



# 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,  
JULY 21ST  
WITH YOUR  
RESERVATION  
AND/OR  
CANCELLATION**

**Menu for  
July 27th**

Lasagna  
Seasoned Broccoli  
Caesar Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Beverage  
Marble Cake

**Cost: \$9.00**

**INVOCATION BY**

*Sue Wike*

**AMY BOWER  
Stormont-Vall's  
Healthwise 55**



**CONSIDER  
BRINGING  
YOUR USED  
BOOKS, CD'S  
& DVD'S TO  
JULY MEETING  
FOR OUR  
AUGUST 24TH  
ENTERTAINMENT  
NOOK SALE  
FOR NARFE  
ALZHEIMER'S  
RESEARCH**

## JULY 2018

From President Sharon Rosenow's Desk    [rosenowsk@gmail.com](mailto:rosenowsk@gmail.com)    640-7317

Well, we had a very nice June Luncheon. Lots of people came to listen to our speaker, Senator Laura Kelly. And now NARFE voting is over and I'm positive that everyone who was eligible voted. Independence Day has come and gone and I'm hoping everyone had a very safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup>. So the only other thing I can think of is that you are keeping hydrated, cool and we'll see everyone at the July 27<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

**JULY 13 - 9:30 Executive Board Meeting in Parlor**  
*(Our Board Mtgs. are open to any member)*

**JULY 26 - 2:00 PM ET Webinar:**  
**Survivor Benefits: Ensure Your Peace of Mind**  
presented by James Marshall \* (Sponsored by Aetna)

**NOTE:** Stay online after for a BONUS one-hour Q&A session with the presenter

**AUGUST 24 - Noon NARFE Luncheon with Speaker Cindy Miller, LPN,**  
Dementia Specialist, with the Alzheimer's Association in Topeka  
**\*\* Meal Reservation deadline for our August meeting is August 18th. \*\***

**"ENTERTAINMENT NOOK SALE" for ALZ before/after August meeting.**

From Legislative & Membership Chair, Ron Richey    [ronaldgrich@aol.com](mailto:ronaldgrich@aol.com)    234-4172

We would like to thank the guest speaker, Senator Laura Kelly who spoke at our NARFE Chapter #2 meeting on June 22, 2018. She provided a lot of information about what occurred in the Kansas Legislature in 2017 and 2018. New bills need to be introduced in the Kansas Legislature during the 2019 and 2020 session. On June 25, 2018, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that they were not satisfied with the school funding offered by lawmakers. A one-year reprieve has been offered to allow the Legislature to formulate a new plan. The Kansas Legislature is scheduled to start its 90 day session on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 2:00 PM.

I have been appointed to be the NARFE State Federation Legislative Chair in place of Jim Miller. We would like to thank Jim Miller for volunteering to do this job for over two decades. I have been volunteering underneath him for a decade. You may contact our NARFE Chapter #2 President Sharon Rosenow, who is looking for a volunteer to serve as the chapter legislative chairperson. Jim Miller and I can mentor you as you learn the position.

Now is a good time to take your kids or grandkids to visit the Kansas Capital. You may visit the Kansas legislature on-line at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/> to locate your Kansas Senator and Representative.

NARFE encourages you to vote in both the August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Election and the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election. Become acquainted with all the candidates running for office.

If you attend a congressional town hall, community event, or meeting on behalf of NARFE please complete the [Congressional Meeting or Event Feedback Form](#) after any interaction with legislators and staff. When you complete this form, which is located on NARFE's advocacy page under "Surveys," your interactions are recognized by the Advocacy Department staff and ultimately help ensure that NARFE's lobbyists echo your message on Capitol Hill. Your dedication to NARFE and advancing our legislative agenda is appreciated.

It is summer and time to travel, visit family, and attend reunions. I talked to a NARFE member at our last NARFE meeting and she used NARFE to save money with NARFE perks to go back east. You can find information on this in the NARFE magazine or on the NARFE web site.

You need to pack your NARFE magazines and take them with you on your trips. Your F-135 membership enrollment forms need to go with you. Make sure you sign them, include your name, membership number, and your chapter number. Have copies of the pamphlets The 10 WORST MISTAKES FEDERAL RETIREES CAN MAKE and the Pop Quiz on Federal Benefits.

