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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.

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**Membership** - New members Brian Luker and Carolyn Hertha were welcomed. Two other members, Jennie Folken and Juanita Furnish, have been reinstated. We now have 100 members again.

**Finances** - Treasurer Elizabeth Smith reported we have \$485.70 in checking and \$813.49 in savings.

**Illness** - Andy Anderson has been dealing with carpal tunnel and also had fallen down the basement stairs and broke his pelvis. David Jackson recently had surgery and Alfred Katzer has a new hip. Clause Taylor had the shingles and is waiting to have surgery on his leg. Karen Browning fell and broke her leg and is now able to walk again and her husband is dealing with a pinched vertebrae. We hope these individuals are all improving.

**Legislative** - The Protect America's Heartbeat campaign continues and to date 13,473 NARFE members and allied individuals have sent 68,511 emails and 836 letters to NARFE's campaign to Protect America's Heartbeat. Tell your senators and representative to reject additional cuts to your pay and benefits.

Funding for most government operations is set to expire April. Senate leaders and the Vice President will be meeting with the House leadership regarding a funding authority extension for the remainder of FY 2011.

Another bill that would eliminate pensions for all new government hires, Joseph Beaudoin, NARFE President, stated that this is another unfair and unwise attack on federal employees when the country needs a high quality and

vigilant work force. Some politicians claim these pensions are unsustainable but, in actuality, the federal pension program is fully funded, is sound and paid for largely by federal employees themselves. These changes that affect federal employees threaten the future of the vital services they perform.

The proposed Budget Resolution for FY 2012 is expected to be unveiled April 5 and marked-up on April 6. The Budget Resolution could instruct the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to cut federal retirement and health benefits by a specific amount in the billions of dollars. Or it could direct the committee to make specific proposals to cut the earned retirement and health benefits to achieve a particular spending reduction goal.

Bill S. 644 was introduced to eliminate the defined benefit annuity under FERS for federal employees hired after 2012. If no FERS annuity then there will be no FERS survivor benefit. Without this survivors would have a greater challenge to make ends meet. Under this future retirees and survivors would not be eligible to participate in FEHBP because under current law retirees and survivors must be annuitants to receive health insurance under FEHBP.

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| Sen. Pat Roberts<br>1900 College Blvd., Ste. 203<br>Overland Park, KS 66210<br>(913) 451-9343 or<br>109 Hart Sen. Office Bldg.<br>Washington, DC 20510-1605<br>(202) 224-4774   | Sen. Jerry Moran<br>Washington, DC<br>1-866-220-0044 and<br>ask to speak to<br>Jerry Moran |
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**Next Meeting** - April 12, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 406 South Vine St., in Louisburg. The meal will be \$8.00. Calling list members please report to Mark Peters, 620-331-8831, by Saturday, April 9, 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.