



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,
FEB. 17TH
WITH YOUR
RESERVATION
AND/OR
CANCELLATION**

**PLEASE NOTE:
The number of
meals given to
the Chef is the
number the
chapter must
pay for. ALSO
when people
show up with-
out making a
reservation we
may be short
on food.
THANKS**

February 23rd

**(arrive by 11:50
for NOON meal)**

**Pecan Encrusted
Tilapia**

**Mac and Cheese
Green Peas and
Pearl Onions**

Rolls

Beverage

Red Velvet Cake

Cost: \$9.00

INVOCATION BY

Jo Burenheide

**NANCY
GOODALL**

**CoreFirst
Bank & Trust**

**Top 10
Estate Planning
Mistakes**

FEBRUARY 2018

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

Thank you to all who attended our January luncheon. To those who called in and said they were coming and they came – thanks! To those who told us they weren't coming and didn't – we appreciate that info. Knowing how many will be attending assists the Chef and his staff in the food preparation and also helps out our treasury which Ron appreciates also. So keep up the good work.

One of the many reasons I felt I was not qualified to be your president was the fact that I know so little about the inner workings of the everyday NARFE business. Had a question at the January luncheon concerning chapter dues and how it pertains to NARFE Life members. So that's why I have board members that search out answers to such questions. (Remember M-114 Report!) Then I receive information from National talking to me about the traditional A250 report – OMG – didn't even know there was such a thing. But guess what – I'm learning and hopefully we will have answers to your questions at the next luncheon if not before. Should also have more info on the upcoming Conference (formerly convention) in Park City in April.

Let's keep our record perfect in attendance at the luncheon on February 23rd with calling Earlene if you're coming or have to cancel no later than February 17th.

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

The Members of our Chapter would like to thank all the people who passed out F-135's and signed up new members. As when we celebrate the Super Bowl we are celebrating our success in obtaining new members from September 1, 2017, to January 1, 2018.

Welcome

Ten New Members! Kathy Burkdoll, Theodore Ciaffone, Mary Coverdale, Kay Frances Dalton, Lucinda Fox, Anita Guerra, William Newman, Mark Penrod, Gerald Rottinghaus, and Barbara Schreiber

Two Reinstatements! Dan Appelhanz and Orvin Grondahl

A reminder to retirees---you may sign up for the Dues Withholding option to 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 NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinars are FREE for members! Nonmembers can register for \$39.95 and receive a one-year NARFE membership. Missed a webinar? Also included is access to archived webinars presented throughout the year on a variety of subjects. Learn more by going to the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute at: <https://www.narfe.org/FederalBenefitsInstitute/>

US Legislature

The three-day government shutdown ended January 22 after a continuing resolution that funds the government through February 8 passed Congress and was approved by the president. Federal employees who were required to work during the shutdown will be paid for their time. In addition, furloughed employees will receive back pay for any time furloughed due to a NARFE-supported provision added to the continuing resolution. Lawmakers now have through February 8 to keep the government funded. Once numbers are set, Congress will vote on a budget deal that will raise the sequester caps and will likely require offsets, putting federal benefits at risk. NARFE members must go to <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/index.cfm?fa=voterVoice&vvsrce=%2fcampaigns%2f55084%2frespond> and contact their legislators and tell them not to use federal benefits as an offset for raising sequestration budget caps.

Contact Information

NARFE's Legislative Hotline - 703-838-7780 and 1-877-217-8234. See posted at www.narfe.org.

Senator Jerry Moran – Olathe, KS Office: 913-393- 0711.

Washington, D.C. Office: 202-224-6521. Signup for newsletter: <https://www.moran.senate.gov>.

Senator Pat Roberts – Topeka, KS Office: 785-295-2745.

Washington, D.C. Office: 202-224-4774. Signup for newsletter: <https://www.roberts.senate.gov>.

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins – Topeka, KS Office: 785-234-4172.

Washington D.C. telephone: 202-225-6601. Signup for newsletter: www.lynnjenkins.house.gov.

Kansas Legislature

Our Chapter has volunteers to help monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature to help keep your federal retirement monies tax free in the State of Kansas. **We need more help to monitor the activities of the Kansas House and the Senate.** You may listen to the legislature and read about the bills at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/> - i.e., **House Bill 2519 in the Kansas House regarding exempting the state of Kansas from daylight savings time.**

Now is good time to visit the Capital. They have tours from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and you may meet your Representative for the Kansas House and Senate.

