



# THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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**NEXT MEETING: 11:00 A.M., Friday, 10/12/07 at the pat Hanlon Senior Center, 1101 Ridge Ave., KCK**

For those of you with computers: Look for the newsletter on [www.KSNARFE.org](http://www.KSNARFE.org) in Item #14, in COLOR.

## Welcome to Fall!!

See Pages 2&3 for the NARFE Fall Seminar Schedule & Reservation Form

**September Meeting:** Bingo was played by 10 members before lunch. Four people won a total of \$13. Potluck lunch was at noon. As usual we had plenty of good food contributed.

Eleven members attended the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting was read, as well as the treasurer's report. The secretary brought the new chapter banner to the meeting for viewing and it looked very nice.

Regina Barger won the attendance drawing of \$5. Birdie Allen won the ticket drawing for \$4.25. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's fund. So far this year the chapter has sent **\$948.93** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator (\$3.08 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:** Deceased: Marie Eloise Kanosky, 85 (9/19/07, USPS). New Members: Estralita Justice, KCK and Marcille Y Pruitt, KCMO. Welcome!!

Members with birthdays in October are:

Mary C Bellamy  
Beatrice Cannon  
Mildred M Clark  
Floyd F Culp  
Michael T Denk  
Virgie L Edwards  
Buford Erwin  
John V Hitchcock  
William C Kalich  
Mozella Marie Mabon  
Mary B Mann  
**Byron K Nichols**

Thelma J Poole  
Walter C Raynes  
Mary L Reynolds  
Mabel L Ruby  
Anne R Rundle  
Ruth Saragusa  
Sylvia C Terbovich  
Barbara J Tritle  
Leonard H Wesson  
Gloria A Willis  
Esther E Woodard  
**BOLD** = attends most meetings

The 23 members above have an age range of 56 to 93 and an average age of 80½. Congratulations! If you were born in October 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 0.2% in August, making the COLA count at +2.2% for the eleven months of the fiscal year. FECA benefits would have an increase of 3% so far this calendar year.

**TSP Funds:** The International stock (I) fund dropped 0.71% in August, but the others all gained: C, 1.54%; S, 1.38%; F, 1.23%; and G, 0.33%. The latest 12-month returns are: I, 18.79%; S, 16.3%; C, 15.21%; F, 5.32% and G, 4.86%. August and 12-month returns for the life-cycle funds are: Income, 0.61 & 7.28; 2010, 0.73 & 9.99; 2020, 0.8 & 12.34; 2030, 0.88 & 13.65; 2040, 0.9 & 14.82.

**Health (FEHBP):** Open Season will be from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10 this year (both FEHBP and FEDVIP). Announcement of plan offerings and premiums will be sometime next month, but some details have been announced. Premiums will increase an average of 2.1%, but the largest carrier, Blue Cross, will have an 8.5% increase in its standard option. Fourteen plans will drop out and 13 new plans are joining. Many plans will offer high-deductible plans with HSAs (but fewer than a

