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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

(By: Marjory Mortvedt, Program Chairman)

Please plan to attend your meeting. We meet at the Bamboo Buffet, 2304 Stagg Hill Road, Manhattan, KS, next to Briggs. Lunch is served at 11:15AM.

Wednesday, April 15
De McGlashon
"The Iris Lady"
"Caring for and Enjoying Iris"

Wednesday, May 20
Jim and Mary Harwell
Survivor and His Wife
"Donate Life"

Wednesday, June 17
Bevin Landrum
Military Relations Officer, Chamber of
Commerce
"Community and Military Connections"

**SUMMER VACATION
NO MEETINGS IN
JULY OR AUGUST**



(L to R) Dave Schafer, Pam Van Horn, Marjory Mortvedt, Ann Domsch, and Don Cooper, Area 3 Vice President

HOT TOPICS!

- Be prepared to take swift action if and when Congress targets our entitlements in their efforts to trim the federal budget and deficits. (See "Legislative Matters" this issue.)
- Tax relief via reduced payroll tax withholding will be provided to active federal employees under the 'Make Work Pay' provisions. Federal retirees who are not eligible for any of these payments will be eligible to take a newly created \$250 per person refundable tax credit.
- Swift action on Revisions to 2009 BC/BS Plan saved enrollees from 100% out-of-pocket liability for *non-emergency surgery* performed by out-of-network physicians.

IN MEMORIAM

Jereldine R. Howe, (Member) born on January 12, 1930, died January 21, 2009.
Gloria H. McChesney, (Member) born on March 11, 1938, died February 24, 2009.



**Mark your calendar to
attend the Convention,
April 26—28!**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(By Ann Domsch, President)

Ask not what NARFE can do for you, but what you can do for NARFE. Here is a partial list of things you can do as a member of NARFE.

1. Attend the monthly chapter meeting and participate in the discussion.
2. Contact prospective new members, active and retired.
3. Welcome new members and guests to our meeting
4. Serve on a committee – we all have different strengths and talents.
5. Read your NARFE magazine to keep up-to-date.
6. Call or write your congressman as needed to protect our annuities and our health benefits.
7. Volunteer to help with the state Federation meeting.
8. Talk to members who never attend a chapter meeting, to keep them interested and to encourage participation.
9. Talk to members who have not renewed their membership.
10. Say yes, when asked to be an officer of the chapter.
11. Everyone of us joined NARFE for a reason and usually that reason is to protect and defend our annuities and our health benefits. Be sure and mention this as you talk to prospective members because they may want to join NARFE for the same reasons.

For the past 88 years, NARFE's Legislative Department representatives, have been working to protect our benefits. Don't you think it's time we did the same thing?

**KANSAS FEDERATION OF NARFE
CHAPTERS ANNUAL CONVENTION,
MANHATTAN, APRIL 26-28
Register Now!**

LUNCHEON CALLING COMMITTEE

(By Al Schmaderer, Calling Committee Chairman)

Prior to each monthly meeting, chapter members are given a telephone call to remind them of the meeting and get a count of those intending to attend. This call also serves as a direct contact to advise of the program for the meeting and to address other concerns or questions the member might have. The following members are on the calling committee for 2009 and serve a vital link in our chapter's operation.

Pauline Adolph	537-7615
Bernadine Eichman	539-7008
Mary Fritzson	494-2389
Anna Marie Gates	537-7726
Elaine Liddell	776-5559
Dick McChesney	537-8302
Mary O'Laughlin	776-6863
Barb Pretzer	539-6766
Dave Schafer	539-7842
Al Schmaderer	539-9262
Helen Selvidge	537-7614
Elaine Street	776-6118
Lorraine Walterscheid	537-7955

All numbers are in the 785 area code.

On the Tuesday morning preceding the meeting, the Bamboo Buffet is advised of the number planning to attend. This allows them to set up the meeting room with sufficient places and make other in house arrangements. If you must cancel or make an additional reservation (or if you did not receive a call) give Al Schmaderer a call at 539-9262. Do not call the restaurant.

ALZHEIMER'S NOTES

(By Elaine Liddell, Alzheimer's Chairman)

Thank you to all members who regularly support Alzheimer's Research through your table donations and generosity throughout the years.

We are asking for donations of new items for the Alzheimer's silent and regular auction to be held at the Kansas Federation Convention, here in Manhattan in April.

