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THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

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Sunflower Chapter 1160 @ Eisenhower Rec. Center 2901 N 72 nd St., KCK 66109 (driveway south of school)	11am Bingo; Noon Lunch; 12:45pm Program (if any); Business Meeting 1pm (after program). Times are approximate and subject to change	2nd FRIDAY in SEPTEMBER 09/14/2018	2nd FRIDAY in OCTOBER 10/12/2018
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As usual, this newsletter may be viewed online on the Kansas NARFE site: www.ksNARFE.org.

If bad weather occurs and driving is hazardous (i.e. if the KCK schools cancels classes), or if the Rec Center is closed, we will cancel a meeting. Usual attendees will be notified by phone as soon as possible

July Meeting: Four members played Bingo before lunch. Seven attended lunch.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm with 7 voting members present. The pledge was recited in unison. Carolyn Taylor requested members write down any questions they may have for the representative from Aetna about health insurance in September. The minutes for the June meeting were read by Secretary Kruse and accepted. Jane Kruse then read the June treasurer's report, which was also accepted. Bills were authorized to be paid (\$40 for the July/August Scout postage, \$12.88 for hinged styro boxes for lunch leftovers and \$28 for the July Alzheimer's contribution). As of this meeting we are down to 76 members. There were no guests or program.

Kathy has collected about 800 UPC codes toward the next Best Choice rebate for Alzheimer's. We distributed the latest F-100 (Be Prepared for Life's Events – What your survivor should know) to attendees. We did a review of the NARFE election,

pointing out a second vote will be held for the president. Ron Miller from Chapter 2, Topeka, forwarded to us a new warning about Medicare scams targeting those with the new numbers.

The attendance drawing (\$5) was won by #2, Kathy Zunick, and the half-and-half drawing (\$11.50) was won by #858751, Ernestine Smith (both contributed to Alzheimer's). The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm.

August Meeting: Four members played Bingo before lunch, contributing \$4.05 to Alzheimer's. Six attended lunch.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm with 6 voting members present. The pledge was recited in unison. The August birthday recognition was sung to Kathy Zunick. The minutes for the July meeting were read by Secretary Jane Lenderman-Kruse and accepted. Jane Lenderman-Kruse then read the July treasurer's report, which was also accepted. Bills were au-

thorized to be paid (\$25.05 for the August Alzheimer's donation). As of this meeting we still have 76 members.

The attendance drawing (\$5) was won by #6, Carolyn Taylor, and the half-and-half drawing (\$8.00) was won by #858826, Carolyn Taylor (both contributed to Alzheimer's). The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

September Program: A speaker from Aetna Federal is scheduled about health insurance.

October Program: Nothing pre-planned.

Remember - for ALL meetings, if you wish to play Bingo, bring your nickels & dimes. We usually play from just after 11 AM until lunch. Cost is 5¢ per card per game, 10¢ per card for the last game (Blackout); which funds the winners' prizes. Please Come! (We **can** make some change!)

Membership Update (7/1/18 - 8/31/18):

New: None. Reinstated: None. Dropped for non-renewal: None. Transfer into chapter: None. Transfer out of chapter (includes optional membership): None. Deaths: None. Voluntary cancellation: None. Membership transfer from deceased member to spouse: None. We still have 76 members.

Note to families of members: When a member passes on, please be sure to contact NARFE headquarters to either stop dues billing or withholding or to transfer membership to a widow or widower. Thank You.

Members with birthdays in September:

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| Wanda J Collins | Ernestine B Smith |
| Kay F Crossley | Marjorie U Spitzengel |
| Doris A Schnieders | Sylvia Williams |

Members with birthdays in October:

Byron K Nichols
Bolded = attends meetings regularly

If you were born in September or October and not in the above list, please notify the editor at the newsletter return address or the e-mail address in the officer list above.

Legislative, Financial and Health News (summarized from GEMS Bulletins, FEDWeek & NARFE Legislative Hotlines):

The Senate passed a bill on August 1 that would provide civilian federal employees an average raise of 1.9 percent in January 2019. If signed into law, pay rates will increase by 1.4 percent across-the-board, and locality pay rates would increase by an average of 0.5 percent. The raise was included in a package of four appropriations bills bundled into one "minibus," H.R. 6147. The minibus passed by a vote of 92-6. The House did not include a pay raise in its version of the legislation. The bills now go to conference to resolve differences between the House and Senate. The president will probably deny the raise, opting for a freeze instead. We can only hope things will change.

Ballots for the run-off election for the NARFE president are in the September issue of NARFE magazine, between pages 10 and 11. This is a preferential vote, so be sure to assign a preference number to all candidates. Voting is available online also through the NARFE website. Be sure to vote early enough to have your ballot delivered prior to midnight, September 30!

Don't forget to read your NARFE magazine each month. It has more complete news and information than can be summarized here.

If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund **please write "Chapter 1160" in the memo line and make your check out to "NARFE/Alzheimer Research"**. Send your check to the **Alzheimer's Chair** (see the officers' block above). We will forward the contribution to the state coordinator and mention you with thanks in the Scout. **Thanks to all.**

Note to members: Dues Withholding saves the national organization money (no bills or reminders to mail out) and it saves those who renew annually \$6 each year (the equivalent of Chapter dues) [\$40 national plus \$6 chapter vs. \$40 total under dues withholding (effective as of August, 2011)]. You don't have to remember to write that check or risk being dropped. ~65% of our members required to pay dues are already using withholding, why not you? Applications are on the NARFE website at: www.NARFE.org or in the NARFE mag.

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

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Write to: PO Box 45, Boyers, PA 16017-0045.
Phone: 1-888-767-6738 (1-88USOPMRET)
M-F, 6:30 AM to 6:45 PM Central Standard Time.
Hearing impaired TDD# is 1-800-878-5707.
On the Web: www.opm.gov/retire. E-mail: retire@opm.gov.
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NARFE Headquarters: 1-703-838-7760 (hq@NARFE.org)
606 N. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314
(phone # open from 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 about address changes, deaths, etc. at 1-800-456-8410 or E-mail memberrecords@NARFE.org.

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Other numbers/websites/e-mails of Interest:
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TSP: www.tsp.gov; **877-968-3778**
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To contact Senators or Representatives through the Capitol switchboard: call 1-800-456-8410, option 5, then give your zip code

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