



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,
FEB. 24TH
~ OR ~
TO CANCEL A
STANDING
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**EARLENE
JIRIK @
266-5492
BY
SATURDAY,
FEB. 18TH
THANK YOU.**

Lunch At Noon

**Pork Tenders
Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Beverage
Cherry Dessert
Cost: \$9.00**

**INVOCATION BY
Dale Jirik**



**Author
Steven Farney
on
Basketball
in the State
of Kansas**

FEBRUARY 2017

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

NARFE'S 2017 state convention is April 23-25, Hutchinson, KS Atrium Hotel and Conference Center. Room costs are \$86.30 per night with tax included. Registration for the convention is \$77.00 and includes meals. The chapter pays registration for delegates, transportation and lodging not included.

We will elect twelve delegates at our February chapter meeting.

If YOU are interested in serving as a delegate or want more information, contact me (478-0651) and I will try to answer any questions. We will have registration forms at the February 24 luncheon.

Ron Richey, chapter Legislative Chairman reported that the KS state income tax exemption for federal retirees is mentioned frequently in Appropriations and Taxation Committee meetings he has attended. Ron brought the daily log and schedules to the Executive Board Meeting on February 3 to provide more information. Will our benefits survive "if and when" the Legislature debates the income tax exemption of the 330,000 LLC's favored by the Governor that will be part of the taxation debates? Ron Richey has pointed out what is happening in Topeka. More far reaching anti-federal employee and retiree threats are being proposed at the federal level. Have YOU contacted your Senators and Representatives about YOUR concerns and priorities? It's already clear that 2017 will present more serious change to what far too many retired federal employees have long considered to be a safe and secure retirement. Thanks for being a NARFE member— help us sign up your federal retired friends! Regardless of physical infirmities, this is not a time to sit on the sidelines! See you February 24! Hope for good weather because we have been lucky so far.

Unable to attend the convention but want to support either the live or silent auctions to benefit NARFE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH. This year they are limiting donations to fall in the following three categories:

- ⇒ **HANDMADE CRAFT ITEMS** (do you do woodworking, painting, sewing, needlework, or a paper craft like card making?)
 - ⇒ **HOMEMADE FOOD ITEMS** (do you can, make jam or bake?)
 - ⇒ **THEMED BASKETS** (be creative)
- Your donation can be given to Sue Wike anytime until Friday, April 21st

Our Heartfelt Thanks, Sue and Joanne

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

At 12:00 noon EST on January 20, U.S. President Trump was sworn into office. Positions for the hiring of new federal workers were frozen on January 23. The U.S. State of the Union address will be given on February 28.

Currently there is no state income tax placed on our civil service and thrift saving plan. As our Chapter #2 NARFE President, Jim Miller, has been saying the Kansas Legislature can single us out for taxing our retirement.

On January 25 the Revenue Department provided an overview of all the retirees who are not being taxed on their retirements. On January 26 the Senate Tax Committee received an overview from the Revenue Department of all retirees who are not being taxed on their retirements.

Then Wednesday, February 1 there was an information briefing: **Taxation on Retirement Benefits.** During the meetings they question why the federal government and military retirees do not pay state income tax. We are monitoring the House and the Senate to see if they introduce bills to tax our retirement. If they do introduce bills to place taxes on our retirement income I will send out e-mails.

Listen to the legislature and read about the bills at <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>

We are in need of more volunteers to help monitor the activities of the KS Legislature.

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at noon. **Welcome, Home on the Range sing along and Invocation was given by Barb McLain** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

Program, Denise Groene, State Director of the Better Business Bureau – The BBB, a nonprofit organization focused on advancing marketplace trust, was founded in 1912. Scams are seen in different ways (U. S. Mail, phone, and e-mail). The top three scams are: 1) those pretending to be the IRS—know the federal government notifies you strictly by U.S. mail, 2) someone saying you are a sweepstakes winner and you didn't even enter, and 3) threatening debt collectors. You should report any such activity to the BBB.org scam tracker. The most current scam sweeping the country is the one where they ask “can you hear me” – just hang up. If you answer yes you will receive some type of invoice for a vacation package, cruise, warranty, or some other big ticket item and they have proof of what you agreed to with the word YES in your own voice. While at their BBB website you can read about the other scams and check out Wise Giving, which is updated quarterly. If you have caller ID it is best to not answer, as your name and number could wind up in the hands of other scammers..

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – 34 members, two guests and our speaker (total of 37). Door prizes: Ann Look won a candy bar and Sharon Rosenow won a jar of peach salsa.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – Excused Absence.

Treasurer, Ron Miller – BOH General Fund - \$3,130.02 plus Life Membership Savings Account - \$1,201.09.

Federation Alzheimer's Chair/Newsletter Editor, Joanne Miller – Due date for articles for the next newsletter is Friday, February 3. Suggestion: Consider a donation to NARFE Alzheimer's Research at times of bereavement.

First Vice-President, Sharon Rosenow – No Report

Second Vice-President, Richard Wike – February program Steven Farney will speak on his love of history & basketball.

Reports:

Good Cheer, Jo Burenheide – Jim read Jo's report. Get

well card sent to Bill Kastens. Sympathy cards were sent to James Fitzgerald on the death of his mother, Family of Hester Schraeder who died January 3, and the Family of Rita J. Best who died January 21. Keep Good Cheer Chair apprised of any info you find out about our members. It was noted that Anna Mae West's niece was to be buried on Saturday, January 28.

Legislative, Ron Richey – Ron gave attendees a handout listing NARFE's legislative accomplishments that can be used as a recruitment tool for inviting someone to visit/join our chapter. Cost of Living stands at 0.14%. The CPI for January is scheduled for release February 15. President Trump issued a federal hiring freeze three days after taking office. Ron's full report is on the front page of this Newsletter which includes threats to cutting state tax exemption on Y-O-U-R federal annuity and thrift savings plan.

New Business – None.

Next Executive Board Mtg. – 9:30 Friday, Feb. 3

Next NARFE General Mtg. – Noon Friday, Feb. 24

Chapter Alzheimer's Chair, Sue Wike – Big thanks to everyone for saving Best Choice labels – recently submitted 1,000 labels for \$30 remittance (UPDATE – actually \$60) and the “peasants for working two days at the peasant pastry booth” at the 2016 Renaissance Festival wherein we made \$300! Sue highlighted the change in items requested by the Federation Board for the live and silent auctions at the upcoming April State Convention in Hutchinson (see front side of newsletter). 50/50 drawing: 1st \$7.00 to Guest Will Kastens, 2nd \$5.00 to Guest Will Kastens and 3rd \$3.00 to Jim Miller. All donated winnings back to Alzheimer's.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Miller,

Acting for Gwendolyn Ketter



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