



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Chapter 002, Topeka, Kansas

March 2012



Next Meeting
Aldersgate Village
7220 SW Asbury Drive
Topeka, Kansas 66614

Date and Time
March 23, 2012
12:00 p.m.

Program
NARFE
Membership
Bring Your Ideas



Lunch Menu
Fruit Jell-O Salad
Fried Cat Fish
Spaghetti & Meat Balls
Potato Casserole
Vegetable Blend
Rolls & Butter
Apple Pie
Beverages

News Flash

**Governor Brownback's
" Want List "**
On Taxes and Tax reform.
He proposes reducing the current three state income tax brackets to two eliminating deductions, exemptions and credits.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE ELIMINATING EXEMPTION FOR RETIRED STATE, FEDERAL, AND MILITARY PAY, mortgage interest, and charitable contributions. **EVERY NARFE MEMBER should alert YOUR state Representative and Senator of the provisions you oppose, and your reason for your position.**

From The President's Desk

We refer fondly as NARFE being a second family, there to help when needed. This lead-off is about a NARFE family member from the Manhattan chapter, and a national leader in NARFE Alzheimer's Research. Barb Pretzer, Regional and National NARFE Alzheimer Chair was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer several weeks ago, and resigned. She is having tests, having medical " procedures " and as a good patient, is following her doctor's orders. We know the healing power of prayer for both spirit and body, and I'm asking this Topeka NARFE family to include Barbara Pretzer in our prayers.

NARFE is political but we are non-partisan. We have Congressional friends on both sides of the aisle, and we continue to need their support to defeat some of the anti-federal employees / retirees efforts in Washington, D.C. NARFE PAC helps support those members of Congress who support our legislative priorities. That support can vary from voting against bills aimed at our membersto sponsoring favorable legislation. MARCH is NARFE PAC month; I have the lapel pins for those who contribute \$ 20.00 or more, but gifts of any amount are welcome ! NARFE magazine article describes some new levels of contributions, and awards. Please read it ! Ron Richey continues to maintain a vigilant watch of the activities at the State House and Docking Building. Ron's duties as our Chapter Legislative Chairman requires a LOT of walking between those buildings and meetings, plus LOTS of hours sitting on the very hard hardwood benches or chairs ! When you see Ron, give him a friendly greeting and thank him ! Small reward for huge workload ! MEMBERSHIP ! Legislative activities and involvement at the state and national level are critical for NARFE ! MEMBERSHIP is also critical and you will be made aware of what our chapter is doing to enhance and expand our membership. Our program for March 23rd has been changed due to forced cancellation and the March program will now be WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME ? NARFE members know what NARFE membership does for us, especially in representing us in Washington, D.C. Make your reservation for March 23rd (call 478-0651 if you didn't sign up at the February meeting) and I'll see you there ! THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.... You may be over the hill when a telephone rings on TV, and you think it's yours !

Jim Miller, President

Legislative and Insurance News

On March 1st Governor Brownback declared March appreciation for the Armed Forces and their Families. That same day the Kansas House recognized appreciation for our service people and those who have served in the past and their spouses. The Kansas Senate Honored and Remembered the Flag and the United States Armed Force Citizens who have gave their lives in the line of duty. We would like to thank the government workers, their families, and those who have served in the past for providing support for them. US Senator Jerry Moran announced expansion of the US Post Office repair facility in Topeka.

The Easter/Passover recess, the first two weeks of April, is an opportunity NARFE members have to meet with their US Senators and US Representative. The Kansas Legislature has just completed their ninth week. They have a lot of work to attend to before they finish up. We are still concerned about: HB 2480 which would amend the Kansas income tax subtraction modification at KSA 79-32, 117(vii), relating to the exemption for "retirement benefits from a defined benefit plan" in order to clarify that Thrift Savings Plan distributions are not exempt from Kansas income tax. The bill also would make a technical correction updating the statutory references concerning the railroad retirement annuities subtraction modification. Jim and I have monitored this bill while it was on the floor of the House this week and they have tried to add some amendments to this bill then elected to return the bill back to the Tax Committee.

