



**Sunflower Chapter 1160
Kansas City, KS
Byron Nichols, Editor**

**JULY MEETING:
11:00 A.M., Friday, 07/08/11**

**AUGUST MEETING:
11:00 A.M., Friday, 08/12/11**

**Both at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center,
1101 Ridge Ave., Kansas City, KS**

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May Meeting: Five players participated in four Bingo games prior to lunch. Some winnings were contributed to the Alzheimer's fund. The pot-luck luncheon was from noon to 1:00pm and was liked by all, as usual.

The business meeting started at 1:05pm with 9 members and 1 guest (a quorum). The president led the group in a prayer and the flag salute. Secretary Wanda Collins read the minutes of the March meeting, which were accepted. The treasurer's report was read by Byron Nichols and submitted for audit. Bills were ratified and paid.

A suggestion was made to find another meeting time and/or place in case active employees or annuitants who still work part-time and can't meet on Friday would wish to come. One problem is that we would probably have to pay rent and that isn't currently in the budget.

Vice-President Laverne Robinson had a short discussion about the necessity of having power of attorney (both legal and medical) and the difficulty paying for long term care.

The drawings: Attendance, #5, Henrietta Horseman; Half-and-half Jackpot Ticket, #481184, Carolyn Taylor. Both prizes were donated to the Alzheimer's Fund. The meeting was adjourned a little after 2pm.

June Meeting: Four people played Bingo from about 11:15am to noon; some winnings were donated to the Alzheimer Fund. The pot-luck luncheon was from noon to 1:00pm and was liked by all, as usual.

The business meeting started at 1:00pm with eight members present (a quorum). The president led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the flag salute. Secretary Wanda Collins read the minutes of the May meeting, which were accepted. The treasurer's report was read by Byron Nichols and submitted for audit. Bills were ratified and paid. Two amendments to the chapter bylaws were introduced by treasurer Byron Nichols. The first concerns accepting nominations from the floor at the biennial officer election and the second concerns accepting 'Social Members'

into the chapter. The amendments will be printed in full later in the newsletter, and will serve as the official 30-day notice to the membership prior to a vote to be held at the August meeting. Any member objecting to the amendments (or having any comment at all for that matter) should contact the president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer at their e-mail address or phone number above.

The Half-and-Half Jackpot Ticket #481203 was won by Kathy Zunick and the Attendance drawing, #5 was won by Wanda Collins. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund.

The meeting was adjourned before 2pm.

The July Picnic will be held at the Hanlon Senior center this year (as the last two years) due to the heat. So far, members are bringing baked beans, cake, cookies, tossed salad, potato salad, hot dog buns, fruit, corn on the cob, iced tea and more. The chapter is providing the hot dogs (and maybe some other meats). Anyone wishing to attend may bring other picnic-like items (or whatever you like, as usual). If you can't bring a dish, it is requested a small donation be made to help replenish kitchen supplies, such as cups, plates, coffee, sugar, etc. Members can play Bingo, cards, dominoes, pool, or other activities we may have available at the center. There will be no regular business meeting.

Membership Update: Deceased: Anne Seiblom, 103, Lenexa, KS, 04/26/11, USPS; Shirley Jean Fairbanks, 81, Mission, KS, 5/9/11. New Members: none. Reinstated/Rejoined: 1. Dropped (non-renewal): 2. Transferred: none. We now have 209 members.

Note to families of members: When a member passes on, please be sure to contact the chapter's Service Officer (T.J. Robinson, 913-371-7720 or tjrobinson357@aol.com) for assistance for which agencies to contact (such as OPM) or forms to file. Also, notify the chapter so that we may contact NARFE headquarters to either stop dues billing or withholding or to transfer membership to a widow or widower. Thank You.

Members with birthdays in **July** are:

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| Alfred W Bridgeman | Florence Lockridge |
| Edward F Burgess | William N Moore |
| Helen I Burke | Betty J Morrison |
| Corinne P Culp | Donna L Piersee |
| Donald L Edwards | Theodore J Robinson |
| Richard D Fairbanks | Muriel Y Rucker |
| Ann J Felich | James C Welter |
| Lola M Forbes | GuyAnne Wilkins |
| Helen M Huff | Elzora L Williams |
| Zeilla M Jester | Dorothy F Witte |
| Norma J Kelly | |

Members with birthdays in **August** are:

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| Lula B Anderson | Violet R Jones |
| Clifford T Bauhard | John M Kraly |
| Barbara A Bennett | Willis O McCord |
| Noah Bland | Richard E Miller |
| Susan E Clark | Caroline J Pippin |
| Bertha L Cole | Doris E Priest |
| Anna W Hamm | Betty E Robinson |
| Adelaide E Hartung | Frances K Sachen |
| Henrietta L Horseman | Kathryn A Zunick |
| Kenneth M Jones | |

BOLD = Attends many meetings yearly

The 40 members above have an age range of 66 to 95 and an average age of 84. Congratulations! If you were born in July or August and not in the list, please notify the editor at the return address on the last page or e-mail address in the chapter officer list.

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Remember -- for ALL meetings, if you wish to play Bingo, bring your nickels & dimes. We usually play from just after 11 AM until lunch. Please Come! (We **can** make change for \$1 bills!)

