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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 JULY 07/14/2017	2nd FRIDAY in JUNE 08/11/2017
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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 becomes hazardous (i.e. if the KCK school district cancels classes), we will cancel a meeting. Usual attendees will be notified by phone as soon as possible

May Meeting: Four members played Bingo before lunch. Six attended lunch.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm with six voting members present. The pledge was recited in unison. The minutes for the March meeting were read by Secretary Kruse and accepted. Jane Kruse then read the treasurer's report, which was also accepted. We sang for Jane Kruse's birthday in May. Bills were authorized to be paid (\$49 for the May/Jun Scout postage and \$65 for the May Alzheimer's contribution - which included extra contributions from Carolyn Taylor's partial purchase of a quilt which was to have been auctioned at the convention. Also, all monies which were to have purchased 50/50 drawing tickets at the convention were donated as well. THANKS!).

As of this meeting we are down to 94 members. Also, Henrietta Horseman (whose membership had lapsed a couple years ago) passed May 3. She was a long-time member and will be missed.

Kay Frye was given a copy of the new version of our Bylaws and Standing Rules to review prior to submitting

to the National Federation. Comments and recommendations will be accepted at the June meeting.

The registration drawing (\$5) was won by #4, Jane Kruse, and the half-and-half drawing (\$5.00) was won by #858455, Carolyn Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

June Meeting: Four members played Bingo before lunch. Five attended lunch. Member Mark Cavanaugh and his wife Barbara attended for the first time. Thanks, and we hope you return many times!

The business meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm with five voting members present. The pledge was recited in unison. The minutes for the May meeting were read by Secretary Kruse and accepted. Jane Kruse then read the treasurer's report, which was also accepted. Bills were paid: \$25.55 for the regular Alzheimer's collection and the balance from Carolyn Taylor for the quilt she purchased. Kay Frye summarized her suggested corrections to the Bylaws and Standing Rules document, and these will be added. We will submit the Bylaws to National for approval. We need two non-elected officers to perform a financial audit as requested

by the Federation. Only Kay Frye was present to fit the requirement, so she got the folder with necessary documents to review. In July, we plan to ask Ernestine Smith to also review these, as she is also one of the only non-officers to attend meetings.

The registration drawing (\$5) was won by #1, Byron Nichols, and the half-and-half drawing (\$8.50) was won by #858466, Jane Kruse. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.

July Meeting: Please bring picnic-style entrees for the luncheon (chicken, hot dogs, salads, etc.), as this is our traditional "Picnic" meeting.

Since we totally forgot to have our memorial for deceased members in April, we will do this in July as well. We need to appoint a Memorial Committee Chair, as the late Lillian Green had that position. I will serve as temporary chair until then, and will be making calls for flower placement, etc. for the memorial.

August Meeting: No program planned yet.

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 (5/1-6/30/17): New: None. Reinstated: None. Dropped for non-renewal: None. Transfer into chapter: None. Transfer out of chapter: One. Deaths: None. Voluntary cancellation: None. Membership transfer from deceased member to spouse: None. We now have 94 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 | Zeilla M Jester |
| Donald L Edwards | Norma J Kelly |
| Ann J Felich | Theodore J Robinson |
| Frances K Frey | GuyAnne Wilkins |

Members with birthdays in August:

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| Lula B Anderson | Betty E Robinson |
| Adelaide E Hartung | Frances K Sachen |
| Kenneth M Jones | Milton E Schroeder |
| Doris E Priest | Kathryn A Zunick |
- Bolded = attends meetings regularly

If you were born in July or August 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):

I haven't included any news this month, as Congress and the administration don't seem to be able to coordinate any relevant activity, only rumors of

threatened cutbacks to benefits. Some budget line items have passed initial committee muster in the House, but these will have to be discussed after recesses, probably in August. No real action about next year's pay raise has happened, so it will probably be the proposed 1.9% figure.

Don't forget to read your NARFE magazine each month. It has more 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 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 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. ~57% 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 address in the return address block. Remember, we need only the bar codes, not the whole label (saves postage).

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