

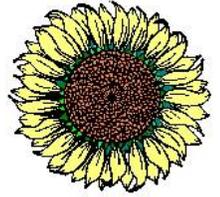


# THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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**NEXT MEETING: 11:00 A.M., Friday, 06/09/06 at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center, 1101 Ridge Ave., K.C., KS**

For those of you with computers: Look for the newsletter on [www.KSNARFE.org](http://www.KSNARFE.org) in Item #14, in COLOR. The May issue with pics of the Joe Meditz Memorial Luncheon should be out there. This issue will be there shortly.

**May Meeting:** The usual pot-luck luncheon was held at noon to 1:00 PM. We had a cake left over from the Memorial Luncheon, and it was still delicious (we froze it). By the way, we received a wonderful card from the Meditz family thanking the chapter for such a first class luncheon. They said Joe would have loved it. Joe Meditz Jr. and his wife Joanne and his sister and her husband attended. Joe Jr. and Joanne even danced to Joe Sr's favorite song.

We had fourteen members present. Betty Shannon introduced her guest, Rea Burnett from Belleview, FL. We recognized one birthday for the month of the meeting regulars: LaVerne Robinson. The bills from the Memorial lunch and other assorted expenses were paid. Lawrence Shannon won the \$5 Attendance Drawing. Birdie Allen won the \$5.75 Ticket drawing. Both were given to the Alz-heimer's fund. We sent a check for \$166.50 to the fund, which included the \$150 earned last month from the blanket raffle, for a total so far this year of \$329.35. Shirley Newman was appointed the Membership Committee Chair.

**Kansas Convention:** We had seven members attend the Wichita Convention at the end of April. A total of 175 people statewide were present, including two guests representing the National organization. Birdie Allen won a Money Tree in a drawing sponsored by Banker's Life Insurance valued about \$30 and a \$10 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. Shirley Newman won a big basket of stuff including gardening hand tools and cheeses valued at around \$200. Everyone was hoping they would win that!

A new Area I-A Vice-President was elected; our chapter secretary T.J. Robinson (he was Area VP before Agnes Shellhammer, who had to give up the office after a year due to driving concerns).

The Alzheimer's auctions continued the trend of higher collections this year. The preliminary figures for the Live Auction: \$1,672; and the Silent Auction: \$1,164; for a total of about \$400 more than last year. We were told the grand totals for Kansas last year were \$19,594 (\$3000 over 2004), or \$3.60 per member, while the goal was \$3.25. The Federation has set this year's goal at \$3.30. Our chapter didn't fare very well last year; less than \$1 per official chapter member. If there are any younger members out there who

have any ideas to raise contributions, please help! The small chapters are beating us **Royally!**

Next year the convention will be held April 29 to May 1 at Junction City in a newly remodeled motel & convention center.

**Future Meetings:** There will be a surprise guest speaker with good news for seniors at the next meeting (June 9<sup>th</sup>). Bring a friend. At ALL meetings, if anyone would like to come early enough before lunch (say, at the 11 A.M. time above), we plan to have Bingo or other games available, with PRIZE\$ for the winners. Please Come!

July 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual Picnic in Wyandotte County Lake Park (shelter house to be determined). Come early if you wish to play horseshoes, Bingo, etc. We had the shelter starting at 9 AM last year. Bring food, family, whatever!

Reminder - The **November** meeting, normally held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, will be **a week early**, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to Veteran's Day.

**Membership Update:** Deceased: Albert A De-Meyer, 84 (USPS, 05/15/06). Dropped for non-renewal: Douglas P Meyer, Tonganoxie. NEW Member: Eunice M Roark, KCK. **WELCOME!**

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. Also, see the bottom of pp 3-4 in this newsletter.

