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NARFE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NARFE NEEDS YOUR COUPONS!!!

The NARFE Legislative Department is collecting \$48,000 worth of coupons for a media push on the Chained CPI in September. To help us reach our goal, we are asking NARFE members to please send us any unused coupons.

Under the Chained CPI, the average retired federal worker would lose \$48,000 after 25 years. To help show lawmakers that the Chained CPI is not simply a "technical adjustment," we are collecting \$48,000 worth of coupons and planning a media campaign showcasing our collection of coupons.

Members can send their coupons to: NARFE Headquarters, 606 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please label your envelope with "Coupons." We will be collecting coupons through Labor Day when our media push will be unveiled.

To learn more about how much you would lose under the proposed Chained CPI, please use our Chained CPI calculator on the NARFE website, found [here](#). After calculating your potential loss, please follow the steps to send a letter to your members of Congress expressing your opposition.

Thank you for your continued support. As we move forward, please let Jason Freeman (jfreeman@narfe.org) know if you have any questions regarding this project.

Jessica Klement, NARFE Legislative Director

MEMBERSHIP Betty Scribner

Welcome new members Miles Kirk & John Wulf.
Betty Scribner, 785-865-8235 scribner@sunflower.com.

SUNSHINE Sandy Nease

Know someone who needs a card ? Contact
Sandy Nease 785-979-5481

JULY 17TH Roger Lemmons

The meeting is at Conroy's Pub. The program begins at noon with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by a brief meeting.

The program for the July 17th program is a representative form the Dole Institute.

JUNE 19TH MEETING RECAP

Chip Blazer has been the Executive Director of the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) based in Lawrence, since 2006. Prior to that, he was VP of Ballard Community Services, a human service agency located in Lawrence. He began his career as an attorney with the law firm of Barber Emerson and has degrees in accounting, and business, and a law degree from KU. Chip is a 2010 graduate of the Leadership Kansas program, and chairman of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations. He explained the function and various funds managed by the foundation.

Community Foundations began in Cleveland, Ohio in 1914 as a means to connect donors or groups that wanted to raise charitable funds. In 1998, Tensie Oldfather, the DCCF Founding Director, said, "We're all in this town together, and all in the world together. In order to get along, we try to help each other as much as possible. What else is there except to help future generations?" She donated \$4,000,000 to start the DCCF. A board of directors decided to whom to give money. Today there is also the option of setting up your own charitable fund and selecting to whom to distribute the money. The DCCF manages and invests the funds and distributes to charities that the board selects or as directed by the group fund. There are currently 140 funds.

- Mr. Blazer offered examples of various funds:
- Fairy God Mothers' Fund established in 2003 by 200 women. Money is given to women and women's children that are not covered by other agencies. *i.e.* uniforms for working women or auto repair.
- Future Fund, started by young professionals who felt people under 30 weren't giving enough, helps children. It supports the *Back Snack Program* at Baldwin School. Food for the weekend is sent home with children on Friday afternoon in a backpack.
- Family groups begin funds in part to get their children involved with the idea of being charitable.
- Livewell Lawrence provides access to healthy food

to families and encourages physical action activity. *i.e.* elementary school sponsored a run for students before or after school to total 26 miles (marathon distance) over a semester or school year.

-Recent grants from the general fund and group funds were distributed to Willow Domestic Violence Center to transition an area for older children to hang out, a teen area in a room.

-The DCCF also manages funds for many non-profit groups in the area such as the Lawrence Children's Choir, Lawrence Police Association sponsored a golf tournament to raise money to provide AED's and valor awards for First Responders.

-A Grassroots effort in LeCompton created a fund to save the old high school. People from all over the world donated, including a check from Belgium. Seniors' activities and community activities are held in the building now.

-Money was raised for the new Community Theater in Lawrence.

A new group is starting a fund, *By Kids For Kids*. Proceeds from lemonade stands provide new clothes for kids and the kids will determine how money is distributed.

Permanent funds need an initial minimum investment of \$10,000 and can be self sustaining by investing the money. You can also bequeath money to a fund by making Community Foundation a beneficiary.

Some funds are expendible, others only dole out the interest. The first year DCCF managed \$150,000; this year it is managing \$13,000,000. For more information check their website: www.dccfoundation.org or call 785-843-8727.

LEGISLATIVE

John Surritte

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There's still time to act! Opportunities for advocacy abound during district work periods

<http://www.narfe.org/heartbeat/toolkit.cfm>

During July and August, members of Congress will be in their home districts, meeting with constituents and attending public events. These "district work periods" provide priceless opportunities to take NARFE's message directly to legislators. In July, members will be home July 1-5, and the summer congressional recess is Aug. 3-Sept. 8.

Wear a NARFE shirt, hat or button when

attending holiday parades, local festivals, or county and state fairs. When you shake the hand of a legislator, remind him/her of the work federal employees do to protect America's heartbeat, and relate what you do/did during your time of service. Explain that the Chained CPI will hurt Americans like you. Ask your legislator to stop attacking federal employees and retirees in the name of deficit reduction. Summer community events provide ready-made opportunities to step up your NARFE legislative grass-roots activity. NARFE President Joseph A. Beaudoin urges all members to go where the action is and "seek out your representative and senators during the first week of July, the summer congressional recess or anytime Congress is not in session. Electronic messages to Congress are good; meeting with your members of Congress and putting a face on federal employees and retirees are unparalleled."

Not sure where to begin? Find vital information in the Protect America's Heartbeat Toolkit at <http://www.narfe.org/heartbeat/toolkit.cfm>. The legislative staff at NARFE is eager to supply locations and maps to district and state offices.

SERVICE OFFICER

Wanda Lyon

The following information comes from the Ames, IA, NARFE Chapter 551 Service Office, Dr. Richard Wood, who won a NARFE National Award for his work as Service Officer.

Recently, we have been notified by David Snell, NARFE Benefits Service Director, that the OPM non-toll free number (724) 794-2005 is no longer available for reporting a death. A death can now be reported by calling (888) 767 6738 or by going to their website at:

<http://apps.opm.gov/retire/death.cfm> and filling out a report. A report can also be filled out by going to www.servicsonline.gov and clicking "Report a Death of an Annuitant." A password is not necessary to report a death. We recommend a phone call if you have the patience to get past the busy signal. Currently, because of budget restrictions, the OPM call center hours have been reduced to 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST (6:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. our time.

ALZHEIMER'S

John Scott

Chapter was credited with \$218 toward Alzheimer's research from the sale of Silent Auction items at the April KS Convention. As of July 6, 2013, 378 has donated \$515.25 towards Alzheimer's research