

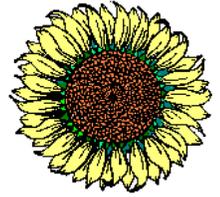


# THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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**NEXT MEETING: 11:00 A.M., Friday, 6/13/08** 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.

**May Meeting:** Nine members attended the usual pot-luck luncheon. After lunch, the business meeting was called to order at 1pm with ten voting members present, a valid quorum. Prayer was offered by Birdie Allen, then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

One birthday was recognized, Vice-President LaVerne Robinson, who wasn't present this time. President Barger then read a letter from Secretary TJ Robinson detailing his resignation from the post. Dorothy Guest was selected as secretary pro-tem to record the minutes for the meeting. A replacement secretary will be chosen by the executive committee to the next meeting.

Dorothy Guest read the minutes from the March meeting, which were approved unanimously. There were none for April due to the Meditz memorial luncheon.

Various correspondence were presented by President Barger. Byron Nichols read the Treasurer's report, which was accepted subject to audit. Attendees of the convention gave summaries of their activities, most of which were presented in last month's newsletter. No other committee reports were given. Bills were then ratified for payment.

Kathy Zunick suggested that we hold the July picnic at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center rather than Wyandotte County lake this year. The motion was approved unanimously. Members will be asked to bring picnic-appropriate foods. We will see if we can grill something outside, but that is yet to be determined.

The usual drawings were held: Ticket #479822, Carolyn Taylor, won \$5.75, and at-ten-dee #2, Bob Horseman, won \$5; both were donated to Alzheimer's. So far this year the chapter has sent **\$251.75** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator.

**Membership Update:** Deceased: Anastasia J. Sutulovich, 94, KCK (05/20/08, FAA, Navy).

Members with birthdays in June are:

Mary L Bentz	Velma V Koskan
Juanita B Brooks	Thomas P Lewis
Kathleen E Bush	Charles E Merritt
Russell L Coll Sr	Martha J Orth
Janet Dillman	David S Podrebarac
Alvin L Drake	Alene Seiblom
Ardith A Gibbs	Gladys R Spacek
Edna M Herzig	Georgia C Story
Constance L Holliday	Charles F Swengel
Gladys E Koska	Evelyn J Tucker

The 20 members above have an age range of 63 to 101 and an average age of 81. Congratulations! If you were born in June 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.

**Future Meetings: JUNE:** Cathie Poge from the Shepherd Center will speak at about 1:00 for a few minutes about her organization's mission.

**JULY:** The annual picnic will be held at the Hanlon Senior Center this year instead of the WyCo Lake. Please bring picnic foods.

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!

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.

Note to members: Dues Withholding saves the national organization money and it saves you about \$5 over annual dues. You don't have to remember to write that check or risk being dropped. **64%** of our members required to pay dues are already using withholding, why not you? Applications are in the NARFE magazine each month.

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**Legislative, Financial and Health News**

(summarized from FEDWeek Bulletins and NARFE Legislative Hotlines):

**Congress:** Daniel Adcock, NARFE's Assistant Legislative Director, testified before the House Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia in favor of the bill changing rules for rehiring federal annuitants. The bill, HR 3579, sponsored by Tom Davis (R-VA) would allow federal agencies to reemploy federal retirees on a limited, part-time basis without offset of annuity from salary. Many retirees have said it isn't only about the money, but they appreciate the value of remaining professionally, mentally and physically engaged through reemployment. Agencies have also chimed in about the need to temporarily fill needs created by the recent high retirement rates for hard-to-fill positions requiring specific skills.

**CPI/Colas:** The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.7% in April. For purposes of calculating the next COLA, the index is 3.5% above the 2007 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter base index. The raises for FECA recipients is 2.4% higher than the December, 2007 base index.

**TSP Funds:** All three stock-oriented funds posted substantial gains in April: the International (I) stock fund was up 5.55%, the small-cap (S) fund was up 5.3% and the large-cap (C) fund was up 4.94%. The government securities (G) fund gained 0.24% and the bond (F) fund was down 0.16%. Over the last 12 months, the F fund remains the leader with a 7.12% gain, followed by the G fund at 4.37% gain, the I fund down 0.88%, the C fund down 4.61% and the S fund down 5.7%. The April and 12-month returns for the lifecycle funds are: Income, 1.2 & 3.21; 2010, 1.93 & 2.13; 2020, 3.23 & 0.06; 2030, 3.74 & -0.94; 2040 4.26 & -1.78.

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**Membership Rosters**

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(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.

**Reminder:** Please send us your "Best Choice" UPC codes when you get a bunch! (It's not worth using 42 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. \*\* Remember, we need only the bar codes, not the whole label. Saves \$\$.

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