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**KUDOS & THANK YOU'S TO:**

- ❖ New member Gus McClelland, who transferred to Chapter 378.
- ❖ Those current board members who have stepped up to the plate to be on the ballot. See page 2.
- ❖ NARFE members dodging another "budget cut bullet" with an aggressive campaign to contact congressmen.

---Report deserving members to Wendy Hambly---

**SERVICE OFFICER Wanda Lyon**

July's CPI-W (Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) increased by 0.7%. The new CPI-W index is 222.686, and **3.34%** above 2008's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter average of 215.495, the base figure for determining the next COLA.

CPI-W		MONTHLY % CHG	% TOWARD NEXT COLA
Jan 2011	216.400	0.5	+0.42
Feb 2011	217.535	0.5	+0.95
Mar 2011	220.024	1.1	+2.10
Apr 2011	221.743	0.08	+2.90
May 2011	222.954	0.5	+3.46
June 2011	222.522	-0.2	+3.26
July 2011	222.686	0.07	+3.34

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**SUNSHINE CHAIR Sandy Nease**

Four cards were sent in July. Two cards were sent to Reba Bryant, one to Martha Vannattan's family, and one to the son of Jeanne Lytle.

Please let me know about illness, special birthdays, celebrations, or honors our members receive, so I can send an appropriate card.

Phone: 785-843-3378

**ALZHEIMER'S John Scott**

Donations: August \$16.96 Year to date \$248.96

**SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING INFORMATION**

Meet at Conroy's Pub. Program begins at noon, lunch at 12:30. Choose from 3 menu items. Iced tea, coffee, gratuity, and tax are included for \$10.00. A business meeting follows lunch. September's program is Riley Scott, State Director and Deputy Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, Kansas. October's program and meeting will be at Meadowlark Estates.

**AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING RECAP**

August's program was Tami Ray of Westar Energy, who presented information on Westar's new energy saving and cost saving initiatives. She discussed the installing a new thermostat, energy efficiency of using LED lights, Westar's home evaluation program to determine where energy is lost in your home, and the new Smart Star System which provides the user with a computer based dashboard to evaluate their energy use. The Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Energy Fair at the Lawrence Library was full. For other Energy Fair dates and locations, check <http://www.westarenergy.com/wcm.nsf/content/home%20energy%20savings>

Also note the **11th Annual Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair and Sustainable Homes Tour on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the City of Lawrence Community Building (115 W. 11th Street) from 10 am to 4 pm.** The Waste Reduction & Recycling Division, hosts the event, which provides an opportunity for energy efficiency and conservation organizations to reach the Lawrence market in a trade show setting.

<http://lawrenceks.org/wrr/energyfair>

**MEMBERSHIP Betty Scribner**

Welcome to Myron Feuerborn, Ace and Lareeda Hickey, and Gus McClelland who are now officially NARFE members of Free State Chapter 378. Thank you to Elaine Seeman for recruiting Myron, Ace, and Lareeda. Louise Lloyd, membership chair of the Shawnee chapter, referred Gus to Chapter 378. Thank you for following through and coming to a meeting, Gus.

In late July, I received a call from Mona, HR Director at Haskell. She requested NARFE magazines and brochures. She plans to include them in packets for distribution to employees returning for the fall semester. I am happy to have made this

connection with Haskell. Mona assured me that we will be contacted to participate in their health fair. I will stay in touch with her.

Thank you again to all of you who have assisted me reaching active employees to inform them of NARFE. Please feel free to give me ideas and suggestions for the recruitment of new NARFE members and the retention of current members.

If you need more information and/or forms, please call me at 785-865-8235.

**HEADS UP**

Remember the October 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter 378 meeting will be held at Meadowlark Estates on 6<sup>th</sup> and Folk. **ALSO NOTE that we need a head-count for lunch.** A method for getting that headcount will be developed at the September meeting and reported in the September newsletter. **The lunch is being provided by Meadowlark Estates, and there is NO CHARGE for lunch.** More information will follow.

**LEGISLATIVE JOHN SURRITTE**

**Hope you remembered to call** President Obama and your Congressmen on July 27<sup>th</sup>, NARFE's telecom day...if not, better late than never. **The President's number is 1-888-225-8418, and Congress' is 1-866-220-0044.** Supply your zip code to be connected with the correct congressman and request a written response. Ask that they not cut benefits to reduce federal deficit.

In September, as Past President, I will ask for candidates' names for the Chapter's Board Ballot.

**CHAPTER 378's 2012 BOARD CANDIDATES**

To date, the following individuals have agreed to be candidates on the 2012 Chapter Board Ballot:

- Tom Huntzinger, Chapter President
- Roger Lemmons, First Vice President
- Elaine Seeman, Second Vice President
- Dianne Throop, Secretary
- Betty Scribner, Membership Chair
- Linda Surritte, NARFE PAC Chair
- John Scott, Alzheimer's Chair
- John Surritte, Legislative Chair
- Wanda Lyon, Service Officer
- Sandy Nease, Sunshine Chair
- Wendy Hambly, Newsletter Editor

Positions without candidates: Treasurer, Public Relations, and NARFE Net Coordinator

Interested in running for any board position? Contact John Surritte. As Past President of the Chapter, John is in charge of compiling the ballot.

# Free Lunch

*Reserve your lunch by OCTOBER 5th*

**Elaine Seeman is taking lunch reservations for the NARFE CHAPTER 378 meeting on OCTOBER 19th, at Meadowlark Estates. Meadowlark Estates is providing lunch at NO COST TO YOU, BUT WE DO NEED A HEAD COUNT.**

**Please CALL, EMAIL, OR USE THIS FORM TO MAIL YOUR RESERVATION TO ELAINE SEEMAN BY OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ELAINE SEEMAN**

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**YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER 19TH NARFE CHAPTER 378 MEETING AND LUNCH AT MEADOWLARK ESTATES AT 6TH AND FOLK, LAWRENCE, KS.**

**NARFE MEMBERS' NAME(S):**

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**BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER NAME:**

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**TOTAL NUMBER FOR LUNCH: \_\_\_\_\_**

**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_**