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 **THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT** Vol.39, #4; July & August, 2014

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| <p>Sunflower Chapter 1160 Kansas City, KS Byron Nichols, Editor</p> | <p>Meets at the Hanlon Senior Center 1101 Ridge Ave, KCK 66102 11am Bingo; Noon Lunch; 12:45 Program (if any); 1pm (approx.) Business Meeting</p> | <p>2nd FRIDAY in JULY 07/11/2014</p> | <p>2nd FRIDAY in AUGUST 08/08/2014</p> |
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May Meeting: Six members played Bingo prior to lunch.

After lunch the Memorial Service (which was delayed from April) was held. The 19 deceased members were: Ellen C Clark, Marie Clark (Nat'l member), Denzal Davison, Marie J Dinges, Rita F Galvin, Anna W Hamm, Louine Herman, Edna M Herzig, Alice D. Hixson (6/11/12), Constance L Holliday, Gladys E Koska, Velma V. Koskan, Sophia Krzyczkowski, Mary L Reynolds, Mary E Richard, Anne R Rundle, John Allen Rutherford, Valentine J. Ruzick, Cecil K Woods.

Seven voting members and one social member were present for the business meeting. Secretary Collins wasn't present, so President Nichols took the minutes. The April minutes weren't read. Carolyn Taylor read the treasurer's report. President Nichols gave a report summary of happenings at the April convention, basically the same as was reported in the last Scout. Bills were paid (\$91.42 for the May Alzheimer's contribution, \$35.16 for May/June Scout postage and \$102 for President Nichols's Convention expenses). Ernestine Smith and Lillian Green reported on calls made to members with May birthdays. Those able to be contacted welcomed the calls. The registration drawing was won by Carolyn Taylor (\$5) and the half-and-half drawing was won by Carolyn Taylor (\$6.75). Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund.

June Meeting: Four members played Bingo prior to lunch. Six voting members were present for the business meeting. No attendees had a birthday. May

minutes were read by Wanda Collins and accepted. President Nichols read the treasurer's report for May. Ernestine Smith and Lillian Green reported on calls made to members with June birthdays. Those able to be contacted welcomed the calls. Bills were paid (\$50 for Petty Cash fund for President Nichols, \$12.25 for May Alzheimer's contribution, \$37.90 for one box (120) checks from Deluxe Check Co.). The registration drawing was won by Kathy Zunick (\$5) and the half-and-half drawing was won by Byron Nichols (\$3.50). Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund.

July Meeting: "Inside Picnic": bring foods usually eaten at a picnic if you want. We don't have an outside picnic at Wyandotte Lake anymore due to the hot weather, the inability of some members to navigate around the shelter area and the cost of the reservation.

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 (these will fund the winners' prize). Please Come! (We can make change for ones!)

Membership update: New: 0. Transfer into chapter: 0. Reinstated: 2. Transfer out of chapter: 0. Dropped for non-renewal: 1. Voluntary cancellation: 0. Deaths: 0. We now have 156 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 July:

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| Alfred W Bridgeman | Florence Lockridge |
| Donald L Edwards | Betty J Morrison |
| Ann J Felich | Theodore J Robinson |
| Lola M Forbes | Muriel Y Rucker |
| Zeilla M Jester | GuyAnne Wilkins |
| Norma J Kelly | |

Members with birthdays in August:

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| Lula B Anderson | Richard E Miller |
| Clifford T Bauhard | Caroline J Pippin |
| Barbara A Bennett | Doris E Priest |
| Noah Bland | Betty E Robinson |
| Adelaide E Hartung | Frances K Sachen |
| Henrietta L Horseman | Kathryn A Zunick |
| Kenneth M Jones | |

The 24 members above have an age range of 69 to 96 and an average age of 85½. Congratulations! If you were born in July or August and not in the list, please notify the editor at the return address on page 1 or e-mail address in the officer list below.

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

The law that allowed for the re-employment of annuitants is set to expire in October. Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA) introduced an amendment to the FY15 National Defense Authorization Act to extend the law another five years. The amendment passed in the House on May 22. The legislation allows agencies to hire retirees on a limited, part-time basis without a reduction in their annuity.

Various bills have been introduced, either as stand-alone bills or amendments to others, which deal with pay raises for the 2015 fiscal year. They range from zero to 3.2 percent. Most haven't been scheduled for committee hearings or, if so, have only passed out of committee in one house or the other. Expect this issue to be hotly debated, if only for an omnibus budget bill later.

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"**. Send your check to the **Newsletter Editor** (see the return address area). 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.

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).

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