



# NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



## Chapter 002, Topeka, Kansas

FEBRUARY 2013

### TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

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

Friday, February 22, 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

**Patriotic  
Message**  
By Steve Germes



#### Lunch Menu

Turkey, Ham,  
Veggie or Tuna  
Sub Sandwich

Chips, Yogurt  
or Apples

Cookie

Coffee, Tea, Water

**Cost: \$9.00**

If you did not sign up at the January mtg., you need to phone or e-mail your reservation and choices to Jim or Gwen not later than February 20th

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Phone numbers are on backside.

#### From The President's Desk

I'll open with my sincere apologies to those members and friends who tried to attend the January meeting at the Fairlawn Nazarene Church, 730 Fairlawn Road and only found closed doors. We had one unexpected last chance to eat in Wesley Hall and made that change AFTER the newsletter was mailed. The error was mine so don't blame anyone else. We will eat and meet at the church for the February meeting.

**I'll emphasize the importance of providing your e-mail address (if you have one) to Joanne and Ron Miller, our "new" Editors.** I'm getting more information about mailing the hard copy newsletter, but if we are required to deposit that mailing in KANSAS CITY KS BULK MAIL CENTER, my best guess is the members will receive it, AFTER the monthly meeting! I should have all the news, good or bad, by the Executive Committee meeting on February 14.

Ron Richey has handled his legislative calls in his usual remarkable way, plus acting as the Lone Ranger at the State House. I was sidelined for about three weeks with whatever illness was being spread. I'm still going at less than top speed and that is a problem when "top speed" is required while the KS Legislature is in session. Ron has laid out the schedule and committee meetings may become even more heated as the proposed bills are introduced. So far, there has not been a shortage of verbal conflict and so far, only indirect shots at our benefits. Those, as usual, have been mentioned.

NARFE has a solid reputation, nationally and locally, as supporters of Alzheimers Research. Thanks to the efforts of Earlene Jirik, we are known through our volunteer efforts for KTWU-TV and The Salvation Army Angel Tree and Bell Ringing. For those who have heard of THE MARIAN CLINIC, we have the opportunity to further support the MARIAN CLINIC by attending a fundraiser concert April 14, 3:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church. The concert is MUSIC, JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED, and will feature the talents of physicians who donate their time to volunteer for Health Access and MARIAN CLINIC. Jot down the date, plan to enjoy the program. A Free Will offering will be taken.

Stay alert for notices from NARFE and utilize the website to stay in touch with our national elected representatives. With sequestration the word of the month for Congress, it still is Open Season for them to cut more benefits out of federal employees, and federal retirees benefits are also on that sparse table. I'll see you on Feb. 22! **Jim Miller, President**

#### Legislative and Insurance News

We would like to encourage you to get out and vote at the City Elections on February 26, 2013. You can contact the County Election Office to request an advance ballot.

We would like to congratulate Joanne Budler, the Kansas State Librarian who is *Library Journal's* choice for 2013 Librarian of the Year. If you have children and/or grandchildren you may contact the State Library to get help with their school work over the internet along with the Shawnee County Library. I would like to encourage you to visit the State Library on the third floor of the Capitol Building.

The Kansas Legislature is approaching thirty days of the ninety day session. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the last day individuals can introduce a bill. March 1<sup>st</sup> is turn-around day. That is when bills need to be passed by either the House or the Senate and be sent to the other chamber to be worked except for the bills coming out of the Tax Committee, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House Appropriation Committee.

Jim and I continue to monitor the Kansas Legislature. I have been sitting in on the Tax Committees and watching the House and Senate General Orders. US Representative Lynn Jenkins visited the Capitol to meet and greet people.

I would like to encourage you to get out and visit people who have worked for the Federal Government because many of them have retired over the past couple of months.

**Ronald Richey, Legislative Chair**

**Minutes, Chapter 002, January 25, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:00 P.M.

Welcome and invocation was given by **Barb McClain** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. A two entrée meal was offered for \$9.00.

**Program – Andrea Marling** Volunteer Supervisor Stormont Vail Medical Center spoke on volunteering through the hospital program.

**Members Report, Paul Manning** – 50 members and three guests (Gayla Rapp, Gloria Carpenter, Sharon Rosenow) were in attendance.

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

Announcement was made as to the next meeting Friday February 22, 2013 will be held at Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene, 730 Fairlawn Rd. Both Gwen and Jim offered their apologies to those members who didn't get the word of the change for this meeting – which was to be held at the church, but was rescheduled to Aldersgate at the last minute. February meeting we will elect delegates to the April NARFE State Convention in Overland Park KS.

**Treasurer Bill Kastens** – General Fund Balance \$1,778.67; Alzheimer's Fund - \$0.00; Life Membership account - \$1,199.35; Total \$2,978.02.

**Membership, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. We need to regroup and find out how to motivate more membership to address the multiple attacks from our State and National congressional members on our earned benefits.

**Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Richard Wike** – February Steve Germes will present a patriotic themed message; March - Bob Conroy.

**Editor, Joanne & Ron Miller** – Make sure to report your email address if you have one.

**Legislative, Ron Richey** – Ron's report is printed in the newsletter. Ron also passed out copies of Louis Bornman's letter that he recommends be sent to all Kansas Representatives addressing the proposed sales tax/property tax issues that are coming before the legislature this year. If you want a copy, please contact Ron.

**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** – No recent contacts

**Good Cheer/Sunshine – Helen Louise Price** - Sympathy cards were sent to families of members Laferne Kayhill, Wilma Mott and Gloraine Batsell. Cards were also sent to Anna Mae Denny on the death of her daughter, Gail Horsley on the death of her mother, Orval Knedel on death of son-in-law and Una Mae Tomas on the death of her husband. There were no get well cards sent – please let Helen know if you hear of anyone in need of good cheer/sunshine in their lives.

**Publicity, Earlene Jirik** – No special report – planning to work with KTWU in March. If you want name tags they are \$ 3.00 ea just let Earlene know.

**Next Executive Board meeting** will be 9:00 AM on February 14, 2013. Happy Valentine's Day!!!

**Next NARFE General meeting** – Friday February 22, 2013

**Alzheimer, Gale DeVore** stand-in chairperson: Kansas donations to Alzheimers for 2012 - \$22,824.20 which was an average of \$5.441 per member. Member goal was \$5.50 per member.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$11.50 to Gale DeVore, \$6.50 to Gloria Carpenter and \$5.00 to Barbara Decker.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter*

**State Convention Representatives**

**Looking for people to represent the Topeka NARFE Chapter at the State Convention in Overland Park April 28-30 (Sunday - Tuesday) . Topeka is allotted 16 delegates.**

**If interested, let a member of the executive board know before the February meeting.**

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