Deadlines

March 21 is the deadline for submitting application for NARFE-FEEA Scholarships which honor talented high school seniors with a \$1,000 award.

April 15 is the deadline to capture your concept of "The Glory of America" for NARFE's 2018 Photo Contest. Winning photos will be used in the NARFE 2019 calendar and 2018 note card collection.

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2018 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Rosenow at noon. **Welcome and Invocation** was given by Barbara McLain followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

Our **Speaker, Adrienne Meyer from Midland Care** spoke on the different options available through their programs to assist us and our loved ones as we grow older. They offer benefits such as Senior Living, Day Service, PACE, Meals on Wheels, Help with Aging at Home, Grief and Loss Support, Managing Serious Illnesses, and End of Life Care. Midland Care is located at 200 SW Frazier Circle in Topeka and their phone number is 785-232-2044.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – We were honored to have in attendance two new members William Newman and Anita Guerra. We had a total attendance of 33 members and 1 guest (our speaker). Several items were given away at our door prize drawing for attendees: 1. Heart of Chocolates – Beverly Hoffsett; 2. Mystery Gift – Flora Spotts; 3. Tulip Flower – Ron Miller; 4. Our 2009 NARFE Calendar Girls – Charlotte Pittman; 5. Heart Chocolates – Anita Guerra and 6. Flowers – Sharon Rosenow.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – Meeting with Kansas Executive Board on February 8th in Park City, KS to finalize information for the 2018 NARFE Federation Conference to be held in April 2018. Further information to follow in an email blast as soon as it is available. Encouraged members to read emails and the NARFE magazine to keep up on how and when voting will occur both on the National and Federation levels.

Treasurer, Ron Miller – We have \$1,889.62 in checking account. **Second Vice-President, Richard Wike** – February meeting speaker will be Nancy Goodall from CoreFirst to speak on Top Ten Estate Planning Mistakes. Invite your fellow retirees to attend. Make sure to let Earlene know ahead of time if they wish to attend the luncheon.

Reports:
Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Co- Chair/Newsletter Editor – Newsletter articles are due 2-2-18.

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Sympathy cards were sent to the families of the following members: Marvin Thompson (10/26/17), Galen Rapp (10/29/17), Mary Speier (11/22/17), Charles Dickey (12/20/17) and Nolan McKenzie (12/6/17). Sympathy cards were sent to Glenn Stalcup on the death of his son and Kermit Schrenk on the death of his son.

Ron Richey, Legislative/Membership – Legislative Report listed in the newsletter.

Sue Wike, Alzheimer's Chair – 50/50 drawing raised \$26.00. Prizes - 1st \$8.00 Karen North, 2nd \$7.00 Flora Spotts, 3rd \$6.00 Anna Mae Wright. All donated winnings back to the Alzheimer Fund. Thank you to all.

Old Business – None

New Business – Question was raised by Charlotte Pittman about chapter dues for lifetime members. Lifetime members need to pay their \$10.80 to the chapter each year. We will discuss this at Executive Board meeting in February and provide further information next month.

Next Executive Board Mtg. – Fri., February 9th, 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General Mtg. – Fri., February 23rd, Noon.



Presidents Thoughts:

A Special Award was given to Jim Miller for his 11 years as President of Chapter 0002. Thank you Jim for all you have done and we look forward to your continued support as PAC Chair.

Meeting Adjourned 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

FUNDS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

As part of the "Brain Power" series on TODAY, special anchor Maria Shriver talked to Bill Gates about his mission to solve the medical mystery of the neurodegenerative disease, which causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. He is optimistic and is donating \$100 million of his own money to find a cure. On the January 30th show Bill Gates revealed for the first time that his dad, 92-year old Bill Gates, Sr. suffers with the disease.

Lynda Everman and Kathy Siggins believe the semipostal stamp's success could greatly influence Congress to pass legislation that would extend the life of the semipostal for an additional six years, similar to the reauthorization of the breast cancer stamp. That would help deliver more research dollars while continuing to raise the public awareness of Alzheimer's and its destructive aftermath. It would not have happened without the iron-willed tenacity of Lynda and Kathy who cared for their stricken husbands for too long to keep count. Altogether, they clocked a combined 27 years before seeing their dream of this stamp become reality.

By using this 65 cent stamp on all our mail, is just another way we ALL can help! Joanne Miller, KS Federation Alzheimer's Co-Chair

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