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**MARCH MEETING RECAP**

Diane Stoddard, Lawrence Assistant City Manager, gave an informative and interesting overview of the LAWRENCE CITY COMMISSION GOALS (July 2009), covering the categories of Economic Development, Planned Growth, Community Building, Environmental Issues, Neighborhood Quality, Transportation, and Downtown Development. For details, check the city website: [www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org).

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Betty Scribner**

Welcome to our new members Martin Fee (nice to see you at the March meeting), Becky Garcia, Robert Goombi, and Grace Guastello, transfer from another chapter. Welcome back Frances Wagner.

To develop a list of agencies and contacts for potential members, 40 letters were sent to members, 32 emails/ newsletters to members (8 returned responses), and 19 emails letters/calls made inviting potential members to join (responses =7). Future plans include preparing a presentation for potential members at federal agencies and making appointments to visit specific agencies this fall. Yea!!! NO member drops this month. [elisabethscribner@yahoo.com](mailto:elisabethscribner@yahoo.com) or phone, 785-865-8235.

**SERVICE OFFICER Wanda Lyon**

Check April's NARFE Magazine, pg 26, covering Be Prepared for Life's Events booklet including "Personal Property Disposal List, Guidelines for Your Loved Ones, and Beneficiary Designations. I have the booklets. (785)764-2210 or [lyonden@sunflower.com](mailto:lyonden@sunflower.com)

**APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING INFORMATION**

**April 21st** at Conroy's Pub. Program at noon, lunch (\$9 - no charge if it is your first meeting) at 12:30, followed by a business meeting. April's program is Nancy Thellman, Douglas County Commissioner. She will cover various topics affecting both the county and city. **Please join us.**

**KUDOS & THANK YOU'S TO:**

- \* ROGER LEMMONS who still holds the lead for ticket donations!!!!
- \* Betty Scribner for her extra efforts in recruiting new members and encouraging current members to attend meetings. Check Membership article.
- \* Clara Arnold for helping keep track of the Alzheimer's Quilt Fundraiser donations. The total will be in the next newsletter.
- \* Janice Neuschafer, KS Federation Alzheimer's Chair, for requesting 50 quilt tickets to make available at her NARFE McPherson Chapter 1794 meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

--Report deserving members to Wendy Hambly--

**ALZHEIMER'S QUILT FUNDRAISER**

The fundraiser is winding down, but there is still time to get tickets for Chapter 378's Alzheimer's Quilt Fundraiser. Please contact Wendy Hambly by phone (913)845-0121 or email [WAH@copper.net](mailto:WAH@copper.net) for tickets and returns. Donations are going well, but please continue to do your part. Tickets will also be available at convention.

Janice Neuschafer, KS NARFE Alzheimer's Chair, has suggested that the drawing be moved up to Monday evening, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the banquet of the NARFE State Convention, as that is what has been done in the past.

**RETURN ALL TICKET STUBS AND MONEY OR WHOLE TICKETS BY APRIL 21, 2010.** If you will not be at the NARFE meeting, make arrangements with Wendy for pick up prior to April 21<sup>st</sup>. It is extremely important that we account for all tickets by April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**NARFE STATE CONVENTION APRIL 25-27**

Hope to see you there! Registration deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNSHINE CHAIR**

**Reba Bryant**

A sympathy card was sent to Robert Eggers, whose wife passed away.

Betty, membership chair, received a letter from Margaret Sanders, a long-time member. Margaret is unable to come to meetings, but enjoys our Chapter's communications in the form of letters and the newsletter. Her address is: 341 Lincoln St., Lawrence, KS 66044-1454.

Please let me know about illness, special birthdays, celebrations, or honors our members receive, so I can send an appropriate card. Phone: (785) 843-4407 Email: rebabryant@sbcglobal.net

**NEWS ON THE NARFE WEBSITE**

**Tax Form for CSRS Annuitants without Social Security Benefit:** If you did not get the \$250 economic recovery payment through Social Security because you are a Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retiree, you should claim the credit on your 2009 taxes. Instructions and forms for filing available on the NARFE web's home page. <http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=1989>

**NARFE-FEEA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM:**

In 1987, the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) established a scholarship program for children and grandchildren of federal employees. NARFE became a member of FEEA's board of directors in 1997, and the following year NARFE's National Executive Board authorized the creation of a scholarship fund open to the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and stepchildren of NARFE members. The NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Awards Program is supported by NARFE members and administered by FEEA. A total of \$616,000 has been awarded in scholarships to the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and stepchildren of NARFE members (as of Dec. 2009).

In 2009, \$60,000 in scholarships was awarded to 60 students. **The deadline for the 2010 NARFE Scholarship Awards Program is April 30.** Links are on the web site for official 2010 applications. The application and instructions are in the February, March and April issues of *NARFE* magazine. Photocopies of the application are acceptable. NARFE Headquarters plays no role in the compilation, dissemination, judging or notification of winners in the competition.

Check the NARFE website or NARFE Magazine for more information.

**RECRUITING for NARFE**

**April 23rd**

As reported in the March newsletter, Chapter 378 and Wichita Chapter 138 have a joint effort to present the benefits of NARFE membership to prospective members at the Kansas Postal Convention in Wichita, KS on April 23, 2010.

We could use some help at the display table. Please contact Wendy Hambly if you are able to participate.

**FEATURED MEMBER**

Our featured member for April is Val Romero. Val was born in Lawrence. His parents came from Mexico in 1910. Val's father had an uncle who lived in Lawrence, worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, and was in Kansas during the 1903 "Great Kansas Flood."

He is married to Liz, and they have 2 daughters, 2 sons, and 9 grandchildren. He enjoys football and basketball.

Val began working for the U.S. Postal Service in Lawrence, KS, in November 1965. He worked at both the Jayhawk Station on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Vermont St. post offices. He was in maintenance and was involved with the up-keep of the buildings. He also helped with motor vehicles and the cleaning of postal sorting machines. He retired in May 1992.

Val joined NARFE in May 1992, making him a member for 18 years. During that time, he has held the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and NARFE-PAC chairman. He has attended numerous NARFE Kansas State Conventions.

Thank you Val, for your many years of federal service and your many years of service to NARFE and to Lawrence NARFE Chapter 378.

**NARFE KNOWLEDGE**

- 1) In what year were survivor annuities introduced?
- 2) In what state and in what year were retirees determined exempt from paying State tax when filing their tax returns?

Answers: 1) 1939  
2) KS in 1969

