



THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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NEXT MEETING: 11:00 A.M., Friday, 01/12/07 at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center, 1101 Ridge Ave., KCK

For those of you with computers: Look for the newsletter on www.KSNARFE.org in Item #14, in COLOR.

December Meeting: We played Bingo again before lunch; 6 people played with 3 winning \$4 between them. The Christmas luncheon was held from noon to 1:30 PM, with the chapter providing the turkey and ham. Plenty of other good food was had, and many took home some 'to go' boxes. Joy Hervey played the harp during lunch. She is a professional who sometimes plays for the KC Philharmonic. Her playing was enjoyed by all. Twenty-two attended, including 8 guests

We had a short informational meeting starting after lunch, with an invocation, the Pledge, correspondence and some announcements. Birdie Allen and Ada Nichols were the attendees with birthdays in December.

Ernestine Smith won the \$5 Attendance Drawing. and Kathy Zunick won the \$8.25 Jackpot Ticket drawing. Both prizes were contributed to the Alzheimer's fund. We sent a check for \$51.50 to the fund, which included a nice \$30 check from Florence Lockridge. Thank you very much! We have contributed a total so far this year of \$460.45 (about \$1.39 per member, based on 331 members on the October M114 report). **If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund, you can send a check to the Treasurer/Editor at the return address on the back cover of the Scout. 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.

Future Meetings: At ALL meetings, if anyone would like to come early enough before lunch (say, at the 11 AM time above), we plan to play Bingo, with PRIZES for the winners (as long as we have room in the budget for them). Please Come!

Membership Update: Deceased: Elizabeth C. Walker, 90 (12/03/06, FAA); Jerome E Deery, Sr., 80 (12/04/06, spouse of IRS retiree). Reinstated: Juanita B. Brooks, KCK. Welcome Back! Second notices sent to Frederick W, Mahler, David S. Podrebarac, Dorothea D Todd and Barbara J. Tritle, all from KCK; and Michael C. McDonnell and Nadine J. Newton of Bonner Springs. If these intend to stay members, please send dues to the NARFE national office ASAP (see NARFE magazine

for the address).

Note to members: Dues Withholding saves the national organization money and it saves you almost \$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 January are:

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| Milton F Adams | Mabel O Johnson |
| Helen J Ambrose | Beatrice McDaniel |
| Johnnie Mae Bailey | Loretta M McMillan |
| Ida Louise Bland | Barbara F Neal |
| Donald C Castor | Shirley R Paige |
| Daniel F Draper | Ruth Passaro |
| Louisa A Fletcher | Mary J Relic |
| Sam Freelon | Harold W Rucker |
| Luther A Garlington | Lawrence A Shannon |
| Ruby N Hancock | Berniece M Smothers |
| Alice D Hixson | Dorothy L Weller |
| Aleta M Johnson | Louis E White |

Bold = attends many meetings

The 24 members above have an age range of 66 to 95 and an average age of 80. Congratulations! If you were born in January 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, Pay Raise: Unless Congress acts in January or February, it looks like active employees will receive about 2.2% pay raise for the next year (that's 1.7% across-the-board and 0.5% split for locality pay). The next COLA for retirees is still 3.3% (FERS recipients get 2.3% for 62 and older).

Congress: The 109th Congress adjourned December 9th with many appropriations bills unpassed. Stopgap funding for the government was passed until February 15, 2007. The 110th Congress say they will be working 5 days a week to get the funding passed by then. It convenes on January 4 to elect officers.

TSP Funds: The small and mid-size stock-oriented fund (S) led November returns with a

