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

- ☞ Roger Lemmons for arranging to have Bob Davis, Voice of the Royals, for the May Program.
  - ☞ Tom Huntzinger for recognizing members for their recruiting efforts.
- Report deserving members to Wendy Hambly---

**FROM THE PRESIDENT Tom Huntzinger**

Betty Scribner, Elaine Seeman, Roger Lemmons, Lew Ruona, and Wendy Hambly were recognized for their recruiting efforts which resulted in the Chapter being recognized for the largest % of increase in membership of all Chapters in the State of Kansas

**SUNSHINE CHAIR Sandy Nease**

Please let me know about illness, special birthdays, celebrations, or honors our members receive, so I can send an appropriate card. I sent a sympathy card to the family of Genevieve Limburg.  
Sandy Nease 785-979-5481

**ALHEIMER'S John Scott**

As in past years, Linda and John Surritte announced they will match Alzheimer's donations from members in during August, September, and October.

**LEGISLATIVE JOHN SURRITTE**

**NARFE Legislative Hotline (24/7): 877-217-8234**  
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Pay close attention to what the Kansas Legislature is doing. The good news is that we have not heard from Jim Miller, the Kansas Federation Legislative Chair.

**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING ROGER LEMMONS**

Meet at Conroy's Pub. Program at noon, lunch at 12:30. The meal, iced tea, coffee, gratuity, and tax are included for \$10.00. Business meeting follows lunch.

June's program is Jeromy Farmer of "Just Food," who will speak on the organizations efforts to provide food for persons and/or families in need. Cheryl Travis suggested we collect food at the June meeting. Elaine Seeman pointed out that "Just Food" is able to purchase food cheaper than individuals, so it may be best to donate money-cash rather than cans. It was decided at the May meeting that cash donations would be more beneficial. Ace Hickey also said that Just Food has more purchasing power than members, and, if you donate by check, you can use it as a tax deduction. Ace also said Just Food runs low on jelly during the summer months so if you don't want to give cash, bring jelly. Elaine Seeman promises, "It [*the June program*] will be funny and entertaining."

The program for July 8, will be Paul Davis, Representative of the State 46th district. This should be an interesting program with all the activity that has been taking place in Topeka. Pick your topic, redistricting, the governors open meeting question, budget woes and what 3 years will do to Kansas treasury and others. There's a lot to talk about.

**MAY 16TH MEETING RECAP**

Members knew the program would be great from the beginning when Roger Lemmons, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Chapter 378, and Bob Davis, Voice of the Royals, bantered back and forth about KU and K State. We were not disappointed. After the welcoming applause subsided, Bob Davis thanked us with "As the cow said to the farmer, '*Thanks for the warm hand*'. " He then related story after story covering his time at KYST, Hays, Kansas radio station to the being the Voice of the Royals.

I began taking notes and realized I couldn't keep up with Bob Davis' speedy delivery and my laughing out loud. Those of you who missed this program, missed a healthy dose of laughter! When Bob Davis had finished and the applause ended, members said when watching the Royals on TV, they mute the TV and listen to Davis' radio commentary.

**MEMBERSHIP****Betty Scribner****SIGN UP FOR NARFE DUES WITHHOLDING TODAY**

Your monthly cost =

National dues per month \$2.83 + Chapter dues  
\$0.42 = \$3.25 –

A savings of \$6.00 per year

**What is Dues Withholding?**

It is a payment method that gives NARFE members the option of having their annual dues automatically deducted from their annuities on a monthly basis.

**Can I have membership dues deducted for myself and my spouse?**

Yes! The DW-2 form authorizes this.

**In the event of my death, what will happen to the voluntary allotment?**

A family member should notify National Headquarters in writing. A surviving spouse who will receive a civil service annuity must submit a new DW-2 to continue the withholding from his or her annuity payments.

**Who is eligible for NARFE's Dues Withholding Program?**

Retirees, spouses of retirees, and annuitant survivors are eligible for dues withholding. Life Members, current federal employees, and Honorary Members do not qualify.

**What if I change my mind? Am I obligated to remain in the program?**

Dues Withholding is voluntary and can be discontinued at anytime by notifying National Headquarters.

Three reasons we need to pay attention to membership retention:

1. If retention is handled well, we have built the basis for effective recruitment. High retention rates signal that we have a satisfied membership. Satisfied members tend to share the association story with others, automatically creating and propelling an effective grassroots campaign. The old saying, "A bird in the hand is worth 2 in the bush," certainly applies to NARFE because it

takes less effort and expense to keep a member than to recruit a new one.

2. Chapters with low retention rates end up spending a disproportionate amount of time and resources on recruitment.
3. Retention problems can be financially draining on chapters, federations, and associations. Smaller budgets mean leaders may find it harder to attend conventions on state and national levels and training seminars—all vital in helping leaders keep their chapter up-to-date and in business.

Member recruitment is a product of great marketing. However, member retention is the result of both great marketing and a great membership experience. Each member plays a part in both recruitment and retention.

**Welcome to new member William Moss!**

BettyScribner, 785-865-8235 or email: [scribner@sunflower.com](mailto:scribner@sunflower.com). **Note:** This is a new email address.

**FROM THE TREASURER****Cheryl Travis**

Tom Huntzinger, Chapter President, and I reviewed the 2011 budget. The Chapter ended 2011 with less cash on hand than in past years. This was primarily due to recruiting efforts cost such as mailings to potential members and printing of a Chapter brochure.

National reimbursed Chapter 378 for a portion of the brochure printing costs and dues for new members in the amount of \$200.

Tom and I recommended transferring \$202.78 from the Memorial Fund to the General Fund. It was moved, seconded, and passed during the May business meeting. Transferring this amount will leave the Memorial Fund at \$50 and bring the General Fund to an equivalent amount of past year's.

On another front, there are also plans in the works for a Chapter meeting to be held at the Club House in my neighborhood on Chipperfield Road. Details will be announced at a later date.



**Remember to bring a little extra cash (check if you want a tax deduction) to the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for the JUST FOOD donation.**