



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

AUGUST 2016

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AT OUR
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**TIME: Noon
Hamburgers
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Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Beverage
Berry Cobbler**

Cost: \$9.00

**INVOCATION BY
*Ginny Peters***

This month my intention was to start off positive! To say thank you to the hard working chapter officers and volunteers that help make NARFE the effective organization it is. Somewhere along the way, the efforts of George and Flora Spotts, Joanne Miller and Sue Wike aiding NARFE Alzheimer's Research will find the cures for Alzheimer's and that dreadful disease will be a memory. Someday and that may be as soon as August 2nd, then November 8th, Kansas voters will wake up, recognize what is happening to our state and basic functions citizens depend on, will study the issues and vote accordingly. (I have never seen so many slick, negative ads in my "short" life!) And someday, Ron Richey can walk through the State House, sit in on various committee meetings and be recognized for the service he provides NARFE members and federal retirees statewide. Of those things, I am positive!

On the downside, Flora Spotts phoned me just before I sat down to write this column to tell me George is not doing well at all. I sat down to listen...to late to phone her tonight, but will in the morning. Hold them close in prayer, and let them know how much they are cared for and appreciated.

I read an editorial pertaining to the national elections for President of the United States. The gist of the article was prophetic because the writer advised everyone to avoid political confrontations. He wrote the nation has never been more divided, more acrimonious and more ready to commit violence! And the column was written in March! Now that the Democrat and GOP candidates have been nominated, the fur and feathers can really fly! I had a taste of that at breakfast last Wednesday when one man made a comment resented by another and words flew back and forth. The writer had stated these arguments will not provide a "winner" but feelings will be ruffled and perhaps long-time friends and relatives will be ready to "duke it out." So I will reinforce what was advised. Avoid political confrontations. If a friend, relative or church member says something you feel is outlandish, be the peacemaker and ignore it. Life is too short to permit a season of rants, raves, promises and brags ruin long time relationships!

I won't see you at the August indoor picnic meeting and Secretary Gwen Ketter will be attending the national NARFE convention in Reno, NV. I will be attending (I hope!) my last NAPUS Postmasters national convention in New Orleans, August 25 - September 2. It will be the last for NAPUS because the organization is merging with the "other" Postmaster organization and broadening their membership base to include all Postmasters, Supervisors, Trainees and craft employees who seek upward mobility. NAPUS has sponsored training seminars at conventions for decades and as a city letter carrier promoted to postmaster, I eagerly participated in every seminar I could. I like to think that the training and the results helped the United States Postal Service. Frankly, what passes for service today...I'm not sure what would help!



Volunteers are needed to work a 4-8 hour shift in the peasant pastry booth at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival Saturday, September 24 and Monday, October 10. Like the past two years, this should earn our NARFE Chapter several hundred dollars for NARFE Alzheimer's Research. To sign-up please contact Sue Wike 785/213-4976 OR suewike12@aol.com

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

We extend our sympathy to the Oscar Albrecht Family. He was a NARFE member and was the volunteer to monitor the Legislature for NARFE. He and Jim Miller testified to a Kansas Committee against taxation of the annuities of Federal retirees in 1994.

The United States Senate and the House are in summer recess for both chambers through September 6. This is good time to visit a town house meeting and put on your NARFE shirt or cap and give them your NARFE business card. Visit the individual who represents you in the Kansas Senate and the House of Representatives and talk with them. Kansas is short on money. They could pick on Federal Retirees next year.

I visited with US Senator Jerry Moran one on one at Rossville, KS. I requested a pay raise for the federal employees; we discussed US Postal Reform; and talked about Medicare Part B Premium Increases. The cost of living stands at 0.46 percent in May.

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

JULY 22, 2016 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:00 P.M. **Welcome and Invocation was given by Ann Look followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.** A meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program, Shawnee County's 911 Center - Dawn Frey - She spoke on the resources available to Shawnee County. They have 6-8 persons on duty at all times. Most holidays require extra personnel. If you call 911 they will ask your address, where problem is happening and keep you on the phone if necessary for additional assistance or directions. The open records act means that 911 calls are not necessarily private. Remember that if you have an old cell phone that is no longer used with a plan, the phone can still be used for 911 calls. Just make sure the battery is charged.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik - 30 members and one guest, our speaker, were in attendance. Door prize was given away - a candy jar with hard candies - won by Ron Miller. Working with KTWU for a time in August. Will contact interested members.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter - The Chapter minutes for the May and June meetings were printed in the newsletter. A huge Thank You!! to Joanne Miller for her assistance in the medical absence of Secretary Gwen. Gwen reported on the upcoming National Convention in Reno the end of August. She will be representing Topeka Chapter as well as carrying proxy votes for three other chapters. This year's convention will cover several proposals by NEB to change the NARFE organization, including doing away with mandatory chapter membership and State Federations. Gwen also offered the Topeka Chapter the opportunity to work a weekend at the KC Renfest during the month of September or the first two weekends of October to raise money for Alzheimer's Research.

Treasurer, Bill Kastens - We are still solvent - we have \$2,800.00.

Dale Jirik - Nominations Committee Chair - Nominating committee is Dale, Jo Burenheide and Bill Kastens. They will be contacting members to seek officers for the 2017 year. If you are interested in holding an office, please let them know.

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/ Newsletter Editor - Articles for the next newsletter are due on July 29, 2016.

Barb McLain, 1st Vice President and Membership - No report.

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice President - Next meeting will be the annual indoor picnic. September will be Meghan Lowry, Asst. Attorney General on Consumer Protection.

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer - Get Well to Gwen Ketter, Thinking of you sent to George Spotts. Sympathy card was sent to the family of Oscar Albrecht. Remember to let Jo know if you find out any information about members.

Ron Richey, Legislative - report is listed in its entirety in the newsletter.

Ron and Joanne Miller, Newsletter - Deadline Friday July 29, 2016

New Business - None.

Next Executive Board Meeting - Friday July 29, 2016

Next NARFE General Meeting - Friday Aug. 26, 2016

Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer's Chair - Sue is still collecting Best Choice labels.

50/50 drawing 1st \$9.00 - Shirley Manning, 2nd \$7.00 - Bill Kastens, and 3rd \$4.00 - Earlene Jirik - all donated money back to Alzheimer's.

Meeting Adjourned 1:30

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

NARFE has been serving/representing the Federal Retiree/Employee(s) since 1921

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