



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Chapter 002, Topeka, Kansas

JANUARY 2013

NEW MEETING PLACE

Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene

730 Fairlawn Road
Topeka, Kansas 66614

Date and Time
January 25, 2013
12:00 p.m.

*Parking is located in the front of the building and behind the offices in front of the Chapel.
Our meeting will be held in the **youth room** located in the Northwest corner of the facility.*

Program

Andrea Marling
Volunteer Supervisor
Stormont-Vail



Lunch Menu

Subway 6 Inch Sandwiches

Turkey
Black Forest Ham
Chips
Fresh Baked Cookies
Coffee
Tea
Water

Cost: \$9.00

Please contact Jim or Gwen prior to January 23rd to let them know which type of sub you prefer. You may contact us via email: gsketter@msn.com.

*If you Did Not RSVP At Last Meeting,
RSVP To
Jim Miller—785-478-0651*

From The President's Desk

Excuse the brevity. A flat on your back case of the flu does that! Yes, Irene and I had the flu shots in October. This is a strain that slipped in the side door of the vaccine. There is a lot of news in this newsletter!

I do want to wish a fond farewell to David Smith, Treasurer and wife Kathy, our Editor and also a treasure! They have done very well in both offices.

Then, welcome aboard new co-editors Ron and Joanne Miller! Kathy and David will assist them in getting this newsletter to print, before they leave Topeka for Florida! A chapter newsletter is very important, especially to our members who can't attend meetings. Thank you Joanne and Ron!

Jim Miller, President

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Legislative and Insurance News

Happy New Year! The 112th Congress adjourned after they passed the 'Fiscal Cliff' Tax Bill. On January 3rd, 2013, The 113th Congress was sworn in. They were up to their old tricks and then adjourned. NARFE President Joseph Beaudoin asks each NARFE member to send our brand-new message to your representative and senators. <http://narfe.capwiz.com/narfe/issues/alert/?alertid=62314456>

You can go to <http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/index.cfm> for more news. The US President will have his State of the Union Address on February 12th after he is sworn in on January 20th. I hope to have more information at our next NARFE Meeting on January 25th. The Kansas Legislature will start January 14th at 2 PM with new Presidents of the House, Senate, and new people in the committee meetings. Jim Miller and I will continue to monitor their activities this year. We invite our NARFE members to monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature with us.

At <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/> you can listen to the live proceedings in the House and Senate. At this site you can read the calendars, journals, and the bills. You can find all your Kansas Senators and Kansas Representatives under the Capitol Dome following completion of their remodeling activities.

There will be a prayer and worship service January 14th in the Old Supreme Court Room between 8AM and 5PM. There will be prayer teams throughout the session from January through April of the session.

On January 15th the Governor will have his State of the State Address. **PUBLIC TV 6:30 PM** If you have children and/or grandchildren between the 6th grade and the 9th grade they can work as pages for a day by making prearrangements with their Kansas Senator or Kansas Representative.

Ron Richey, Legislative Chair

Minutes, Chapter 002, December 7, 2012

The Hospitality Room opened at 11:00 with Mary Harms and Dolores Engel and their committee handling the arrangements. The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:00 P.M. Welcome and Pearl Harbor day anniversary recognition along with the invocation was given by **Barb McClain followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**. A two entrée Holiday meal was offered for \$12.00.

Members Report, Paul Manning – 74 members and five guests (Gayla Rapp, Rosetta Augustine, Steven Tenbrink, Bill Calwell and Ulysess Wright Sr.) were in attendance. Special guests were Cynthia Renee' Blythe – President Kansas Federation NARFE, Elizabeth Bornman – 1st Vice-President Kansas Federation NARFE and Louis Bornman - Area I Vice President Kansas Federation NARFE.

Cindy Renee' Blythe, President Kansas Federation NARFE presented Topeka Chapter our 65th Birthday Certificate from National NARFE Headquarters.

PROGRAM – Entertainment was provided by Cair Paravel Latin School Chorus who sang a variety of Christmas Songs. Special appearance by Santa – who handed out candy canes (Vice President Richard Wike wearing a Betty Born provided Santa suit). Richard entertained the children with his humorous approach.

Election Committee Chairman Dale Jirik announced the nomination of Bill Kastens for the office of Treasurer. Voted into office with a unanimous aye vote.

Kansas Federation NARFE President Cindy Renee' Blythe installed the new officers for 2013: New to the Board will be Treasurer Bill Kastens. Holdover officers are 1st Vice President Galen Rapp, 2nd Vice-President Richard Wike, Secretary Gwen Ketter, and President Jim Miller.

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

Treasurer/Newsletter Editor, David Smith – (read by Kathy in David's absence). **This was the final report for David and Kathy since they are moving to Florida after the first of the year.**

General Fund Balance \$2,366.65; Alzheimer's Fund - \$524.90; Life Membership account - \$1,199.33; Total \$4,091.08.

Kathy Smith, Editor – Made a plea for a newsletter editor.

Legislative, Ron Richey – Ron gave another plea for members to remember to call in to their Senators/Congress persons on behalf of all NARFE members. We need to protect our benefits.

Next Executive Board meeting will be 9:00 AM on Dec. 13, 2012. Need to address issue of meeting place for three months (Jan-Mar.).

Next NARFE General meeting – Friday, January 25th

George Spotts Alzheimer chairperson:
The 50/50 drawing awarded \$17.00 to Marcella Tinoco, \$10.00 to Bill Miller and \$7.00 to Judy Shetter.
Meeting Adjourned at 1:50 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter.

State Convention Representatives

We will be looking for people to represent the Topeka NARFE chapter at the state convention April 28-30 in Overland Park. Topeka is allotted 16 delegates. Please be sure to let a member of the executive board know before the February meeting.

KANSAS FUN FACTS

Did you know:

- The first woman mayor in the United States was Susan Madora Salter. She was elected to office in Argonia, KS in 1887.
- We have 27 Walnut Creeks.
- At KSU College of Veterinary Medicine waterbeds for horses are used in surgery.

JANUARY 29TH IS KANSAS DAY

It commemorates our admission to the Union in 1861, although its observance did not start until 1877.

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