



THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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NEXT MEETING: 11:00 A.M., Friday, 12/14/07 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.

November Meeting: Bingo was played by 10 members before lunch and prizes were won by five different members, some of which were contributed to Alzheimer's. Potluck lunch was at noon. As usual we had plenty of good food contributed.

Thirteen members attended the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read, as well as the treasurer's report. Birthday greetings were sung to Bob Horseman. As usual, we lost a few members due to moving away, failure to renew and death. We now have about 300 members.

Ada Nichols won the attendance drawing of \$5. President Regina Barger won the ticket drawing for \$4.25. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's fund. Also Florence Lockridge sent a check to us for Alzheimer's. THANKS a lot!! So far this year the chapter has sent **\$1,019.93** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator (\$3.35 per official member). The KS Federation goal this year is \$4 per member. We have about \$200 to go for this one.

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: Jessie Mae Henderson, 82 (11/9/07, widow of a USPS retiree).

Members with birthdays in December are:

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| Birdie Allen | Fred O Peterson |
| David H Beazell | Margaret A Peterson |
| Paul J Breitenstein | Janeria M Phillips |
| Yvonne L Edwards | Mary E Richard |
| Mary Lee Fouts | Herbert A Schnieders Jr |
| Zenobia B Freeman | Edwin Shutt |
| Carl L Holmberg | Albert W Stevenson |
| Alvan M Lisbona | Robert S Truesdell |
| Gary L Marks | Mason B Tucker |
| June M McConnell | Camille E Weems |
| Ada G Nichols | Elizabeth J White |
| Mary Nancy Palcher | BOLD = attends most meetings |

The 23 members above have an age range of 57 to 99 and an average age of 81. Congratulations! If you were born in December 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: We will hold our annual **Christmas Luncheon at the December meeting.** State Federation officers have been invited to attend. Those present at the November meeting, signed up to bring the following food items: **ham and turkey (provided by the chapter as usual), dinner rolls, green beans, stuffing, green salad & dressing, cranberry sauce, a relish tray, sweet potatoes, peanut brittle, cakes and mac & cheese.** Members not at the November meeting who wish to attend may bring side dishes and desserts. if they desire (otherwise, please contribute a buck or two to the kitchen fund to buy coffee, plates, etc.) **At ALL meetings, if anyone would like to come early enough before lunch (say, by 11 A.M.), we plan to play Bingo with prizes for the winners. Please Come! Happy Holidays to all!!**

Special Needs: The NARFE-FEEA Disaster fund is requesting contributions to help NARFE members due to the California fires. To make a tax-deductible donation by check make it payable to "NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund" and send it to: FEEA, 8441 W Bowles Ave., Suite 200, Littleton, CO 80123. Credit card donations may be made on-line at 'www.feea.org' or you can call 1-800-323-4140. Be sure to tell them you are donating to the NARFE Disaster Fund.

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

Congress: The government's authority to spend has been extended through December 14 with the passage of the Defense Appropriations bill. It also sets a precedent for a 3.5% average pay raise for federal employees by setting that amount for military personnel. Most other budget bills will probably be lumped together for another continuing resolution if Congress can't get them passed in December.

FEHBP: Open Season runs from November 12 through December 10 this year. Contact OPM if you haven't already received your mailing about your current benefits.

TSP Funds: All TSP funds had a gaining month in October. The International stock (I) fund gained 4.49%, followed by the small stock (S) fund by 2.83%, the large stock (C) fund at 1.58%, bond (F) fund at 0.86% and government securities (G) fund by 0.41%. The latest 12-month returns are, respectively: 25.7%; 16.35%; 14.62%; 5.42% and 4.91%. October and 12-month returns for the Lifecycle funds are: Income, 0.82 & 7.47; 2010, 1.29 & 10.27; 2020, 1.84 & 13.28; 2030, 2.09 & 14.68; 2040, 2.37 & 16.11.

DATED MEETING NOTICE

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Subject: The Beauty of Math

1 x 8 + 1 = 9	1 x 9 + 2 = 11
12 x 8 + 2 = 98	12 x 9 + 3 = 111
123 x 8 + 3 = 987	123 x 9 + 4 = 1111
1234 x 8 + 4 = 9876	1234 x 9 + 5 = 11111
12345 x 8 + 5 = 98765	12345 x 9 + 6 = 111111
123456 x 8 + 6 = 987654	123456 x 9 + 7 = 1111111
1234567 x 8 + 7 = 9876543	1234567 x 9 + 8 = 11111111
12345678 x 8 + 8 = 98765432	12345678 x 9 + 9 = 111111111
123456789 x 8 + 9 = 987654321	123456789 x 9 + 10 = 1111111111

9 x 9 + 7 = 88
 98 x 9 + 6 = 888
 987 x 9 + 5 = 8888
 9876 x 9 + 4 = 88888
 98765 x 9 + 3 = 888888
 987654 x 9 + 2 = 8888888
 9876543 x 9 + 1 = 88888888
 98765432 x 9 + 0 = 888888888

Brilliant, isn't it? And look at this symmetry:

1 x 1 = 1
 11 x 11 = 121
 111 x 111 = 12321
 1111 x 1111 = 1234321
 11111 x 11111 = 123454321
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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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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 \$\$.

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

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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).