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NARFE Tri-River Chapter No. 2098 meets the second Tuesday 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 12 Meeting - Met at the Plum Creek United Methodist Church. Twenty-nine attended. Erin Lyon, Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami County, gave an interesting talk about this national organization which began in New York 103 years ago. It began in Miami County in 2001. It costs approximately \$1,000 a year per child and the age range is 5 to 18 years. We have \$422.73 in checking and \$805.42 in savings. August is a good month to get with legislators especially those who are up for reelection in November. Prepared letters for us to send to our Congressmen were distributed. Members with Internet are encouraged to be aware of the capwiz.com web site where you can enter your zip code which will take you to the page showing the issues and standing of our representatives on the issues and gives a way to take action. Nancy Boyda has indicated she would always be on board with us and would not support anything that would reduce our benefits or pay. The last roster showed we have 104 members. One has been dropped and three have received second notices. One has been reinstated. We have 24 life members, 14 on dues withholding, 10 current federal employees and 56 who pay yearly. A recent AARP publication reported on the progress made in the treatment of Alzheimer's. There are many new drugs. Our Alzheimer's Auction is coming up September 4.

Next Meeting - July 10, 6:00 p.m., at the First Lutheran Church, 401 E. Piankishaw, Paola. Our guest speaker will be Chad Myers from the Cultural Center. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Norman Minden, 913-294-3139, by Saturday, July 7. 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.

Sunshine - We want to remember Russell Folken who has been dealing with one health problem after another. I hope that most of you have been able to weather all the rains this past week. I know there are some of you have been involved with all the flooding and our thoughts and prayers have been and are with each of you.

Legislation - For repeal of GPO and WEP there are now 32 Senate cosponsors and the House has 322. On Premium Conversion legislation the Senate has 40 cosponsors and the House has 209. If possible, members are urged to make contact during the Independence Day work period -June 29-July 9 for the Senate and through July 10 for the House - to

meet with their congressional delegations. Thank your legislators for leaving the earned benefits of federal service out of the budget resolution.

August is NARFE Lobby Month and members of Congress will be spend from early August through Labor Day in their state and district offices. This will be a good time to meet and talk to legislators on their home turf.

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Membership - How many individuals have our chapter members asked to join NARFE during the past six months? How many has our chapter given a NARFE application and a NARFE Magazine to? Page 13 of the May NARFE Magazine has a report of CSRS/FERS retirees by State and the number of survivors by State. Kansas has 23,541 federal retirees with an average monthly annuity of \$1,949.09 per month and survivors is \$1,067.95 per month.

NARFE members have lost no benefits since 1994, thus NARFE members do have a victory. Many individuals who have or will retire from private companies have lost their health benefits and/or retirement benefits during this time frame. This is something that Federal retirees/spouses should be aware of as should working Federal employees. We and they must continue to work to preserve those benefits we were promised while working.

Upcoming Events

August 14, 2007 - NARFE Monthly Meeting

August 27-29, 2007 - College of NARFE Knowledge, Mariana Inn, South Sioux City, NB. Room rate is \$78 which includes a buffet breakfast for up to two people. Registration fee is \$60. Reservation deadline is August 2, 2007, and registration deadline for meeting and meals is August 15.

September 4, 2007 - Chapter 2098 Alzheimer's Auction, Cadmus Grange Hall.

October 3, 2007 - Training in Area 2 and 2A. More details later.

The girl hesitated and then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are: to see, to taste, to touch, to hear, to fall, to laugh, to love. The room was full of silence. Those things we overlook as simple and "ordinary" are truly wondrous. This is a gentle reminder that the most precious things in life cannot be bought, and we don't need to travel to witness them.