



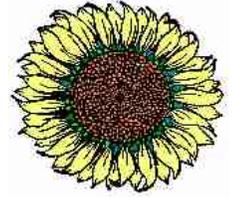
THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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NEXT MEETING: 11:00 A.M., Friday, 09/14/07 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.

August Meeting: Bingo was played by 14 members before lunch. Six people won a total of \$7. Potluck lunch was at noon. As usual we had plenty of good food contributed.

About fifteen members attended the business meeting. The minutes of the past two business meetings were read, as well as the treasurer's report. A lifetime membership certificate was awarded to Laverne Robinson. We approved the purchase of a new chapter banner to be carried to the CONK training session in South Sioux City, Iowa at the end of August. A list of attendees and a summary of the session will be in the next issue.

Ernestine Smith won the attendance drawing of \$5. Kathy Zunick won the ticket drawing for \$4.25. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's fund. Also, Carolyn Taylor gave an extra \$5 to the fund. So far this year the chapter has sent **\$934.43** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator (\$3.03 per official member).

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 Chapter 1160"**. We'll forward the contribution to the state coordinator and mention you with a thanks in the Scout. Thanks to all.

Membership Update: No new or confirmed deceased members this past month.

Members with birthdays in September are:

Naomi K Bowen
Albert H Clark
Ellen C Clark
Wanda J Collins
Neil G Cordell
Clyde R Cowgill
Kay F Crossley
James Dangerfield
Dorothy L Dusek
Shirley Jean Fairbanks
Joann Hughes
Bobbie M Jackson
Sibyl J Johnson

Catherine T Mastro
Margaret D Miller
Shirley J Newman
Doris A Schnieders
Charles L Simkins
Ernestine B Smith
Marjorie U Spitzengel
Velma J Storz
Margaret I Swain
John W Tritle
Emmett J Tucker
Travis R Worten
BOLD = attends most meetings

The 25 members above have an age range of

61 to 109 and an average age of 82. We have two members at 100 or more this month: Charles Simpkins of Overland Park at 100 and Travis Worten of Los Angeles, CA. at 109. Congratulations! If you were born in September and not in the above list, please notify the editor at the return address on the last page or e-mail address in the masthead above.

Note to members: Dues Withholding saves the national organization money and it saves you at least \$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.

Future Meetings: At ALL meetings, if anyone would like to come early enough before lunch (say, at about 11 A.M.), we plan to play Bingo, with prizes for the winners. **Please Come!**

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

COLAs, CPI, rates: The CPI-W decreased 0.1 percent in July, making the COLA count at 2.3% for the ten months of the fiscal year. FECA benefits would have an increase of 3.3% so far this calendar year.

Congress: Legislation offered in the Senate (S-2003) would expand the situations where a retiree could return to an agency without an offset between their salary and annuity. It allows work of up to 520 hours in the first six months after retirement, up to 1,040 in any 12-month period and 6,240 hours lifetime. However, the retiree could not build additional credits toward their annuity or make new investments in the TSP. And they wouldn't be eligible to pay their FEGLI premiums through the pre-tax arrangement available to other employees.

On July 30, President Bush signed S-966 (now P.L. 110-50) the Passport Backlog Reduction Act, to allow temporary rehiring of retired Foreign Service employees without a salary offset.

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TSP Funds: The three stock-oriented TSP funds suffered significant losses in July: the Small company (S) fund down 4.57%, the large company (C) down 3.1% and the international (I) fund down 2.39%. Over the last 12-month period, though, they are still strong: the I fund was up by 22.93%, the S fund up by 17.27% and the C fund up by 16.14%. In July the bond (F) fund was up 0.8% and the government securities (G) fund was up 0.5%. All lifecycle funds were down marginally for July but still strong for the entire year.

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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 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.

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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 at www.opm.gov/retire (you must apply for a pin # to change your allocations).

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Membership Rosters are available in an 8.5" x 11" format. 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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Reminder: Please send us your **"Best Choice"** UPC codes when you get a bunch! (It's not worth using 41 cents to mail one or two!) We get \$30 per 1000 codes (3 cents 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. **Thanks to everyone for their submissions! Especially Henrietta Walker for her 97 codes!** ** Remember, we need only the bar codes, not the whole label. Saves postage. **

Reminder: I have changed my address; look at the return address above for the new one! (bn)