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Legislative, Financial and Health News (summarized from FEDWeek & GEMS Bulletins and NARFE Legislative Hotlines):

Congress: With only a few weeks remaining before a potential government default, NARFE worries that a deal by behind the scenes negotiations will seek major sacrifices from the federal workforce and retirees rather than "shared sacrifice" by a wider population sector. As the House-passed Budget Resolution shows, many in Congress think we can be easily scapegoated and singled out (due to the relatively few number of us in comparison to the general population) and are coming after both active and retired federal employees with equal fervor. Contact your Senators and Representative now to help protect your earned benefits. See the NARFE magazine or website for suggestions or the "Protect America's Heartbeat" program.

Consumer Index: On June 15th the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the CPI-W index used for social security, military and civil service retirement benefits rose 0.5% in May. This means during the

first eight months of the fiscal year (October, '10 through September, '11) the index has increased by 3.4%, enough to normally trigger a COLA increase for next year. But watch, we'll probably be denied an increase for the third straight year!

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Membership Rosters are in an 8.5" x 11" format. Drop me a note at the return address block with \$2.00 each to offset printing and postage.
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OPM Retirement Information Center:
 Write to: PO Box 45, Boyers, PA 16017-0045.
 Phone: 1-888-767-6738 (1-88USOPMRET)
 M-F, 6:30 AM to 7:45 PM Central Time.
 Hearing impaired TDD# is 1-800-878-5707.
 On the Web: www.opm.gov/retire.

Remarriage, divorce, death of spouse, change of address or financial institution or amount of life insurance under FEGLI (among many other services)
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NARFE Headquarters: 1-703-838-7760
 (7 am to 3:45 pm Central Time)
 Call to get official forms at this number. See the NARFE magazine for various web addresses.

Also, be sure to notify NARFE for address changes, deaths, etc. at 1-800-456-8410 or memberrecords@narfe.org.

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Other numbers of Interest:
 Military Retirees: 800-321-1080
 V.A.: 800-827-1000 TSP: 877-968-3778
 Social Security: 800-772-1213
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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/Alzheimer Research"**. We'll forward the contribution to the state coordinator and mention you with a thanks in the Scout. Thanks to all.

Note to members: Dues Withholding saves the national organization money (no bills to mail out) and it saves you about \$4.40 over annually paid dues (\$30.60 national plus chapter vs. \$35.00). You don't have to remember to write that check or risk being dropped. **64%** of our members required to pay dues are already using withholding, why not you? Applications are on the NARFE website at: www.narfe.org.

Reminder: Please send us your **"Best Choice"** UPC codes when you get a bunch! (It's not worth using 44¢ to mail one or two!) We get \$30 per 1000 codes (3¢ 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. Remember, we need only the bar codes, not the whole label. Saves postage \$.

The following two pages are a required printing of bylaw amendments introduced in the June meeting to give the membership 30 days in which to examine them and provide feedback before the August meeting, in which votes will be held to approve or reject the amendments. If you wish to comment in person or vote, please attend the meeting. Otherwise, you may contact an officer (president, vice-president, treasurer or recording secretary) at a phone number or e-mail address on the front page of the newsletter or the return address on the last page. Thank you. (Do Not mail back anything!)

First Amendment introduced:

Chapter 1160 Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Date: 06/10/2011

Submitted by: Byron Nichols

1. Subject: (Current Bylaws MUST be cited by article, section and subsection.)

Reorganize Article VIII: Elections, by adding a new Section 3 and renaming the following sections 4 and 5, respectively.

2. Received By:

[Officer:] President Theodore J. Robinson

[Date] 06/10/2011

[Signature]

3. WHEREAS: (The Bylaws now read: [quote applicable portions]) (If more space is needed, use a separate page identified as No. 3 continued.)

Article VIII now reads:

Section 3. Voting for elections shall be by secret ballot except where there is only one (1) candidate nominated, in which case the candidate shall be elected by acclamation.

Section 4. Terms of office for all members shall be two (2) years.

4. BE IT RESOLVED: ([Proposed new wording, by article, section and subsection]) (If more space is needed, use a separate page identified as No. 4 continued.)

New wording in Article VIII:

Section 3. Before a vote is taken, nominations and/or volunteers for any office shall be taken from the floor and added to the presented slate.

Section 4. Voting for elections shall be by secret ballot except where there is only one (1) candidate nominated, in which case the candidate shall be elected by acclamation.

Section 5. Terms of office for all members shall be two (2) years.

5. Estimated Annual Cost:

There is no cost associated with this amendment.

Second Amendment introduced:

Chapter 1160 Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Date: 06/10/2011

Submitted by: Byron Nichols

1. Subject: (Current Bylaws MUST be cited by article, section and subsection.)

Append a section to **Article III** to deal with Social Members.

2. Received By:

[Officer:] President Theodore J. Robinson [Date] 06/10/2011
[Signature] _____

3. WHEREAS: (The Bylaws now read: [quote applicable portions])
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The Bylaws for Article III do not allow for Social Members, only regular and spousal members.

4. BE IT RESOLVED: ([Proposed new wording, by article, section and subsection])
(If more space is needed, use a separate page identified as No. 4 continued.)

Add **Article III, Section 6** as follows:
As in the National Bylaws, interested persons, other than spouses, not receiving annuities from federal service, who belong to the immediate household of a chapter member may be enrolled as Social Members upon payment of the annual chapter dues to the Chapter Treasurer. A Social Member may not hold office or have a vote except as to social events of purely local concern.

5. Estimated Annual Cost:

None (The extra dues will help defray chapter costs.)

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