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NARFE Tri-River Chapter No. 2098 meets the second Tuesday of each month at rotating sites with a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. in January and February and dinner meetings at 6:00 p.m. the remaining months. The newsletter is published monthly.

**OPM Tax Hotline** - The Office of Personnel Management has established a new Tax Hotline that retirees can call to change the federal tax withholding on their monthly annuity payments. The number is 800-307-8298.

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**February Meeting** - We met at the Whistle Stop Café at 11:30 a.m. on February 8 with 21 in attendance. The Osawatomie High School choir provided the entertainment. We welcomed a new member, Carolyn Hertha. We have \$380.37 in the checking account and \$813.49 in savings.

**Next Meeting** - March 8, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at Cadmus Grange Hall. Calling list members - please report to Darrell Williams, 913-755-4026, by Saturday, March 5, the number on your list who plan to attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be expected to pay for the meal.

**Sunshine** - Eva Frazee is now home. Claude Taylor had surgery for a blockage in his right leg. Teresa Staley's husband recently had some surgery. Darline Laws son Larry had surgery for a heart valve replacement. Eva Frazee's brother, Art Conley, passed away. Lucille Scherman is being taken care of at home by her husband Jerry. Andy Anderson is dealing with carpal tunnel. Fred Katzer needs a new hip. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of these folks.

**Bylaws** - A deal was made a couple years ago to raise per capita to \$1.50. Now that dues are going up to \$45 the state federation would get 10% back. Supposed to help chapters that are going defunct. May lose 12,000 members this year because of the raise in dues.

**Legislation - March issue of NARFE Magazine** - Be sure to check the Special Message issued by Joseph A. Beaudoin on page 38 of your March NARFE Magazine. Also on page 10 there is a cut and save feature with complete information including a request for response in writing from lawmakers. The toll free number to reach the Capitol switchboard is 1-866-220-0044. Face to face meetings and telephone calls to Members of Congress have never been more important. Speak out against cuts in federal retirement, pay and health benefits. The FY 2012 budget submitted by the President recommends freezing federal civilian salaries for the second year in a row and cutting non-defense discretionary spending by \$400 billion from a five-year freeze in this area. Other plans to reduce federal civilian retirement and health benefits suggested by the President's Bipartisan Fiscal Commission were not included in his 2012 budget. NARFE won a major victory when the Issa amendment was defeated. This amendment would go beyond the current two-year federal employee pay freeze by banning merit-based, step increases, which are small increases awarded to federal employees based on the successful performance of their work. Find out how your representative voted and if he or she voted NO call or write to say thank you.

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