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# THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

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Sunflower Chapter 1160 Kansas City, KS Byron Nichols, Editor	<b>JANUARY MEETING</b> 01/11/2013	President, Public Relations and Service Officer: ?	
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Meets at the Hanlon Senior Center 1101 Ridge Ave, KCK 66102 11:00 AM	<b>FEBRUARY MEETING</b> 02/08/2013	Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Roster: <b>Byron K. Nichols</b>	816-333-5151 byron666@earthlink.net
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**For our members: Be sure to fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope to the Area 1-A VP Judy Etter A.S.A.P. This is important to find out what we can do to increase our attendance and find needed officers for the chapter, else we may have to shut down or combine with another chapter.**

**November Meeting:** Early attendees played Bingo. Four members were present for lunch. Five members attended the business meeting with Treasurer Byron Nichols as presiding officer. No attendees had a birthday in November. Sunshine chair Ernestine Smith reported she sent five birthday cards to out-of-towners or those with bad phone numbers and the rest she made phone calls to wish them a happy birthday. Checks for the Nov/Dec Scout and Alzheimer's were ratified. Attendees agreed to have the December luncheon to be provided by the chapter from a grocery store or other source (not catered). Area 1-A Vice-President Judy Etter will be present so we may assist her in preparing survey mailings deal-

ing with meeting attendance. It was also suggested the members bring donations for Harvesters, especially paper products, to the December meeting. The attendance drawing went to #3, Kathy Zunick, and the Half-and-half ticket drawing went to #857296, Byron Nichols. Both prizes were contributed to Alzheimer's. The meeting was adjourned at about 1:40pm.

**December Meeting:** Four early attendees played bingo. Five members and guest Judy Etter were present for lunch. We made way too much for the members in attendance; so much food was taken home in to-go boxes. One more member appeared after lunch to help put stickers on envelopes and fold the surveys (which will be folded into the next newsletter), making a total of six members and one guest. There was no business meeting. The attendance drawing was won by #7, Judy Etter, and the Half-and-Half ticket #857323 went to Carolyn Taylor. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

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:** 2; Steven Herndon, KCK and Sandra Sullivan, KCK. Welcome! **Dropped for non-renewal:** none. **Reinstated:** none. **New Deaths:** none. We now have **189** members.

Members with birthdays in **January** are:

Helen J Ambrose	Mabel O Johnson
Ida Louise Bland	Mary J Relic
Donald C Castor	Harold W Rucker
Louisa A Fletcher	Dorothy L Weller
Alice D Hixson	Louis E White
Aleta M Johnson	

Members with birthdays in **February** are:

Roland B Berg	Sophia Krzyczkowski
Betty B Cramer	Dorothea V Linam
Mrs. Denzal C Davison	Marie H Mitchell
Lillian B Green	Violet Rutherford
Marlene G Hammontree	Cecil K Woods

The 21 members above have an age range of 78 to 104 and an average age of 89. Congratulations! If you were born in January or February 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:** The House & Senate schedules announced for 2013 will match for the first time. Maybe this will let them actually negotiate more bills for a change, hopefully not to the detriment of federal workers or retirees. Many agencies are pre-planning for 5% reductions in funding and employment due to the uncertainty of solving the "fiscal cliff" and sequesters by the New Year's deadline. WHOOPS!!

**TSP returns:** All TSP funds reported positive returns for November, with the international (I) fund with a 2.41% gain, followed by the Small company (S) fund at 1.53%, the Large company (C) fund rose 0.57%, the Bond (F) fund up by 0.16% and the Government (G) fund up by 0.11%. The November returns for the Lifecycle (L) funds were: Income, 0.34%; 2020, 0.77%; 2030, 0.93%; 2040, 1.06%; and 2050, 1.19%. For year-to-date and last 12-month returns go to the web at [www.fedweek.com](http://www.fedweek.com).

**Health Benefits:** In November, Medicare made its long-awaited announcement of premiums for 2013. The basic Part B will be \$104.90 per month,

an increase of \$5. Those with adjusted gross incomes above \$85,000 for single filers and \$170,000 for joint filers will see an increase between \$42 and \$230.80 per month. The deductible will increase from \$140 to \$147 for Part B. For those few affected the Part A premium is decreasing to \$441 from \$451 in 2012 and the Part A deductible will increase to \$1,184 from \$1,156 (about 2.4%). To view the announcement in its entirety, go to: <http://blog.medicare.gov/2012/11/16/2013-medicare-update>.

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**OPM Retirement Information Center:**

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](http://www.opm.gov/retire). E-mail: [retire@opm.gov](mailto:retire@opm.gov).  
Remarriage, divorce, death of spouse, change of address or financial institution or amount of life insurance under FEGLI (among many other services)

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(phone 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 for address changes, deaths, etc. at 1-800-456-8410 or E-mail [memberrecords@narfe.org](mailto:memberrecords@narfe.org).

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**Other numbers/websites/e-mails of Interest:**

**V.A.: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov); 800-827-1000**

**TSP: [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov); 877-968-3778**

**Social Security: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov); 800-772-1213**

**FEDVIP: [fedvip@opm.gov](mailto:fedvip@opm.gov) FEGLI: [fegli@opm.gov](mailto:fegli@opm.gov)**

**FEHBP: [fehbp@opm.gov](mailto:fehbp@opm.gov)**

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**Membership Rosters are in an 8.5" x 11" format. Write me a note at the return address block with \$1.00 each to offset printing, envelope and postage.**

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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).



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters

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December 14, 2012

Dear Member,

Our records show that you are a member of the Sunflower Chapter 1160, Kansas City, Kansas, of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE).

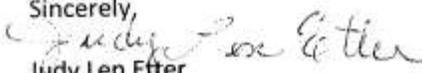
Over the past several years, this chapter has become almost idle because members are not interested in attending meetings or becoming officers. There are presently 191 either active or retired Federal employees who are members of this chapter with a potential of several hundred more.

Because of our experience in being members of NARFE just like you, we know there must be some way we can help you become an active chapter again and join us in our journey to protect all Federal employee benefits while working with other colleagues toward the same goal. We need your input with our members of Congress and with those who would like to take away our benefits. Our voices must be heard!

Would you please take a minute to tell us what we can do to help you and your other colleagues become active members of NARFE. Please answer the questions below and return this questionnaire to me within the next 10 days.

1. Would you attend at least some of the meetings if the meeting day and/or time were changed? (yes) (no)
2. If so, what day and/or time would be the best for you? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where would be a good location for a meeting to be held? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. a. Would you like this to be a luncheon meeting? (yes) (no)  
b. If yes, would you like to meet in a restaurant or have a covered dish lunch? \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Would you be interested in an evening meeting? (yes) (no)  
b. Would you want a meal in connection with this meeting? (yes) (no)  
c. Again, if yes would you like to meet in a restaurant or have a covered dish dinner? \_\_\_\_\_
6. May we telephone you to talk with you about NARFE? (yes) (no) Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_
7. If you are not interested, would you please tell us why you are not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sincerely,

  
Judy Len Etter

Area 1A Vice President

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