Members with birthdays in June are:

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| Mary L Bentz         | Gladys E Koska     |
| Juanita B Brooks     | Velma V Koskan     |
| Kathleen E Bush      | Eleanor Jean Major |
| Russell L Coll Sr    | Charles E Merritt  |
| Janet Dillman        | Martha J Orth      |
| Alvin L Drake        | David S Podrebarac |
| Ardith A Gibbs       | Alene Seiblom      |
| Jack C Herold        | Robert N Shaumeyer |
| Edna M Herzig        | Gladys R Spacek    |
| Constance L Holliday | Charles F Swengel  |
| Leland C Huff        | Evelyn J Tucker    |
| Darlene D Jesse      |                    |



The following is from a forwarded e-mail. BEWARE!

**Subject: Vin #'s and Car Thieves:**

Hmmm!! You would think the Dealerships would require verification first. (Naw -- They just want to "serve the customer" so they can make a buck.) Seems that car thieves have found yet another way to steal your car or truck without any effort at all. The car thieves peer through the windshield of your car or truck, write down the VIN # from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN #. I didn't believe this e-mail, so I called a friend at Chrysler Dodge and pretended I had lost my keys. They told me to just bring in the VIN #, and they would cut me one on the spot, and I could order the keyless device if I wanted. The car dealer's parts department will make a duplicate key from the VIN #, and collect payment from the thief who will return to take your car. He doesn't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to himself. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local Chop Shop with your vehicle. You don't believe it? It IS that easy. To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) across the VIN Metal Label located on the dash board. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you can cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief. I urge you to forward this to your friends before some other car thief steals another car or truck.

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**OPM Annuitant Express**

To start, stop or change withholdings or get a duplicate 1099-R: Call 1-800-409-6528; or on the web type [www.opm.gov/retire](http://www.opm.gov/retire) (you must apply for a pin # to change your \$ allocations).

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**Inspirational Thought:**

I've seen a form of this published elsewhere; this was passed on to me by another member. (Apologies if I'm violating anyone's copyright.):

**Do You Just Belong?**

- Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
- Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
- Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?
- Do you take an active part to help the work along?
- Or are you satisfied to be the type to just belong?
- Do you work on committees, to this there is no trick.
- Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
- Please come to the meetings and help with hand and heart.
- Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
- Think this over members, you know what's right and wrong.
- Are you an ACTIVE member, or Do You Just Belong?

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**OPM Retirement Information Center:**

Write to PO Box 45, Boyers, PA 16017-0045 or phone 1-888-767-6738. Remarriage, divorce, death of spouse, change of address or financial institution or amount of life insurance under FEGLI (among many more 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.

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**Dues Withholding Application**

*Be sure to fill out both sides of this form and mail to: Attn: Member Records, NARFE, 606 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314*

(Please Print)

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Social Security Number (9-digit number)

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C S Civil Service Annuity Number (Include prefix, CSA or CSF)

(Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.)

Last, First, Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ NARFE Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ NARFE Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Rosters** are available in an 8.5" x 11" format with larger type. 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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**Our Chapter Officers:**

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**AUTHORIZATION** (Withholding will begin in 60-90 days). No payment should be forwarded with application.

I authorize the United States Office of Personnel Management to make appropriate deductions from my annuity payments, not to exceed the amount certified by the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association as the amount of dues for which I am annually obligated, in accordance with elections I make below and to pay the deducted sum to the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE). This authorization shall also apply to any and all dues changes certified by NARFE membership in accordance with elections I make below: *Please allow 60-90 days for processing.*

**Do You Authorize Your Spouse's Dues to Be Withheld from Your Annuity?**  Yes  No

If YES, enter your spouse's name and membership number below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number

You authorize:

**First year membership fee of \$24.60 plus Chapter dues of record to be withheld annually.**

I understand that this authorization shall be valid until NARFE receives and processes my written notice of cancellation in accordance with its agreement with the Office of Personnel Management and that any disputes regarding this authorization shall be a matter between NARFE and myself. I hold the Office of Personnel Management harmless for any erroneous allotment deduction made pursuant to this authorization.

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 Signature of Annuitant or Survivor-Annuitant

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 Date

Dues payments and gifts or contributions to NARFE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

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