If you have not been able to attend the monthly meetings, you have had a chance to donate toward a quilt to be awarded at the Kansas Federation Convention. The donation suggested is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. This beautiful quilt has been donated by NARFE members, Mr. and Mrs. Osbourn.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

(Dick McChesney, Legislative Chairman)

Have you contacted our Congressional Representatives yet? Now is the time to let them know that reducing or eliminating our earned benefits are NOT the way to reduce the deficit or increase revenues. To send an already prepared e-mail, go to the NARFE Web site www.narfe.org. At the home page, click on "MEMBERS" and SIGN IN with your ID number, found on the label of your NARFE magazine. Then click on "READ MORE". There is normally a prepared message on premium Conversion (paying your insurance premium before taxes are assessed) Government Pension Offset (GPO) or Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

In January, Lynn Jenkins and Sam Brownback responded to the e-mails on the prepared message entitled, "Premium Conversion in Stimulus Package" by thanking us for informing them of our concern, assuring us that they shared our concern and would support any Bill on this subject. They closed with an invitation to continue to write, call or e-mail them with any concerns. (Continued in the next column)

(LEGISLATIVE MATTERS continued)

Let's take them up on their offer by writing, calling or e-mailing them regularly.

Our Congressional addresses, phone numbers follow:

- Rep. Lynn Jenkins
3550 SW 5th
Topeka, KS 66601
Phone 785-234-8111
- Sen Pat Roberts
444 SE Quincy
Topeka, KS 66603
Phone: 785-295-2745
- Sen Sam Brownbeck
612 S. Kansas Ave
Topeka, KS 66603
Phone: 785-233-2503



(ALZHEIMER'S NOTES Continued from page 2, column 2)

The primary colors are shades of blue and white, and the quilt pattern is Minnesota Chain.

Please send your check and "ticket" stubs to Elaine Liddell, 701 Canfield Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502. Telephone: 785-776-5559. 100% of all proceeds goes to support Alzheimer's research.

Reproduce the "ticket" stub below as many times as needed.

*Net proceeds benefit NARFE, Alzheimer's Research project	*Net proceeds benefit NARFE, Alzheimer's Research Project
Name:	National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) – Alzheimer's Research
Address:	Suggested Donation: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 Make Checks Payable to NARFE, Kaw-Blue Chapter
Telephone:	Quilt is 96x96, pattern is Minnesota Chain, donated by Kenneth & Marjory Osbourn, NARFE, Kaw-Blue, Chapter 0366
Drawing to be held at Kansas Federation Convention, Manhattan, KS, April 26-28, 2009 DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN	Drawing to be held at Kansas Federation Convention, Manhattan, KS, April 26-28, 2009 DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
NARFE Copy	Purchaser Copy

2009 STATE CONVENTION

(Chuck Marr and Dave Schafer, Co-Chairman)

Plans are progressing for the 55th Annual Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters here in Manhattan April 26-28, 2009. Registration forms may be obtained from our Secretary, Pam Van Horn. The registration fee is \$11.00. The optional meal rates are: Sunday night, \$17; Monday Noon, \$12; Monday night, \$23; Continental Breakfast, \$3.50 per day. Or you may purchase an entire package for \$61.00 (all inclusive).

Donations are still being solicited for the silent or live Alzheimer's auctions. Please consider donating an item or two to the auctions. As always 100% of the revenue raised goes to support Alzheimer's research.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kudos are extended to Carrol A. Hackbart and Elaine Liddell for their recognition in the February, 2009 issue of the *Recruiter's Journal*. Recruiters are listed quarterly in this publication.

MEMBERSHIP

(By Dave Schafer, 1st Vice President—Membership
539-7842; davideschafer@msn.com)

Welcome to new members Monika Anderson (2yr), Barb Hackbart, and Patricia Reinert. To those few receiving 2nd notices for membership renewal, if you convert to a "Dues Withheld-NARFE" status with OPM it would reduce renewal reminder expenses and save you a few dollars each year. If you want a form to convert your status, please give me a call.

If you would like to help our recruitment efforts contact me for some recruitment pamphlets to help you.

MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

MONTH	GAIN	REINSTATED	LOSS
DEC-FEB	4	1	2

Memberships in peril: 8

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of 2/18/09: **289**



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