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# THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

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Meets at the Hanlon Senior Center 1101 Ridge Ave, KCK 66102 11:00 AM	APRIL MEETING 04/12/2013	Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Roster: <b>Byron K. Nichols</b>	816-333-5151 byron666@earthlink.net
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**In Memory:** Estelle Regina Barger, chapter president for 17 years, from 1993 to 2010, the longest period of any of our presidents, died 2/19/2013. She will be missed.

**Thank You for filling out the survey:** We got about 36 responses from around 160 sent. Most would not attend a meeting if the day/time were changed. About half said the current location was OK, the other half wanted a change either due to accessibility, parking, or general problems with the area. Most would still like a lunch; about half were for the covered dish format, others wanted a restaurant. Nearly all would not favor an evening meeting (usually busy at that time). As to why one doesn't attend now, most were physically unable to drive or get out, others just joined for the magazine and newsletter or had jobs. So, I guess we'll stay with the status quo.

**WE NEED A PRESIDENT (AND MOST OTHER OFFICERS) IF WE ARE TO STAY IN BUSINESS! WILL SOMEONE PLEASE STEP FORWARD? I AM PREVENTED BY THE STATE AND/OR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RULES TO SERVE AS BOTH**

**TREASURER AND PRESIDENT, AND NO ONE ELSE SEEMS TO WANT THE JOBS. As a result, we no longer may retrieve membership and financial reports online and must rely on hard-copy delivery, which costs the chapter. -- B. Nichols**

**January Meeting:** Early attendees played Bingo. Six members were present for lunch. Seven members attended the business meeting with Treasurer Byron Nichols as presiding officer. No attendees had a birthday in January, but birthday wishes were sung to those with December birthdays. No minutes were read, as December's meeting was our Christmas Luncheon. The Treasury Reports for November & December were read and approved. Sunshine chair Ernestine Smith reported she sent 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. Bills were approved for the Jan/Feb Scout postage, food for the December luncheon, renewal of our non-profit postal permit, 2012 per-capita assessment, January Alzheimer's contribution, petty cash replen-

ishment for the treasurer and mailing supplies. The dates and cost for the 2013 convention were presented but no definite attendees were selected yet. The attendance drawing went to #6, Carolyn Taylor, and the Half-and-half ticket drawing went to #857336, Lillian Green. Both prizes were contributed to Alzheimer's. The meeting was adjourned at about 2:10pm.

**February Meeting:** Four early attendees played one game of bingo (we started late waiting for arrivals). Six members were present for lunch. There were six members and one guest present for the business meeting. Birthday greetings were sung to Lillian Green. Secretary Wanda Collins read the minutes for the January meeting, which were approved. The treasurer's report for January was read by Treasurer Byron Nichols and approved. Our Kitchen Chair Ada Nichols was absent due to lingering effects of a month-long bout of the flu. No bills were submitted for payment. Old business: So far there are only two members planning to attend the convention in Overland Park. The attendance drawing was won by #8, Shirley Newman, and the Half-and-Half ticket #857576 went to Carolyn Taylor. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

**2013 Kansas Convention:** The convention will be hosted by Chapter 1162, Shawnee Mission on April 28 thru 30 at the Holiday Inn Suites Overland Park West, 8787 Reeder Road, OPK, 66214. Your editor has sign-up packets and other information. See the top or back of the newsletter for contact information. DOES ANYONE ELSE BESIDES THE TWO ABOVE MENTIONED WISH TO ATTEND? PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL ME A.S.A.P. The deadline for registration is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Cutoff date for the guaranteed hotel room rate of \$89 (+tax) is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** none. **Dropped for non-renewal:** none. **Reinstated:** none. **New Deaths:** E. Regina Barger, 87, 2/19/13, Shawnee, KS, Social Security Admin.; Mary M. Oliver, 89, KCK, USPS. We now have **186** members.

Members with birthdays in **March** are:

Margaret Flattery	Theresa M Ruzick
Robert L Flattery	Yusuf Shareef
Edna I Gunther	Barbara L Wells

Members with birthdays in **April** are:

Wanda L Campbell	Norma L Finn
Virginia L Chiles	Henry L Holliday
Alma L Clark	Jimmie Richard
Geraldine Ellis Darden	Peggy Mae White
Frank A DeSeure	William L Williamson

The 16 members above have an age range of 75 to 93 and an average age of 88 1/3. Congratulations! If

you were born in March or April 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):** None due to space & time limitations

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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.

**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).