

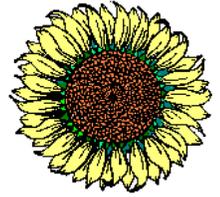


THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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NEXT MEETING: 10:00 A.M., Friday, 7/11/08 at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center, 1101 Ridge Ave., KCK

For those of you with computers: Look for the newsletter on www.KSNARFE.org in Item #14, in COLOR.

June Meeting: Twelve played Bingo before lunch, with eight people winning a total of \$9. Fifteen members and one guest attended the usual pot-luck luncheon. After lunch, the business meeting was called to order at 1pm with 15 voting members present, a valid quorum. Prayer was offered by Birdie Allen, then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Cathie Poge talked about the various programs offered by the Shepherd's Center in KCK prior to the business meeting.

Secretary pro-tem Dorothy Guest read the minutes from the May meeting, which were approved unanimously with minor changes.

Various correspondence were presented by President Barger. Byron Nichols read the Treasurer's report, which was accepted subject to audit. Bills were then ratified for payment.

No one from our chapter will attend the National Convention this year, so we will send a proxy form.

The usual drawings were held: Ticket #479893, Lawrence Shannon, won \$7.50, and attendee #11, Kathy Zunick, won \$5; both were donated to Alzheimer's. So far this year the chapter has sent **\$275.60** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.

Membership Update: No members were reported deceased in the past month.

Members with birthdays in July are:

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| Alfred W Bridgeman | Norma J Kelly |
| Edward F Burgess | Christine A Leaf |
| Helen I Burke | Florence Lockridge |
| Gerald E Congrove | William N Moore |
| Corinne P Culp | Betty J Morrison |
| Jack U Decaigny | Donna L Piersee |
| Christine Marie Delich | Floryene K Ramage |
| Donald L Edwards | Theodore J Robinson |
| Richard D Fairbanks | Muriel Y Rucker |
| Ann J Felich | James C Welter |
| Lola M Forbes | GuyAnne Wilkins |
| Helen M Huff | Elzora L Williams |
| Zeilla M Jester | Dorothy F Witte |
| James M Johnson | BOLD = Attends many meetings |

The 27 members above have an age range of 67 to 92 and an average age of 80. Congratulations! If you were born in July 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: JULY: We will have an indoor 'picnic' this year at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center instead

of at the Wyandotte County Lake. **We plan to start about 10:00 AM, so come early!** Members should bring guests and the usual pot-luck foods, maybe slanted toward picnic fare (we will be having some BBQ, beans, salads, Kathy Zunick's special iced tea, etc.). We will also be playing penny Bingo, so bring your pennies in copious amounts (part of each pot will go towards Alzheimer's). There will probably not be a business meeting. [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.

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

Congress: The House has its Independence Day recess from June 27 through July 8. This would be a good time to meet with them in their local offices to lobby them about what concerns you. The Senate will have a similar break.

The July issue of NARFE magazine includes a 2-page article about the WEP and GPO Social Security offsets. These can be used in meetings with Congress members in their July & August recess.

CPI/Colas: The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.0% in May. For purposes of calculating the next COLA, the index is 4.5% above the 2007 3rd quarter base index. The raises for FECA recipients is 3.4% higher than the December, 2007 base index.

TSP Funds: All three stock-oriented funds posted positive returns in May: the small-cap (S) fund led with a 4.88% gain, the large-cap (C) fund was up 1.27% and the International (I) stock fund was up 1.09%. For the last 12 months, though, all three were down, with the

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S fund lower by 5.27%, the C fund down 6.68 and the I fund lower by 2.28%. The government securities (G) fund gained 0.32% with a 4.36% 12-month gain and the bond (F) fund was down 0.74% in May with a 7.04% gain for the last year. The May and 12-month returns for the lifecycle funds are: Income, 0.59 & 2.88%; 2010, 0.78 & 1.38%; 2020, 1.23 & -0.84%; 2030, 1.48 & -1.94%; and 2040, 1.65 & -2.87%.

+*+*+*+*+*+* Joke Time +*+*+*+*+

Well, Girl Potato and Boy Potato had eyes for each other and finally they got married and had a little sweet potato, which they called "Yam." Of course, they wanted the best for Yam. When it was time, they told her about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting half-baked, so she wouldn't get accidentally mashed and get a bad name for herself like "Hot Potato" and end up with a bunch of Tater Tots. Yam said not to worry, no Spud would get her into the sack and make a rotten potato out of Her! But, on the other hand, she wouldn't stay home and become a Couch Potato either. She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her Shoestring cousins. When she went off to Europe, Mr. And Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for the hard-boiled guys from Ireland and the greasy guys from France called the French Fries. And when she went out west, to watch out for the Indians so she wouldn't get scalloped. Yam said she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high class Yukon Golds or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all the trucks that say, "Frito Lay." Mr. And Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (that's Potato University) so that when she graduated she'd really be in the Chips. But in spite of all they did for her, one day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw. Tom Brokaw?! Mr. and Mrs. Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he's just..... -- Are you ready for this? -- Are you sure? -- OK! Here it is! *** A Commentater! ***

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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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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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