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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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Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2009. Those under age 65 that have dementia and lose their jobs are also likely to lose their job-related insurance and when they need it the most they are required to wait two years to become eligible for Medicare.

The budget resolution for fiscal year 2010 has been adopted by the House and Senate and contains no reductions in federal retiree income security or health care and language preserving the important tradition of parity in military and civilian pay increases. Presidential action is not required on budget resolutions.

The Advocacy Month, formerly Lobby Month, goal is to use the summer recess to conduct visits with every Member of Congress. Further information should be received by the chapter president and legislative officers.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers and supported by NARFE, will be conducted on May 9. NARFE members are urged to collect and bag non-perishable food items and place them by your mailbox for the letter carriers to pick up that date.

April Meeting - Met at the Beagle United Methodist Church - 30 attended. Have \$401.84 in the checking account. Four members going to attend State Convention in Manhattan. Retiree annuities going to be based on high five years instead of three. The House and Senate approved allowing FERS retirees to get credit for unused sick leave. Cards were distributed to be sent to Senator Brownback urging his support of legislation that would allow civilian annuitants and active duty and retired military to pay health care premiums on a pre-tax basis. Jean Nickell showed slides of her recent trip to Costa Rica.. Alzheimer’s donations have met the \$8 million mark. If you contribute \$20 to NARFE-PAC you will receive a pin. An application can be found in the NARFE Magazine.

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Sunshine - Darline Laws recently had surgery and is recuperating at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center. The Folkens are both dealing with many health problems.

Next Meeting -May 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, 401 E. Piankishaw, Paola. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Norman Minden, 913-294-3139, by May 9. Be sure to make a reservation if you plan to attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be expected to pay for the meal.

Membership - We have two new members to our chapter - Rose Anna Mazzotta of Louisburg, and Donnis Haight of Lane. Welcome aboard ladies. The recent report shows 100 members which includes two national only members.

Upcoming Events:

June 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m., NARFE Chapter Meeting
2010 State Convention, Ramada Inn, Topeka, KS

Legislation - Members should email their members of Congress asking them to cosponsor the ending of the