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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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June Meeting - Met at the Plum Creek United Methodist Church, with 24 attending. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$468.05 in the checking account. President Darrell reported proxies for the national meeting, to be held in Michigan are due August 13. The July NARFE Magazine will have a rundown on candidates. Are encouraging us to have meetings with them. Some members of House and Senate denied federal employees any kind of a pay raise. We retirees are prime targets. Contact your Representatives and Senators and have them commit to support our interests back there. Get involved in Town Hall Meetings, etc. Mistake some lawmakers make is to think the federal workforce is a cost rather than a resource that delivers specific benefits to a nation and failure to invest in this resource will have dire consequences. Civil service pay and benefits have been a target of budgeteers for a long time and Congress and the public need to be educated about the invaluable contributions made to our country by those who devote their careers to public service. It is being proposed (suggested) chapters appoint a Membership Committee, preferably three, to work as a team on membership. Need to pursue new members. An 8% downward trend in membership has created significant operating losses. Gale Beck attended and gave a lengthy report. He suggested each chapter have a three member executive board that meets regularly to come up with ideas.

Sunshine - Darline Laws is dealing with some health problems as well as illnesses of other family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Next Meeting - July 13, 6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 406 S. Vine, Louisburg, KS - \$8 for the meal. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Mark Peters, 913-259-9400, by Saturday, July 10. 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.

Legislation - The CPI-W for May was 214.124, an increase of 0.1% from April's index of 213.96. Indices for June are scheduled to be released on July 16.

An amendment offered on June 9 that would have expedited coverage to dependent children up to age 26 under Federal Employees Health Benefit Program was sidetracked for failure to receive the 60 votes needed to

clear a procedural error. The new health care law enacted in March requires insurers to extend coverage to dependent children up to age 26 by September 2010 but the law authorizing the FEHBP does not allow dependent children of federal workers and annuitants to receive the same coverage until the new contract year starts in January 2011.

On June 25 President Obama signed legislation to temporarily arrest a 21% cut in the rate of Medicare reimbursements to health care providers, particularly doctors.

On June 30 President Baptiste testified before the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform urging the bipartisan commission to protect the compensation and retirement value of benefits for federal workers, retirees and their spouses and survivors. Now NARFE members must enlist in the defense of our earned benefits to send a message to your Representative and two Senators.

Also on June 30 a NARFE member testified at the Federal Workforce Subcommittee's hearing on "Temporary Employee Practices: How Long Does Temporary Last?" The employee testified her employer, the IRS, took 16 years to upgrade her from a seasonal to permanent worker, which significantly lowered the annuity she receives in retirement.

August is "Meet Your Candidates Month" - August 7-September 14. See page 16 of your June NARFE Magazine. For those of you who have computers - copies of the planning memo and support documents including a "Candidate Questionnaire" and the new "Fiscal Commission Talking Points" are posted on the NARFE web site.

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Membership - We currently have 98 chapter members and 2 national only.

Alzheimer's - Our auction will be in September. Be gathering things up to bring to the auction.

BEWARE - Fraud is out there!

They are out there. They can find you. Many of them are at the other end of the telephone. They are nice. They are friendly. They are wolves in sheep's clothing. They know how to get your money. They are out there. Beware.

- * Do not give anyone your account numbers.
- * Do not give them your Social Security number, birth date, or address.
- * Do not send money.
- * Do not accept the deal right now.
- * Do not give money to someone claiming to be a police officer.