



NARFE Chapter 0002, Topeka, KS

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Meetings at Aldersgate Village in Wesley Hall

7220 SW Asbury Drive, Topeka, KS

IT IS IMPORTANT



**THAT YOU CALL
EARLENE JIRIK
266-5492
BY
SATURDAY,
APRIL 21st
WITH YOUR MEAL
RESERVATION
AND/OR
CANCELLATION**

**PLEASE NOTE:
The number of
meals given to
the Chef is the
number the
chapter must
pay for.
ALSO when you
show up without
making a meal
reservation we
may be short on
food. THANKS**

**April 27th
(arrive by 11:50
for NOON meal)
Spaghetti Noodles
with Cincinnati Chili
Roasted Squash
Toss Salad
Beverage
Cinnamon Roll
Cost: \$9.00**

**INVOCATION BY
Karen North**

**BILL
COCHRAN
Chief of Police**

SAVE



**FOR
ALZHEIMER'S**

APRIL 2018

From President Sharon Rosenow's Desk rosenowsk@gmail.com 640-7317

I have no explanation on why the March Newsletters took so long to be received. I'm learning my job by trying to figure out all the jobs of the other officers and board members. Which means I was the one that put on the address labels and took them to the Bulk Mailing center to be mailed. The hour I was there was very informative and I did get to see how the newsletters were processed but what I didn't see was why it took so long! Hopefully this month will be better.

Hope everyone had a good Easter, didn't eat too much Easter dinner and is all ready to go to the

Conference/Convention in Park City on the 23rd and 24th. Then on the 27th we will get together at the monthly luncheon and discuss all the wonderful information we received there. See you then!

From Legislative & Membership Chair, Ron Richey ronaldgrich@aol.com 234-4172

I sat in on an informational meeting by the Kansas Senate tax committee on broadband for schools, businesses, and farm communities in Kansas and how they can make broadband faster and better. I set there knowing we have 32 NARFE Chapters in Kansas. NARFE members can use their Smart Phones and the internet to obtain information from Washington DC and the Kansas Federation and listen to April 26 -- TSP: Maximizing Your Retirement Savings Presented by Tammy Flanagan is the next NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinar. Webinars are FREE for members! This is included in the \$40.00 + chapter dues for a year. A reminder to retirees---you may sign up for the Dues Withholding option and obtain a 15% discount (\$6) on your annual NARFE dues. Dues withholding applications are included in each monthly NARFE magazine, and applications are also on the NARFE website at www.narfe.org. You can sign up now and it will start on your due date.

On a trip to Lawrence last week to pick up concert tickets I met a mailman and I asked him if he was putting 5% in his TSP. That is one the worst ten mistakes that Federal Employees can make. I introduced myself as a NARFE member from Topeka and let him know there is a Chapter in Lawrence, KS, and gave him my NARFE card. He started asking questions and I explained to him how to look up the NARFE web site on his smart phone. I explained that they had workshops that answer his questions and membership is \$40.00 a year. I gave him a membership application with my name and membership # on it.

The VA Hospital is going to have their Annual Retirement Meeting and Party at the Kansas Buffet on April 26, 2018, at 11:00 AM.

Kansas Legislature

Friday, April 6th was (Drop Dead Day), no bills will be considered after this date except bills vetoed by the governor, omnibus appropriations act and omnibus reconciliations spending limit bill. Veto Session Anticipated to begin on Thursday, April 26th. May 4th is the 90th Calendar Day of the 2018 Session. You may listen to the legislature on your smart phone, the internet, and read about the bills at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>.

US Legislature

The U.S. House and U.S. Senate passed a \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill to fund the government through the end of fiscal year 2018 (FY18). Included in the FY18 omnibus spending bill is a 2.4 percent pay increase for military personnel. NARFE has long advocated for pay raise parity between military personnel and civilian federal employees. Federal employees suffered through pay freezes and small, insufficient pay increases in recent years. However, federal employees were provided with a 1.9 percent average pay raise in 2018, and the president proposed a pay freeze in 2019. NARFE members must go to <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/index.cfm?fa=voterVoice&vvsrsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f56895%2frespond> and contact their legislators and tell them not to use federal benefits as an offset for raising sequestration budget caps.

