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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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August Meeting - Met at the Whistle Stop Café in Osawatomie, at 6:00 p.m. August 11. Sterling Hornbuckle, First Vice President, called the meeting to order. The flag was saluted and the invocation was given by Robert Hodge followed by the meal with 28 attending.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Robert Hodge which shows a balance of $513.91 in checking and $810.79 in savings.

Legislative Chair, Robert Hodge, reported trying to make contact with our Senators and Representative to attend our meeting but it didn't work out. Jenkins had scheduled her visits during the break, Roberts was having knee surgery and Brownback was having town hall meetings. The Defense Authorization Bill contains provisions to allow federal agencies to re-employ retirees on a limited, part-time basis without offset of annuity. The House passed provisions to allow FERS employees to credit unused sick leave toward retirement. Some government representatives going to decide whether you deserve health care or not. There is also concern that some doctors and hospitals might stop accepting medicare and medicaid. End of life planning is one of the changes they propose and some of the language in the bill mandates the end of life care to medicare beneficiaries. Should ask Senators and Representatives if they are going to be included in this health care reform.

Pat Erickson, Membership Chair, reported we have 102 members and one is up for renewal.

Jean Nickell, Sunshine Chair, reported the Elwood's son recently passed away. Also Lucille Scherman's sister passed away. Darline Laws will have surgery later this month, and Eva Frazee was able to be back with us.

Mark Peters provided the program and gave an interesting report on his work with the Soil Conservation Service. He is still employed on a part time basis.

Next Meeting - September 8, 2009, 6:00 p.m., at the Cadmus Grange Hall. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Jean Nickell, 913-755-4309 by Saturday September 5. 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. We will be voting on the 2009 NARFE Dues Referendum. Page 43 of the August NARFE Magazine contains information about this. If you are not able to attend the September meeting you can remove the ballot on page 36 of the August magazine, complete it and mail it to President John McCoy, 505 Brown Circle Dr., Osawatomie, KS 66064-1635.

2010 Chapter Officers - Jean Nickell is heading up the Nominating Committee and is looking for individuals who will serve as officers for the upcoming year. John McCoy plans to do more traveling next year and will not serve as president. There may also be vacancies in some of the other offices. Please step up to the plate and volunteer for some of these positions. If you could serve the chapter by filling one of these offices please contact Jean Nickell, 913-755-4309.

Legislation - Due to the Grass Roots Advocacy Month we don't have much information to report at this time.. We hope many of you were able to make contact with your Senators and Representative during this break.

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NARFE Dues Referendum - The 2009 Dues Referendum calls for the establishment of $40 yearly membership dues. Every member who is on Dues withholding will pay $36 receiving a 10% discount. Ballots will be mailed to the Chapter Secretary with the Chapter voting to "approve" or "disapprove" the Bylaw change. Every chapter has one vote for every 50 chapter members or fraction thereof. How your chapter will make sure every member has a chance to make their vote is that chapter's responsibility. There is a "Special Voter's Coupon in the August issue of the NARFE magazine. If you use that coupon, be sure you mail it to your Chapter President. That is the only place it will be counted.

Alzheimer's - We will be holding our Alzheimer's auction at the September meeting. We hope for a good display of things to be sold and a good turnout of buyers. The goal is to surpass what we contributed to this cause in 2008.