



**Sunflower Chapter 1160  
Kansas City, KS  
Byron Nichols, Editor**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:  
11:00 A.M., Friday, 09/11/09  
at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center,  
1101 Ridge Ave., Kansas City, KS**

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**August Meeting:** About 9 persons played 7 Bingo games before lunch (about 11:10am to Noon). The first few games, we played for white elephant prizes left over from the July 'picnic' meeting. The last three we played for the usual 5¢ per card for normal games and 10¢ for the Blackout game. Christine Leaf gave \$6 of her winnings to the Alzheimer's Fund. Noon to 1:00pm was the pot-luck luncheon. All the food was excellent, as usual.

The business meeting, attended by 14 members, started at 1:05 with the prayer by chaplain Birdie Allen, followed by the flag salute. August birthdays were acknowledged for attendees Henrietta Horseman and Kathy Zunick. Minutes were read for the June meeting by Secretary Wanda Collins, and then approved. The treasury report for June & July business was read by Treasurer Byron Nichols and accepted for audit. Bills were ratified and paid.

The Executive Committee took an impromptu meeting from about 1:15 to 1:20 to appoint a Nominating Committee for the upcoming chapter elections in November. Appointed were Christine Leaf, Lillian Green and Henrietta Horseman. They need to come up with nominees for our elected officers: president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer and executive committee (up to 3).

The Alzheimer's ticket drawing was for #480366, Lillian Green, for \$5.50. The attendance drawing was #12, also Lillian Green, for \$5. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's

fund. A total of \$22 was collected for Alzheimer's this month (Bingo, tickets and attendance prize from the chapter). So far this year the chapter has sent **\$212.67** to the Kansas Federation Alzheimer's coordinator (about 83¢ per official member).

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:45pm.

Remember, for ALL meetings, if you wish to play Bingo, bring your nickels & dimes. We usually play from just after 11 AM until lunch. Please Come! (We **can** make change for \$1 bills!)

**Membership Update:** Deceased: Charles E Merritt, 76, KCK, 07/08/09, IRS; Alfred E Bell, 90, Lawrence, KS, 6/13/09, USPS.

Members with birthdays in **September** are:

Naomi K Bowen	Margaret D Miller
Albert H Clark	<b>Shirley J Newman</b>
Ellen C Clark	Doris A Schnieders
<b>Wanda J Collins</b>	Charles L Simkins
Kay F Crossley	<b>Ernestine B Smith</b>
James Dangerfield	Marjorie U Spitzengel
Dorothy L Dusek	Velma J Storz
Shirley Jean Fairbanks	Margaret I Swain
Joann Hughes	John W Tritle
Catherine T Mastro	Emmett J Tucker

**BOLD** = Attends many meetings yearly

The 20 members above have an age range of 63 to 102 and an average age of 81 1/3. Congratulations! If you were born in September and not in the above list, please notify the editor at the return address on the last page or e-mail address in the chapter officer list.

**Special Announcement # 1: We will have a guest speaker for the September meeting. She is from the Cancer Society, and should have an interesting speech. Please attend. Thank You.**

### Special Announcement #2:

**\*\* ATTENTION \*\* A NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON A NEW DUES STRUCTURE WILL BE HELD SOON.** We need your input if we are to represent your views anywhere near fairly! Chapters get one vote per 50 members or fraction thereof, just like at a national convention. We currently have about 253 members, so we get to issue 6 votes on this topic. The deadline to have votes received by the official counting service is December 8, so our chapter must vote at the November meeting (the 13<sup>th</sup>), the same as our chapter election of officers (see below).

Please read the article in the **August** issue of your NARFE Magazine, pages 42-43. In summary,

all chapters are to have the same dues, with discounts for those on withholding. Our dues, \$6.00, have not been raised since FOREVER! We have had to cut back normal publishing of the Scout to every other month (due to postal rate increases: and more are coming) and funding members to conventions to save money.

Currently, for a normal monthly dues-paying retired member, dues are \$35: \$29 going to the National office (of which they forward 10%, or \$2.90, to the state federations) and \$6 for our chapter dues. The new proposal is for a \$40 total dues package with \$27 going to National (a 3½% raise), \$4 to the state federations (a 38% raise, needed) and \$9 for each and all chapters (a 50% raise for us). (Some chapters with more than \$9 dues now would see a decrease!) Personally, I think we need the extra \$3.00 per member the raise would give us, but I know many would be against it.

If you wish to be heard on this subject, either plan to be present at the November 13 meeting or use the coupon on page 36 of the August NARFE Magazine. The instructions say to return the coupon to the chapter president. Ours is, for now:

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### Special Announcement #3:

**We are having our biennial elections for chapter officers in November.** We would like some turnaround in officers, as many of the current ones have served for many years straight. Anyone interested in running for office please contact one of the Nominating Committee listed

above (their addresses/phones should be in the membership roster or phone book). We also need others interested in appointive offices, like Program Chair, Newsletter, Legislative Chair, Sunshine Committee, etc., just to name a few (all offices DO require attendance at most meetings!). Please attend the November meeting for the elections!

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**Reminder:** Please send us your "Best Choice" UPC codes when you get a bunch! (It's not worth using 44¢ to mail one or two!) We get \$30 per 1000 codes (3¢ 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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