return address on the last page or e-mail address in the mast-head above.

### **Legislative, Financial and Health News**

(summarized from FEDWeek Bulletins and NARFE Legislative Hotlines):

**COLAs, CPI, rates:** The CPI-W again increased 0.8 percent in June, making the COLA count at 2.4% for the nine months of the fiscal year. FECA benefits would have an increase of 3.4% so far this calendar year.

**Health Benefits:** In a reversal of prior policy, OPM says that certain federal retirees are eligible to pay their FEHB (regular health care) and FLTCIP (long term health care) premiums with pre-tax money under the 2006 Pension Protection Act, as current employees may do with only their FEHB premiums. Only those designated as "public safety officers" (law enforcement and firefighters,

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for example) may take advantage of this. They also must file their eligibility with the IRS for guidelines as to their eligibility.

**Congress:** On July 18, the Senate cleared legislation to allow the rehiring of retirees of the Foreign Service to tackle the huge backlog of passport applications. The law would allow them to be rehired temporarily without the usual salary offset, since they are already trained.

**TSP Funds:** The government securities (G) fund led TSP returns in June with 0.42%, the international stock (I) fund gained 0.2%, while the bond (F) fund fell 0.27%, the small stock (S) fund fell 1.53% and the common stock (C) fund fell 1.7%. The 12-month returns are, respectively: I, 27.18%; C, 20.63%; S, 19.47%; F, 6.23% and G, 4.90%. The June and 12-month Lifecycle funds were: Income, 0.08 & 8.37%; 2010, -0.2 & 12.15%; 2020, -0.54 & 15.9%; 2030, -0.8 & 17.6%; 2040, -0.92 & 19.49%.

**OPM Retirement Information Center:**

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**OPM Annuitant Express**

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**Membership Rosters** are available in an 8.5" x 11" format. Drop me a note with \$1.00 each to offset printing and postage (My address is on the return address above).

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**Reminder:** Please send us your **"Best Choice"** UPC codes when you get a bunch! (It's not worth using 39 cents to mail one or two!) We get \$30 per 1000 codes (3 cents per code), plus an additional \$30 bonus once a year. The money goes to Alzheimer's Research. Send them either via a member you know who goes to the meetings or to the address in the return address block. **Thanks to everyone for their submissions!\*\*** Remember, we need only the bar codes, not the whole label. Saves postage. \*\*