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Sunflower Chapter 1160 Kansas City, KS Byron Nichols, Editor	NOVEMBER MEETING 11/09/2012	President, Public Relations and Service Officer: ?	
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Meets at the Hanlon Senior Center 1101 Ridge Ave, KCK 66102 11:00 AM	DECEMBER MEETING 12/14/2012	Recording Secretary: <b>Wanda Collins</b>	913-621-3849
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**MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WILL SOON RECEIVE A QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE AREA 1A VICE-PRESIDENT JUDY ETTER. PLEASE FILL IT OUT AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED SASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE CHAPTER. THANK YOU.**  
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**September Meeting:** Early attendees played Bingo. Seven members were present for lunch. Six members attended the business meeting with Treasurer Byron Nichols as presiding officer. New bylaws were distributed reflecting votes held at previous meetings. No new business. The attendance drawing went to #7, Wanda Collins, and the Half-and-half ticket drawing went to #857273, Sylvia Williams. Both prizes were contributed to Alzheimer's. The meeting was adjourned at about 1:20pm.

**October Meeting:** Two early attendees played bingo from 11:15am to noon. Thanks go to the sen-

ior center monitor, Algeria Lowe, without whom we would have had a very sparse lunch. (Including her, we only had four for lunch!) No business meeting was held due to the lack of a quorum (only three members attended). The attendance drawing was won by #2, Ada Nichols, and the Half-and-Half ticket #857288 went to Ada as well. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

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 Blackout game (this will fund the winners' prize). Please Come! (We can make change for \$1's!)

**Membership Update:** **New Members:** One. **Dropped for non-renewal:** Three. **Reinstated:** One. **Deaths:** One. We now have **187** members.

- Members with birthdays in **November** are:
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| Eugene A Collins  | Robert W Horseman    |
| Doris E Deming    | Nancy E Poor         |
| Terry M Ehrhart   | Frances C Rodina     |
| Rita F Galvin     | Carol J Smith        |
| Eujetta S Holland | Ozine Washington Jr. |
| Alvertis Holliday | Vernon J Weller      |

Members with birthdays in **December** are:

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| Paul J Breitenstein | Margaret A Peterson  |
| Yvonne L Edwards    | Janeria M Phillips   |
| Mary Lee Fouts      | Mary E Richard       |
| Zenobia B Freeman   | Herbert A Schnieders |
| Gary L Marks        | Edwin Shutt          |
| June M McConnell    | Albert W Stevenson   |
| Ada G Nichols       | Mason B Tucker       |
| Mary Nancy Palcher  | Camille E Weems      |
| Fred O Peterson     |                      |

The 29 members above have an age range of 62 to 97 and an average age of 83½. Congratulations! If you were born in November or December and not in the list, please notify the editor at the return address on the cover or e-mail address in the chapter officer list.

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.

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

**Congress & the Administration:** As expected, the Congress has passed a six-month continuing resolution to fund the government through March 27. The president signed the bill on September 28. The bill also officially extends the pay freeze. There will be a possibility of a small raise (likely 0.5%) sometime after April, with the unions pushing for it to be retroactive to the first of the year (don't hold your breath). Within-grades and promotions will continue to be paid.

**COLAs, etc.:** The 2013 cost of living adjustment for retired and disabled federal and military employees will be 1.7%. While this is designed to maintain retirees' purchasing power, it is a tempting target for some lawmakers during either the upcoming lame-duck session or the next-year's session due to the sequestration looming.

**Health Benefits:** The enrollee share of FEHB rates will increase by 3.7% on average in 2013, slightly below the average increase for 2012 and the lowest level since 2008, the OPM announced. As usual there will be some coverage changes and a few plans either dropping out or being added. See the OPM website for information on all plans. Open Season will be from November 12 through December 10 this year. Also the FEDVIP (dental & vision add-on plans) will mostly be unchanged from last year.

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If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund, please write the chapter number on the check (Chapter 1160) and make your check out to "NARFE/Alzheimer Research". You may either send the check to the Chapter Treasurer (see the return address area) or send it directly to: Alzheimer's Association, 225 Michigan Avenue, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-7633. If you send the check to the chapter, we'll 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 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. 62% of our members required to pay dues are already using withholding, why not you? Applications are on the NARFE website at: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org).

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 goes to NARFE/Alzheimer's Research. Send them either via a member you know who goes to the meetings or to the address in the return address block. Remember, we need only the bar codes, not the whole label (saves postage).