Ronald Richey, Legislative Chair

Treasurer and Newsletter Editor Needed

Two very dedicated members plan to move to Florida at the end of 2012. David and Kathy Smith is the couple. This means we will have the Treasurer and Newsletter positions open. We are back to the recruiting table for a Treasurer. The Newsletter Editor is an appointed position. Let me know of your interest in providing dedicated service in either of these areas. You will be a loyal asset to our wonderful Chapter 2. We appreciate your interest and willingness to serve.

Dale E. Jirik, Nominating Chair, 785-266-5492, ejjdej@doglegs.com

Minutes, Chapter 002, February 24, 2011

President, **Jim Miller**, called the meeting to order. **Barbara McClain** gave the invocation, followed by the flag salute. Program – **Dawn Strecker** of Doorstep spoke on the services provided by their organization.

Paul Manning – we had 57 members in attendance.

David Smith, Treasurer – after checking in attendees, David needed to return to work so Kathy Smith gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$2,962.16. The Life Account has a total of \$1,198.48.

Gwen Ketter, Secretary – The minutes from the January meeting were published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed. Eleven people have signed up to be delegates for the State Federation Convention.

Jim – If you are attending convention make sure you pay the agreed upon rate for the convention. This will enable the Federation to have meeting rooms available for all. Do not take a cheaper rate and make the local chapter have to pay your fair share for the hotel.

Galen Rapp, 1st V-P, membership committee has met and is continuing to brainstorm ways to recruit new members and retain members for the continued success of our chapter. We will keep you informed of our plans and welcome any suggestions for improvement.

Earlene Jirik, Publicity Chair- was awarded a recruiter pin from Jim for recruiting 3 new members for NARFE. Earlene suggested giving memberships as retirement gifts. Has Name Tags for: Shirley Biller, Linda Overfors, Ethelyn Lambott La, Nancy Southard and Charlotte Pittman. We will be manning the phones at KTWU on March 15th.

Richard Wike, 2nd V-P, announced that our March meeting speaker will be James Valentine from TFD will speak on Arson Inspection.

Kathy Smith, Editor – wanted to stress the importance of making sure we have email addresses. Mail delivery in Topeka will become 2 day delivery after Mail Processing moves to KC.

Ron Richey, Legislative – Ron issued a written report for inclusion in the newsletter. He also addressed the National Call Congress day February 15th.

Bill Kastens, Service Officer –not in attendance. Millie Burns said that she had not yet received her 1099R – Jim asked if anyone else had not received their form yet.

Helen Price, Good Cheer Chair – Wanted to thank everyone for their cards, notes and prayers during her illness. Sympathy card was sent to family of Alexander McPhail who passed away Feb 13th. Sympathy cards were also sent to Warren Teel on death of son Doug and Elvin and Jeannine Reed on death of Elvin's sister. Get well card was sent to Helen Pfeiffer

Mary Harms/Dolores Engel, Social Committee – no report.

New Business – Vote for delegates to State Convention: Dale and Earlene Jirik, Bill and Monica Kastens, Paul and Shirley Manning, Ron and Navella Richey, George and Flora Spotts and Gwen Ketter. Moved by Maynard Cox Seconded by Galen Rapp Motion passed.

George Spotts, Alzheimer's Chair – Each year there is a request for donations for the State Convention Alzheimer's silent and live auction. Items need to be at least \$5.00 in value.

The 50/50 Drawing was held; winners were: \$13.25 – Mary Harms, \$8.25 – Anna Mae Wright, and \$5.50 – Dolores Engel.

Executive Committee Meeting – March 8th 2012

Chapter Meeting – March 23th 2012

State Convention, Salina April -24, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Gwendolyn Ketter, Secretary

Kansas Trivia

Hutchinson-born Mike Love was a member of which rock group? **Answer: The Beach Boys**

Good Cheer

Sympathy cards to Genevieve Rowley on the death of her sister and to Karen North on the death of her stepmother. **Helen Price, Good Cheer**

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