



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Chapter 002, Topeka, Kansas

APRIL 2013

TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

**Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene
730 Fairlawn Road, Topeka, Kansas 66614**

**Friday, April 26, 2013 @ 12:00 p.m.
Youth Room (NW corner of the facility)**

Parking available in front of the building and behind the offices in front of the Chapel.

PROGRAM

**Reenactor
Roger Aeschliman
as
Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.**

**Roger is Vice President
and Trust Officer
Core First Bank**



LUNCH MENU

Turkey, Ham,
Veggie or Tuna
Sub Sandwich

Chips, Yogurt
or Apples

Cookie

Coffee, Tea, Water

Cost: \$9.00

**Give your
reservation and
sandwich choice
to Jim or Gwen
not later than
April 24th.**

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Phone numbers
are on backside.

From The President's Desk

Hottest note to start with! Ron Richey, during his State House patrols and committee sit-ins heard federal retirees and our tax exemption benefits mentioned. Chief reason we have been "left alone" is due to the many letters and contacts Representatives and Senators have received from federal retirees who are Kansas residents. Congratulations and keep those cards, e-mails, phone calls and letters coming!

The first luncheon/meeting at the Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene went better than expected, thanks to the above and beyond efforts of Gwen Ketter. We had a few glitches but those could have been worse if not for Gwen. If you plan to attend the April 26th lunch/meeting, be sure to call in your reservation and choice of sandwich by April 24.

Next item of news is the kitchen remodel for ALDERSGATE Village is complete! That is good news for residents! Bad news for NARFE is...the Dining Room remodel has started and opening of that facility (required before NARFE and other groups can meet again in Wesley Hall) won't be until mid-June or July. If we decide the Nazarene church and sandwich meals are good enough, April, May and perhaps June meetings will be at the church.

The shipment of NARFE magazines has arrived and several members carried copies with membership applications out with them. I have another 50 copies for distribution and while Irene and I make regular visits to medical facilities, we won't use all of these. They will be available on a table at our next meeting. When you take those to leave in any office, make sure YOUR membership number is included.

The state and federal lawmakers continue to wrangle over taxes and budgets. On the federal level, federal employees and future retirees (and hopefully, future NARFE members) continue to be targets for cutters. Very small decreases in federal debt, but (1) lawmakers believe such unfair actions are symbolic and send a message to voters that they are serious about cutting costs (2) federal employees and retirees are a very small voting block. We can improve that mindset by enlisting our children and friends to contact members of Congress, both state and federal. With those less than cheerful thoughts, remember KS lawmakers adjourn for a rest on April 5th and will reconvene for a wrap-up session on May 8th. See you on April 26th! *Jim Miller, President*

Legislative News

In an effort to get the newsletter to you timely, reports are submitted earlier. Thus, to receive the latest Legislative News and other news I encourage you to attend the NARFE Meeting. The Kansas Legislature will have its first adjournment on Friday, April 5th. The past two weeks the House and Senate have both passed their own versions of the same bills. A Conference committee composed of 3 House members and 3 Senate members will work on the differences between the two versions of the bills and make compromises in the bills. Approximately April 15th they will announce how much income the Kansas Legislature has received and work off those figures. The Kansas House Appropriations Committee may meet, and, the Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee might meet after that. They will return for the Veto Session on May 8, 2013, and that could last up to two weeks. At that time the Sine and Die Session will be announced. Jim Miller & I will continue monitoring the Kansas Legislature. I would like to thank Jim Miller for passing out the papers that were signed and returned at the last NARFE meeting. I would like to thank all the people who signed the papers at the NARFE Meeting. I have mailed Senator Jerry Moran the papers that were signed to go to him. I have visited Senator Pat Roberts Office and the Office of Representative Lynn Jenkins to drop the papers off at their offices that were prepared for them. I was unsuccessful in my attempt to set up an appointment to meet with Representative Lynn Jenkins on April 1st.

Ron Richey, Legislative Chair

Minutes, Chapter 002, March 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:00 P.M. at the Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene.

Welcome and invocation were given by **Barb McClain** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Subway sandwich, sides and a cookie meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program – Dr. Robert Conroy spoke on “Searching for Serenity – Satisfaction in a Chaotic World.” Dr. Conroy gave us some information on keeping our lives balanced in an unbalanced world.

Members Report, Paul Manning – 30 members and one guest (Jayne Boggs) were in attendance.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – Minutes for the January meeting were printed in the newsletter. No changes or corrections.

Announcement was made as to the next meeting Friday April 26, 2013 will also be held at Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene, 730 Fairlawn Rd. The same lunch will be offered. Please let Jim or Gwen know by Wednesday April 24, 2013 your choice of sandwich type (Turkey, Ham, Veggie or Tuna). February meeting was to be our meeting in which we elect delegates to the April NARFE State Convention in Overland Park, KS. Since the meeting was cancelled we needed to determine potential delegates. Several have come forward.

Treasurer Bill Kastens - General Fund Balance \$2,202.55; Alzheimer’s Fund - \$43.00; Life Membership account - \$1,199.39; Total \$3,401.94.

Membership, 1st VP, Galen Rapp - Please take NARFE magazines and welcome newsletters to place in doctor and dentist offices. This may peak someone’s interest in finding out about NARFE.

Programs, 2nd VP, Richard Wike – Not able to attend

Editors, Joanne & Ron Miller – Make sure to report your email address if you have one. Deadline for articles for next newsletter 4th of month.

Legislative, Ron Richey – Not able to attend – Ron’s report is printed in the newsletter.

NARFE PAC, Jim Miller – another pitch to support NARFE PAC. This will enable them to support friendly congressional candidates for election.

Service Officer, Bill Kastens – One contact – once again people need to address their wishes to loved ones to keep them up to date. Fill out the “Preparing for Life’s Events.”

Good Cheer/Sunshine – Helen Louise Price - Sympathy cards were sent to the families of members Eldon Keith Bray, Helen Pfeiffer, Mary McDermed, and Rex Taylor. Cards were also sent to Edward Dunagan on the death of his brother, Mary Steers on the death of her grandson. Get well cards were sent to Sarah Belcher-Whitehead and Dale Jirik.

Publicity, Earlene Jirik – A couple of members helped answer the phones for KTWU last month.

Next Executive Board Meeting will be 9:30 AM on Mar 28, 2013 ~ **Next NARFE General Meeting** – Friday April 26, 2013.

Alzheimer, Kansas donations to Alzheimer's for 2012 - \$22,884.20 which was an average of \$5.41 per member. Member goal was \$5.50 per member. Topeka raised \$2.63 per member. **If you have donations for the Alzheimer’s auction at the State Convention, please contact George or bring it to April’s general membership meeting.** Remember these should be something that you would be willing to buy for at least \$5.00.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$9.00 to Galen Rapp, \$6.00 to Les Beguelin and \$3.00 to Earlene Jirik.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

MEMBERSHIP

[The YA Retirees will have a Reunion at Coyote Canyon, Thursday, April 25th at 11 AM.](#)

This would be a good opportunity to wear your NARFE shirts or sweaters, invite them to attend a NARFE Meeting, and pass out membership invitations.
For NARFE Membership Cards call Galen Rapp, Membership Chair (785/478-9602).

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