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I hope everyone has recuperated from all the Thanksgiving goodies we each shared!!! I hope everyone had a nice day and got to visit with family and friends. I went to San Antonio to visit my daughter and her family with my granddaughter and her husband who got up early on Thanksgiving morning and run a marathon with 400 others in San Antonio! That is youth for you and dedication.

Our NEXT MEETING will be held at the Hillsdale Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, DECEMBER 8, 2015 And will be held at---- 1130 AM ----- cost is \$8.00-----and the Madrigals of Paola HS will be the entertainment.... We are hoping this time will help others be able to attend our day meetings for a few months!! Please make your reservations with Mark Peters at 913-259-9400.

We know other events keep some from attending our meetings. I am wondering if each of you would be so kind to make a note for the officers to review on YOUR listing of What Evening or Day due to other obligations you have that would tell us when we might set our meeting days or nights to be more open to your time schedules and perhaps be more convenient for your attendance more often. Would you be willing to do that for us so we could consider being more convenient for everyone. I am NOT saying we could move our dates but we can be more knowledgeable to your dates and perhaps help both of us.

Our last meeting was held at the Lutheran Church in Paola in November with 22 present. We recognized the veterans that were present....Glenn Alpert, Don Kincaid, Aaron Hughes, Richard Hale, Jack Crossland and Marland Erickson.. Elizabeth Smith brought some small cakes and had candles in them and I had to blow out the candles---- in honor of my birthday!!! That was very nice of her to remember my birthday.... Another year gone or another year to look forward to... We would have liked to have celebrated 20 yrs. that Karen Browning has belonged to our chapter but she had other appointments that evening. We were entertained with a lot of nice western songs by Gale Siebert and appreciated his performance. Cliff Wright was entertaining shingles and by now we hope they are much better and perhaps gone. I have had them 3 times. I certainly am aware of what that is like!!!

Thinking of each of you who have health problems now. Let us hear from you...

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I am working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."

Probably by now you each know what our increase in health care cost is. Not nearly as bad as they first thought it might be. All things considered we are fortunate to a lot of others who have greater costs than we do on health care. My grandson who drove me to San Antonio last week works for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He said you cannot imagine the problems and costs out there that other people are having.

I am quite sure soon as I finish this letter there will be more items come along that I need to share with you that have changed for us or will change very soon. Remember you can use the hotline at 703-838-7780 and the toll free at 1-877-217-8234 or on the website at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) sent to over 90,000 NARFE member email addresses. I just checked out the website and the listing you can get will answer any and all your questions. If you do not have a computer I am sure someone in your family does and will be glad to research your questions for you and you can always contact one of your officers in our chapter to help also. I sure wish I had done more research before paying \$5,000 for my first set of hearing aides!!!!

I got the second pair for no cost to me!!! Check out your glasses also and perhaps that cost might be a blessing to your pocketbook....You just never know.

Remember the change to the time and day and place for our next meeting on Dec. 8 is at 11:30 a.m.

I will include some pictures here and want to wish each of you

“A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”