



**Sunflower Chapter 1160
Kansas City, KS
Byron Nichols, Editor**

**FEBRUARY MEETING:
11:00 A.M., Friday, 02/11/11
at the Pat Hanlon Senior Center,
1101 Ridge Ave., Kansas City, KS**

**PLEASE COME TO THE
FEBRUARY MEETING !!!**

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Special message: "On January 16, 2011 Carol R. Ek, Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters, officially accepted the resignation of Ms. E. Regina Barger as President of Sunflower Chapter 1160 due to health reasons. Under the guidelines of 2010 National By-laws, she appointed T. J. Robinson to fill the position on the request of Ms. Barger.

At the December 10, 2010 regular meeting of the Sunflower Chapter a quorum was not present, therefore no business could be conducted. The regular meeting scheduled for January 14, 2011 was canceled due to inclement weather. The regular meeting scheduled for February 11, 2011 will be crucial for members to attend. The 57th Kansas Federation Annual Convention in Junction City is scheduled for April 10-12, 2011 for which each chapter has numerous tasks and requirements to comply with designated suspense dates. To enable the Sunflower Chapter to comply with the requirements set forth, regular business rules for a quorum must be present.

Any reason(s) or problems of our past let us attempt resolutions. When or if there have been any causes of previous disagreements they would be difficult or perhaps not possible to correct or resolve if they are not known. If so, tell us what they are or may have been. **"A house divided can not stand."** Come on members; let us build our chapter back the way we were when you joined."

Theodore J. Robinson, President

February Meeting: We will have a pot-luck luncheon as usual, so try to bring a small amount of something: it doesn't have to be fancy. Also, we'll probably play Bingo prior to the lunch (boards are 5 cents per play for normal games and 10 cents each for the final 'blackout' game).

Future Meeting: April is the meeting where we read member deaths (memorial service) and have a 'paid-for' luncheon to honor Josef Meditz. We should be calling members in the coming month to see who will attend. As usual, the meal will be FREE; provided by the chapter.

Membership Update: Deceased: Annabelle Bruce, 96, KCMO, 12/13/10, IRS; Floyd F. Culp, 88, KCK, 1/18/11, GSA. New Members: Carolyn V Peterson, Bonner Springs, KS; Rebecca S Schlagel, Bonner Springs, KS; Helen C Bielski, KCK. Rejoined: Leonard Wesson, KCK. Reinstated: one. Dropped: two. Transferred to another chapter: one. We now have 217 chapter members.

Note to families of members: When a member passes on, please be sure to contact the chapter's Service Officer (T.J. Robinson, 913-371-7720 or tjrobinson357@aol.com) for assistance for which agencies to contact (such as OPM) or forms to file. Also, call us so that we may contact NARFE headquarters to either stop dues billing or withholding or to transfer membership to a widow or widower. Thank You.

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 Remember -- for ALL meetings, if you wish to play Bingo, bring your nickels & dimes. We usually play from just after 11 AM until lunch. Please Come! (We **can** make change for \$1 bills!)
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If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund, you can send a check to the Treasurer (see the address on the back cover of the Scout). **Please make checks out to "NARFE Chapter 1160"**. We'll forward the contribution to the state coordinator and mention you with a thanks in the Scout. Thanks to all.

Note to members: Dues Withholding saves the national organization money (no bills to mail out) and it saves you about \$6 over annually paid dues (\$40 national plus chapter vs. \$46). You don't have to remember to write that check or risk being dropped. **63%** of our members required to pay dues are already using withholding, why not you? Applications are on the NARFE website: www.narfe.org.

Reminder: Please send us your "Best Choice" UPC codes when you get a bunch! (It's not worth using 44¢ to mail one or two!) We get \$30 per 1000 codes (3¢ per code), plus an additional \$30 bonus once a year. The money goes to Alzheimer's Research. Send them either via a member you know who goes to the meetings or to the address in the return address block. Remember, we need only the bar codes, not the whole label. Saves postage.

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Membership Rosters ... are in an 8.5" x 11" format. Drop me a note at the return address block with \$2.00 each to offset printing and postage.

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 M-F, 6:30 AM to 7:45 PM Central Time.
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 On the Web: www.opm.gov/retire.

Remarriage, divorce, death of spouse, change of address or financial institution or amount of life insurance under FEGLI (among many other services)

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NARFE Headquarters: 1-703-838-7760
 (7 am to 3:45 pm Central Time)

Call to get official forms at this number. See the NARFE magazine for various web addresses.

Also, be sure to notify NARFE for address changes, deaths, etc. at 1-800-456-8410 or memberrecords@narfe.org.

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Other numbers of Interest:

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 V.A.: 800-827-1000 TSP: 877-968-3778
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