

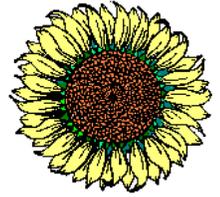


THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, KS

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

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September Meeting: Eight members played Bingo before lunch (about 11:40 to noon), winning \$5 among them. Prayer was offered by Birdie Allen, then nine members and one guest attended the pot luck luncheon.

The business meeting started at 1:10pm with the usual prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Dorothy Guest again was the acting Recording Secretary. Correspondence were read and the Treasurer's report was read and accepted. There were no minutes to the previous meeting. It was decided by a vote to change the method of funding the Bingo games. It will cost players 5¢ per card per game, with the final game, a blackout, to cost 10¢ per card. Ten people each playing 2 cards, for example, would yield the old prize of \$1 per regular game (usually many play more than one card). All winnings may be kept by the player unless donated to the Alzheimer's fund (always an option). It has been costing the treasury approximately \$100 per year for Bingo prizes, which we can no longer conveniently afford.

The usual drawings were held: #3, Henrietta Horseman, won the \$5 attendance drawing and ticket #479951, Kathy Zunick, won the \$3.70 share of purchased tickets. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's fund. So far this year the chapter has sent **\$312.60** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator (or, just over \$1 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: Doris M. Finley, 80, Basehor, KS (8/27/08, GSA); Geraldine Jones, Overland Park, KS (found on NARFE report for August; no birth date or agency recorded); John A. Barrett, 88, KCK (9/23/08, husband of SSA retiree).

Members with birthdays in October are:

Mary C Bellamy	Walter C Raynes
Beatrice Cannon	Mary L Reynolds
Floyd F Culp	Mabel L Ruby

Virgie L Edwards
Buford Erwin
John V Hitchcock
Mozella Marie Mabon
Mary B Mann
Byron K Nichols
Thelma J Poole

Anne R Rundle
Ruth Saragusa
Barbara J Tritle
Leonard H Wesson
Gloria A Willis
Esther E Woodard
BOLD = Attends many meetings yearly

The 19 members above have an age range of 57 to 99 and an average age of 80. 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.

Future Meetings: October: We will pursue our normal schedule of Bingo, lunch then a business meeting. **Remember -- if you wish to play Bingo, bring enough nickels & dimes, we usually play 6 or 7 games.** [At **ALL** meetings, if anyone would like to come early enough before lunch (say, by 11 A.M.), we plan to play Bingo with cash prizes for the winners.] **Please Come!**

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):

Health: The FEHBP Open Season will run from November 10 through December 8 (along with the optional FEDVIP programs). The final three 2008 issues of the NARFE magazine will provide information; with an overview in October, plan changes in November and rates in December. OPM hasn't issued any additional mandates to the system this year, but rates surely will go up, just as previous years.

Congress: A congressional report issued earlier this year said that following the federal pay law for the January 2009 GS scheduled raise would result in an average raise of 19.24% (31% in Washington-Baltimore area to 12% in the 'rest of US' catchall zones). The pay law formula has **NEVER** been followed according to design!