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# NARFE

## KANSAS FEDERATION FALL AREA SEMINARS

October 2007

\*\*\*\*\* "BACK TO BASICS AND YOU" \*\*\*\*\*

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08:45-09:15	--- <b>REGISTRATION</b> -----	Register, Pick Up Training Materials (Coffee)
09:15-09:40	--- WELCOME-Invocation/Flag Salute	"Host Chapter"
	INTRODUCTIONS -----	By Host Area Vice President(s)
	Overview -----	Chapters, Members, Lunch Plans;
	Comments -----	Gale D. Beck, Training Officer, Comments
09:40-10:05	--- NARFE, "Guest Speaker" -----	John F. Surritte, KS Federation President
10:05-10:50	--- MEMBERSHIP -----	Richard G. Thissen, Region V, NFVP
		Elizabeth Bornman, Membership Chair.
		Monthly M112, Semiannual M114 reports
		How the Chapter President can download reports
		When? Distribution by Chapter President
		Check reports for accuracy, update & report
		Corrections to NARFE: Disposition of reports
		When no longer needed & how?
		Source of names of Potential Members.
		Recruitment/Retention? (How to recruit, Hands-on
		Retention, Recruitment and background for recruitment)
10:50-11:00	--- <b>STAND UP BREAK</b> -----	
11:00-11:20	--- LEGISLATION -----	John F. Surritte, President/Gary Townson, VP.
		Chapter & Members Involvement
11:20-11:40	--- PAC -----	Gary Townson, Vice President.
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11:40-12:30	--- <b>LUNCH BREAK</b> -----	
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12:30-01:00	--- MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -----	Mary E. Fritzon, Federation Service Officer
		"Duties Chpt . Service Officer." F-58
01:00-01:30	--- PUBLIC RELATIONS -----	Donald L. Cooper, Past-President, Newsletters,
		Email & Potential Members/Zip Codes.
		Public Relations FH-9
01:30-02:15	--- CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING -----	Carol R. Ek, Federation Secretary
		"Chapter, Secretaries/Treasurer Duties."
		F-55/F56: Gale Beck, Chpt. Presidents
		Vice-Presidents/Duties, Chpt., F-54
02:15-02:25	--- <b>STAND UP BREAK</b> -----	
02:25-02:40	--- DISASTER FUNDS/SCHOLARSHIPS -----	John Surritte, President.
02:40-02:55	--- ALZHEIMERS -----	Linda Surritte, Alzheimer Coordinator.
02:55-03:15	--- THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW -----	Richard Thissen, NFVP, Region V.
03:15-03:30	--- CLOSING REMARKS -----	John Surritte, President.

\*Designated trainers may vary from one training session to another.

++++ Exit Survey: Complete & turn in before leaving. +++++

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Area 2 & 2A--Wednesday, October 3, 2007, Iola, Kansas, Allen County Community College

Area 3--Friday, October 12, 2007, Clay Center, Kansas, United Methodist Church

Area 1 & 1A--Monday, October 15, 2007, Pat Hanlon Senior Center 1101 Ridge, Kansas City, Kansas

"Success stops when you do"

Please Return This Registration Form By October 10

NARFE-KANSAS FEDERATION TRAINING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007  
REGISTRATION: 8:45 – 9:15 am  
HANLON COMMUNITY CENTER  
1101 RIDGE AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, KS 66102  
913-573-5515

SANDWICH BOX LUNCH  
INCLUDES  
CHIPS, FRUIT & A COOKIE

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

HAM - - - - - ( )  
TUNA - - - - - ( )  
TURKEY - - - - - ( )  
ROAST BEEF - - - - ( )

**PRICE - \$5.75**

**OR**

YOUR CHOICE OF A SALAD  
CRISPY CHICKEN - - - - - ( )  
GRILLED CHICKEN - - - - - ( )  
**LARGE - \$4.99 - - ( )**  
**SMALL - \$3.29 - - ( )**

SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE OR TEA WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ALL MEALS

**DEADLINE FOR MENU SELECTION IS OCTOBER 10, 2007.**

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

SUNFLOWER CHAPTER 1160  
2501 N. 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
KANSAS CITY, KS 66104-3631

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**DATED MEETING NOTICE**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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 <FirstMid> <LastNm>  
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 <City>, <State> <Zip9>

tenth of a percent have enrolled in these). For more info, see the NARFE press release on its website (www.narfe.org), the November NARFE magazine, or the OPM website (www.opm.gov).

**Congress:** HR 1110, Premium Conversion for retirees, was reported out of the House Oversight & Government Reform Committee. But since it changes tax law, it will also have to go through the Ways & Means committee later on. Cosponsors of the bill have been increasing.

As of September 14, the House had passed all 12 of the annual appropriations bills, while the Senate passed only three. None have been through the conference committees, and at least two have pending veto threats. Before the fiscal year-end of September 30th, a Continuing Resolution will probably be passed to continue funding agencies, retirements, etc.

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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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**Our Chapter Officers:**

President	E. Regina Barger	913-342-8256
Vice-President	LaVerne Robinson	913-371-7720 save900@aol.com
Recording Secretary		913-371-7720
Public Relations	Theodore J Robinson	save900@aol.com
Service Officer		
Treasurer		816-763-4729
Newsletter Editor	Byron Nichols	byron666@earthlink.net
Roster		
Alzheimer's Chair	Kathy Zunick	913-281-3335
Membership Chair	Shirley Newman	913-371-4444

**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!** \*\* 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)**