"The Postal Reform Act of 2018 was introduced in the Senate late last week. The bill would force postal retirees to enroll in Medicare or lose their Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) coverage. The leading House postal reform bill, H.R. 756, includes this requirement as well. NARFE members should contact at <https://www.narfe.org/legislation/index.cfm?fa=voterVoice&vvsrsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f58143%2fRespond> their legislators and urge them to oppose these bills. Such legislation sets a dangerous precedent for all federal employees, as it adds a new condition to the receipt of promised and earned benefits. We cannot allow legislators to balance the books of the United States Postal Service (USPS) on the backs of its retirees."

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2018 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

President Sharon Rosenow called the meeting to order. **Mary Harms gave the invocation, followed by the flag salute.**

Program – Marvin Burris spoke on Dwight D Eisenhower. He gave a concise history of President Eisenhower.

Earlene Jirik – there were 33 members and 1 guest (our speaker) in attendance. Door prizes were given out: Flora Spotts won an Easter Tree; Marcella Tinoco won movie passes; Jo Burenheide won a vase with yellow flowers; Gwen Ketter won an adult coloring book; Laurel Johnson won a vase with pink flowers. Please let Earlene know if you plan to attend the next meeting.

Gwen Ketter, Secretary – The minutes from the February meeting were published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed. Seven people are registered to be delegates for the State Federation Conference to be held at the Best Western North Wichita Hotel and Suites on April 23-24, 2018. They were Marcella Tinoco, Sue and Richard Wike, Joanne and Ron Miller, Navella and Ron Richey. Our three Delegate-at-Large members are Sharon Rosenow, Jim Miller and Gwen Ketter. We will also be voting on By-Law changes. It should be a very busy conference due to the fact that it will only be a two day conference.

Ron Miller, Treasurer – we have \$2,518.22 in the checking account. The Life Account has a balance of \$1,201.69.

Richard Wike, 2nd V-P, announced that our April meeting will have Topeka Police Chief Bill Cochran.

Jim Miller, PAC Chair – Reminded everyone that March is PAC month. If you wish to donate to PAC for future leaders who support NARFE causes, please contact Jim.

Ron Richey, Legislative – Ron issued a written report for inclusion in the newsletter.

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer Chair – Sent get well cards to Virginia Bohn and Flora Spotts. Jim Miller and Topeka NARFE sent a get well card to Jo Burenheide. Please let Jo know if you hear of someone needing a little sunshine.

Joanne Miller, Editor – Columns are due April 2nd

Sue Wike, Alzheimer's Chair – **We need additional Best**

Choice labels to make up the 1000. Please bring with you to next meeting.

The 50/50 Drawing was held; winners were: \$7.00 – Gwen Ketter, \$6.00 – Jim Miller and \$3.00 – Ann Look. All money was donated back to Alzheimer's.

Executive Committee Meeting – April 13th, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting – April 27th, Noon

State Conference – Park City April 23-24, 2018
Meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

From Alzheimer's Chair: BLESSINGS TAX

Taxes seem to be in style, and we've come up with a dilly! You may have some fun, for our tax is somewhat silly. So figure up the things you have, then gladly pay your fee. You will see that we are taxing your "dearest property". When the tax is computed, you will surely know precisely just how 'rich' you are and what you sort of 'owe'. Complete and send this form right back by NARFE Tax Day (4/27/18) and, oh ... Don't forget the 'dough'!

Tax \$. Amount Due

- I have a place to live .75 _____
- I have a dishwasher (other than spouse!) .50 _____
- I have fireplaces .25 ea _____
- I have TV's .25 ea _____
- I have VCR's or DVR's .25 ea _____
- I have cars or trucks .25 ea _____
- I have boats or RVs .20 ea _____
- I have computers .25 ea _____
- I have children .50 ea _____
- I have grandchildren .30 ea _____
- I have great grandchildren .30 ea _____
- I have pets .25 ea _____
- I have bird feeders .25 ea _____
- I have a flower garden .50 _____
- I have a vegetable garden .75 _____
- I have a best friend .50 _____
- I am over 55 years old .50 _____
- Years retired .10 per yr _____
- Total: \$ _____

Make check payable to: "NARFE/Alzheimer's Research" and give or mail to: Sue Wike * Alzheimer's Chair *
1329 SW Pin Oak Parkway — Topeka, KS 66615-1158

Thank you so much for counting your many blessings and helping to fight Alzheimer's Disease!

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