

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
IOLA NARFE CHAPTER #2077, ORGANIZED JULY 1985 AT IOLA, KANSAS 66749

@YOUR IOLA NARFE CHAPTER 2077 IS 25 YEARS OLD THIS JULY@

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Next Chapter meeting, Monday, August 2, New Greenery, 11:30 AM; Iola, Kansas.

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Margaret L. Baptiste, President of NARFE testified before a National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and reform to protect the retirement of Federal Workers, Retirees, Spouses and Survivors. She said, while entitlements will be the focus of the group, Federal Retirement and Health benefits differ from other entitlement programs. "There is one significant difference: Civil Service Retirement & Health Benefits are earned by employees, and designed to attract and retain a skilled workforce. They are not modeled on Social Insurance, Health-based, or Means-Tested."

Over 2.3 million retirees, survivors depend on Civil Service Retirement(CSRS) or the new retirement program (FERS. The Federal program has always been one of shared costs between the Worker and the Agency. The Public; is Regrettably often misinformed --believing Federal Employees get "free" or overly generous benefits. In the past Civil Service pay & benefits have taken outsized reductions during budget cutting legislation, in regard to Cost of Living Adjustments, which were canceled in the 1980's "without similar cuts to other federal programs"

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ALZHEIMER: Kansas NARFE Contributions in 2009 was \$10,301. Only Missouri in our seven States exceeded Kansas. Our Seven State Region contributed \$43,950 last year, exceeded all other (9) nine Regions Except Region X.( Kentucky, N. Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West. Virginia).

If you do not attend chapter meetings have you given consideration to making a contribution? OR ~~SAVING PENNIES:~~ Place your pennies in a jar and turn them in at a chapter meeting in November. If you cannot attend have someone do it for you. Those of you in Assisted Living Facilities, put a jar by your front door and ask your visitors to drop their pennies in your container. When it is full secure another container and start over. How many pennies can you collect by November? Ask someone to take them to a chapter meeting for you if you can not attend. Whether you attend chapter meetings or collect pennies for Alzheimer. Put a jar by the door you enter at home and drop your pennies in the container whenever you return home with Pennies you accumulated while, "Out And About". When full, start with another jar. Remember this is a slow process, and contributions are needed from other sources, such as by check, made Payable To "NARFE Alzheimer Research". Submit checks to Joan Beck, 1012 Meadowbrook Rd. E.. Iola, Kansas, 66749. Contributing should be, "on going" just as the disease is on going until a cure is found. Do not just leave it to chapter members who attend meetings to be the only contributors. (REMEMBER; KEEP SAVING THOSE PENNIES."

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NARFE National Convention: Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 29 through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2010. Conventions are held every other year to do the business of NARFE. Election of National Officers; the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Regional Vice President for each of the (10) Regions. The NARFE President is limited to two, two year terms. No limits on other positions. Other business consists of Selection of future Convention sites by the Delegates. Determine if any of the National By-Laws should be changed, review of Salaries of National officers. Delegates vote by Computer for the above, if there are proposed changes. Reports are made on Alzheimer, Membership, Legislation, PAC funding, etc. Special speakers are invited such as reports on Alzheimer Research Funding, and how many research projects NARFE will approve for the coming year(s). OPM provides a speaker, who brings the membership up-to-date as to what OPM is doing in the field of management of Retired Members records, etc.

Companies who Advertise in the NARFE Magazine including OPM have display booths in the Exhibition Hall during the convention. Delegates, as time permits can visit these booths, ask questions, secure hand outs made available by the companies. (Besides the educational material, pencils, candy and other Freebees are usually available.) Some of the personnel who monitor the booths have been associated with NARFE for many years and have become a permanent part of the convention process. The companies pay rental for the space they use, and this helps cover some of the convention costs. . It is a common practice for all running for a NARFE office to have a booth with promotional materials available for handout. Delegates can stop by the booth, ask Questions, and visit. Many companies that advertise in the NARFE Magazine, have display booths, including OPM. Hope this gives you a view of some of happenings outside the convention hall.

Each of the (10) ten regions in the U.S. has a designated seating area at the convention hall during the business meetings. These are selected by the ten (10) National Field Vice Presidents in A drawing. prior to the convention. Due to the large size of the hall, large TV monitors are hung, throughout the assembly room, so members have access to seeing and hearing the speakers, etc.

Finances to attend these conventions. Most Federations and Chapters do not have the funds to support their delegates 100%. Cost to attend a convention is expensive. If any questions, check the Registration Rates, Hotel rates(Room rates), Parking. These rates appear in the NARFE Magazines, and do not include travel expenses to and from the convention.

Voting By-Laws, Election of Officers and Conventions sites, are based on A chapter having one vote for each 50 members in a chapter or part thereof. If a chapter has no one going to the convention the Chapter should contact the Federation Secretary and ask that their vote(s) Proxies votes be carried by someone within the state who is going. The chapter can then instruct the proxie carrier as to how they want their votes cast on certain issues. The Iola chapter has two Votes since we have 79 members.

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