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# THE WYANDOTTE SCOUT

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<b>Sunflower Chapter 1160</b> @ Eisenhower Rec. Center 2901 N 72 <sup>nd</sup> St., KCK 66109 (driveway south of school)	<b>11am Bingo; Noon Lunch; 12:45pm</b> <b>Program (if any); Business Meeting 1pm</b> <b>(after program). Times are approximate</b> <b>and subject to change</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY in</b> <b>MARCH</b> <b>03/10/2017</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY in</b> <b>APRIL</b> <b>04/14/2017</b>
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**As usual, this newsletter may be viewed online on the Kansas NARFE site: [www.ksnarfe.org](http://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**

**January Meeting:** Cancelled due to weather prediction of ice and snow.

**February Meeting:** Six members played Bingo before lunch. Seven attended lunch.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm with seven voting members, one guest (Willia Collins, Wanda's daughter) and one non-voting member. The pledge was recited in unison. The minutes for the December meeting were read by Secretary Collins and accepted. Jane Kruse then read the treasurer's report, which was also accepted. No birthdays for attendees. Bills were authorized to be paid (\$98.27 for two sets of Scout postage and kitchen supplies, \$141 for the per-capita tax and \$20.40 for the February Alzheimer's contribution).

We will probably only send one person to the convention (Delegate-at-Large President Nichols). We will buy a half-page ad for the convention program this year. Tickets for the 50/50 convention drawing will be sold at the March meeting. The bank has started charging us a monthly fee due to an increase of the minimum balance in our 'business' account. We voted to change it to a 'not-for-profit' account to avoid this.

Wanda Collins has requested she be relieved of the du-

ties of Recording Secretary due to health reasons. We appointed Jane Lenderman-Kruse as her replacement.

Vice-President Carolyn Taylor had a short talk about poison control and "Are you taking your meds properly?" She also passed out a brochure outlining this and a refrigerator magnet with the phone number of the national poison helpline (1-800-222-1222).

The registration drawing (\$5) was won by #6, Kathy Zunick, and the half-and-half drawing (\$7.25) was won by #858400, Jane Kruse. Both were contributed to the Alzheimer's Fund. The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

**March Meeting:** No program planned other than discussing topics from the *narfe* magazine. You may consider contacting your US Senator or Representative with your legislative concerns.

**Kansas Senators** - Jerry Moran, 521 Dirksen Senate Ofc. Bldg, Washington DC 20510, 202-224-6521. Local office: 23600 College Blvd., Suite 201, Olathe KS 66061, 913-393-0711. Pat Roberts, 109 Hart Senate Ofc. Bldg, Washington DC 20510, 202-224-4774. Local office: 11900 College Blvd., Suite 203, Overland Park KS 66210, 913-451-9343.

**Missouri Senators** - Roy Blunt, 260 Russell Senate

Ofc. Bldg, Washington DC 20510, 202-224-5721. Local office: 1000 Walnut St., Suite 1560, Kansas City MO 64106, 816-471-7141. Claire McCaskill, 503 Hart Senate Ofc. Bldg, Washington DC 20510, 202-224-6154. Local office: 4141 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 101, Kansas City MO 64111, 816-421-1639.

**Kansas Representatives (KCK area)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> district (KC Metro): Kevin Yoder, 2433 Rayburn House Ofc. Bldg, Washington DC 20515, 202-225-2865. Local office (OP): 7325 W 79<sup>th</sup> St, Overland Park KS 66204, 913-621-0832. 2<sup>nd</sup> district (West of KC Metro): Lynn Jenkins, 1526 Longworth House Ofc. Bldg., Washington DC 20515, 202-225-6601. Topeka Office: 3550 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka KS 66606, 785-234-5966. Pittsburg office: 1001 N Broadway St., Pittsburg KS 66762, 620-231-5966.

**Missouri Representatives (KCMO area)** - 5<sup>th</sup> district (most of KC Metro): Emanuel Cleaver, US House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515, 202-224-3121. Local office: 101 W 31<sup>st</sup> St., Kansas City MO 64108, 816-842-4545. 6<sup>th</sup> district (Lees Summit and north portion of MO): Sam Graves, US House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515, 202-224-3121. Local office: 11724 NW Plaza Circle, Suite 900, Kansas City MO 64153, 816-792-3976.

**April Meeting:** No program planned.

**Remember** - for ALL meetings, if you wish to play Bingo, bring your nickels and 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 (1/1-2/28/17):** New: None. Reinstated: None. Dropped for non-renewal: None. Transfer into chapter: None. Transfer out of chapter: None. Deaths: None. Voluntary cancellation: None. Membership transfer from deceased member to spouse: None. We still have 96 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 March:**

Edna I Gunther  
Carolyn A Taylor

Barbara L Wells

**Members with birthdays in April:**

Wanda L Campbell  
Virginia L Chiles  
Norma L Finn

Jane E Lenderman-Kruse  
Peggy Mae White

Bolded = attends meetings regularly

If you were born in March or April 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):**

For the past few months, all above sources for news have mostly speculated about the effects of the recent election with not much "hard" news to report. Many cabinet posts, agency heads, Congressional committees, etc. are in flux right now, and nothing much will get done until settled. A few minor presidential orders have been issued, and some are winding their way through the courts (like the

'travel restrictions' from foreign unsettled governments). Maybe there will be something concrete to report in the next issue (if something actually gets out of committee hearings and voted for on the floor). Otherwise, it will take a cooperative effort between both political parties and the President. Good luck to them!

**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](http://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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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.

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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**

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