



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



**TO RESERVE
YOUR MEAL
FOR FRIDAY,
AUGUST 25TH
~ OR ~
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**EARLENE JIRIK
@ 266-5492
BY
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 19TH
THANK YOU.**

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**Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
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Potato Salad
Berry Cobbler
Ice Cream
(courtesy of Jiriks)
Beverage**

Cost: \$9.00

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*Ronald
Richey*



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TO BENEFIT
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RESEARCH**

AUGUST 2017

From President Jim Miller's Desk snyderfan89@cox.net 478-0651

STOP THE PRESSES! Now I have your undivided attention, the date for the September chapter meeting has been changed to September 29, the fifth Friday at the request of ALDERSGATE Village. The Washburn Rural High School band will be on campus at the same time we would be.

Second Notice! We will have a fun auction at the AUGUST chapter meeting to raise funds for NARFE ALZHEIMERS RESEARCH, with a live auctioneer! Bring your white elephants or auction items and your checkbook as this will be fun and will be for a noble cause. Another great friend was just diagnosed with that dreaded disease and is now in a unit at ALDERSGATE Village.

Third Notice! DALE JIRIK, Chairman of our Nominating Committee is seeking a full slate of officers for 2018. I gave him and the Executive Committee members notice that I would not be a candidate for chapter President. Other items discussed were new updated chapter by-laws; we will participate in the VA Health Fair Thursday, November 16, and extra recruiting materials have been ordered; menus for September, October and December need to be planned as our December Christmas luncheon must avoid the Friday after the Village CEO's Christmas Party.

At the Board meeting, Richard Wike did not have a program for September and I don't believe I can talk Coach Bill Snyder in to speaking to us. He is a little busy with football and fighting his throat cancer. Update from Richard since meeting – our September speaker will be someone from the Police Department.

Ron Richey, Legislative and Membership Chairman has outlined Headquarters new membership contest, and please read his column below!

I look forward to seeing you on August 25 for an informal, fun meeting!

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

During June and July we had 6 NARFE members pass away; HAZEL BADGER, M. IMOGENE DUREE, CLEVELAND T MARTIN, BETTY R MERRYMAN, DOLORES M. TRAPP, and BETTY SOWERS. We send our sympathy and prayers to their families.

Get Ready to Recruit! The 2017 NARFE Membership Recruiting Drive Starts Sept. 1st.

For every NEW member recruited from September 1st through December 31st, the recruiter will receive \$10 AND be eligible for monthly prizes throughout the contest as well as the GRAND Prize, which is an Apple Watch.

It is best to recruit individuals one-on-one. If you need extra material or more information you may obtain it at our annual in-door picnic on August 25, 2017, or call Ron Richey at (785) 234-4172. If you know of prospects, and have their addresses, you may e-mail the information to me or call me. I can send them the necessary material to join with your name and membership number on them. In the month of September we will meet on September 29th--this will be the fifth Friday of September. October 27th representatives from both Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and GEHA will be present to speak with us. There will be no meeting in November and in December we will have our Annual Christmas Party.

You may go to the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute at: <http://www.narfe.org/member/FederalBenefitsInstitute/> for free classes available for NARFE members or sign up for a class for \$39.95 and receive a free NARFE membership for a year.

Previously Recorded Webinars ON-DEMAND

Should I Stay or Should I Go? Sponsored by Hear USA, Estate Planning for Feds Sponsored by Hear USA, Social Security Simplified Sponsored by GEHA, What's Your Best Retirement Date Sponsored by GEICO,

Upcoming Webinars (All webinars start at 2 p.m. ET)

August 24th Making the Shift from Federal Employee to Annuitant,
September 21st Retirement Life Where to Retire

The House has already started its summer recess (until Sept. 5th) and the Senate plans to begin its recess the third week in August. Please take the opportunity to reach out to your representatives while they're back home and talk about the threats we'll be facing when Congress returns in the fall. Go to: <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/voterveice.cfm> for more information.

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES
JULY 28, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 12:00 PM, who was attending the luncheon on break from training. After the luncheon **1st Vice-President Sharon Rosenow** (Sharon filled in for the rest of the meeting).

Welcome and Invocation was given by Joan Arterburn (Joan asked us to accept an attitude of gratitude) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

Program, Scott Hesseltine, BC-HIS-ACS and Marueen Hall, education from the Neighborhood Hearing Center - Scott gave us facts and figures on the number of people whose lives are disrupted by hearing loss. He showed us the inner working of the ear and what types of hearing loss we may incur. They gave away two \$25.00 VISA gift cards, which were won by Leah Shaw and Leah Hefner. They offered us a free hearing test if we were interested. If you are interested give them a call at 785-273-2300 and they would be glad to accommodate you. They are well versed in the benefits we receive as Federal workers and retirees and will help with any problems you may have.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik 27 members, 2 guests our speakers Scott Hesseltine and Maureen Hall were in attendance. Door prize was given away for those in attendance: a patriotic door Welcome hanger was won by Jim Miller Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly meetings.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – No report. Minutes were posted in the July newsletter from June meeting. Thanks go out to Sharon Rosenow for keeping minutes in Gwen's absence.

Treasurer, Ron Miller - BOH General Fund - \$2,908.17 and Life Membership Savings account - \$1,200.99.

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/Newsletter Editor – Newsletter articles are due 8/4/2017. Joanne told of progress in Alzheimer's research made possible by the donations from NARFE. August meeting we will have a 'white elephant' sale. Bring interesting items to be auctioned off with money going to Alzheimer's Research.

2nd Vice-President, Richard Wike – Absent. August meeting will be our annual picnic (no speaker) - see you there.

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Anniversary card was sent to Leah and Ed Shaw on their 60th. Sympathy Cards were sent to: Family of William Schuette who passed 6/29/17, Melvina Sexton on death of her husband, Jack Fisher on the death of his wife, Ron and

Navella Richey on death of Ron's brother, Family of Florence Winters who passed 7/17/17. Thinking of you cards were sent to Anna Mae Wright, who was in a car accident.

Ron Richey, Legislative/Membership – Absent.

Legislative report listed in the newsletter.

New Business – None.

Sue Wike, Alzheimer Chair – Absent. Remember the 'White Elephant' Auction at August meeting.

Drawing: 1st \$6.00 Leah Hefner, 2nd \$4.00 Shirley Manning, 3rd \$3.00 Laurel Johnson – all donated winnings back.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Fri., Aug 4, 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General Meeting – Fri., Aug 25, Noon picnic VA Health Fair - November 16, 2017

Meeting Adjourned 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

**Reminder after our picnic
we will have an AUCTION to benefit
NARFE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH**

You may be able to do some early Christmas shopping as their may be gag gifts, gently used items and/or brand new items up for grabs. Don't forget your checkbook and any items you want to donate to help the cause.

Thanks in advance, Sue and Joanne

A big thank you to those who responded to the letter asking for donations to NARFE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH. If you haven't had a chance to respond or have lost the letter it's not too late. Just send your check to Sue Wike, 1329 SW Pin Oak Pkwy, Topeka, KS 66615

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