When renewing your NARFE membership please sign up for **both** chapter dues and a NARFE membership. It costs \$40.00 for a new member to join NARFE for a year and you receive all the benefits to the Local chapter and National Chapter. On your renewal notice you may make a choice. You may join the National chapter for \$40.00 or the Local Chapter and National Chapter for \$51.00.

**We would like to encourage you to join both the National Chapter and the Local Chapter.**

You will receive the Local Chapter Newsletter and local benefits in addition to the National benefits. A reminder to retirees---you may sign up for the Dues Withholding option and obtain a 15% discount (\$6) on your annual NARFE dues. Dues withholding applications are included in each monthly NARFE magazine, and applications are on the NARFE website at: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)

If you are a federal employee and working they had a class on **Steps to a Speedy Retirement** last month at the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute at: <https://www.narfe.org/FederalBenefitsInstitute/> The NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinars are FREE for members! You may view previously recorded webinars. I'm retired - there is a class on after retirement. This fall there will be classes about insurance and changes to the TSP plan for next year.

**LEGISLATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP (continued)**

At the last NARFE meeting a NARFE member asked me questions about what is going on in Washington DC. I encouraged her to sign up to receive e-mail from NARFE on the US Legislature and you can sign up on the NARFE website at: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org).

On June 15, 2018 I received an e-mail from NARFE informing me that NARFE President Richard G. Thissen and NARFE Oklahoma Federation President Randy Freeland recently sent a letter to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Chairman James Lankford, R-OK, requesting a 2019 pay increase for the federal workforce.

On June 19, 2018 I received an e-mail from NARFE stating that the Senate Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee approved a 1.9 percent pay raise for federal employees in 2019. It is unclear when the bill will be considered by the full Senate. The companion House bill did not contain a raise for federal employees. Absent congressional approval of a federal pay raise, the president has the authority to freeze pay, which he has stated he will do.



**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES  
JUNE 22, 2018 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Rosenow at 12:00 P.M.

**Welcome and Invocation** was given by **Jim Miller** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

**2nd Vice-President, Richard Wike**, introduced speaker, Senator Laura Kelly. She talked about why she is running for governor, her plans to fix our schools, foster care children, taxes and the need to expand Medicaid across the state.

**Members Report, Earlene Jirik** – reported attendance was 47, including 15 guests from neighboring NARFE chapters. Door prizes were won by Dolores Engel (patriotic towel), Marcella Tinoco (candle), and Eleanor Miller (patriotic floral bouquet). Contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for monthly luncheons not later than the Saturday before.

**Treasurer, Ron Miller** – Checking account balance is \$1,869.98.

**Second Vice-President, Richard Wike** – July speaker is Amy Bower, Healthwise 55 and August speaker is Cindy Miller, Alzheimer’s Association.

**REPORTS:**

**Jim Miller, PAC Chairman**, reminded everyone that we are in an election year and that those running must ask for NARFE’s support.

**Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/Newsletter Editor** – On June 1 Governor Colyer signed an executive order that Kansas (*the last state*) establish a plan to address current and future effects of Alzheimer’s on those who have the disease, as well as the organizations and family member who provide care and services for them. The task force will submit a report and recommendations to the state legislature and governor by January 14, 2019. Input for July newsletter is due Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Ron Richey, Legislative/Membership** – In the essence of time an abbreviated report was given - full report listed in the newsletter.

**Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer Chair** – Bring old books, CD’s and DVD’s to the July meeting for our “entertainment nook sale in the Parlor” before the August meeting for bottom dollar prices with proceeds going to Alzheimer’s Research.

**Jo Sue Burenheide, Good Cheer Chair** – Sympathy card was sent to Karel Gassen on the death of her brother and milestone card to Helen Price on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Old Business** – President Rosenow asked “have you voted in the NARFE election?” Deadline is 6/30/18.

**New Business** – FYI – There will be an estate sale of Bill Kasten’s household items on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer Chair** – Drawing: 1st prize: \$7.00, Shirley Manning; 2nd prize: \$5.00, Eleanor Miller and 3rd prize: \$3.00, Earlene Jirik. All monies were donated back to Alzheimer’s.

**Next Executive Board Mtg. – Fri., July 13, 9:30 AM**

**Next NARFE General Mtg. – Fri., July 27, Noon.**

Meeting Adjourned 1:35 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Joanne Miller, Acting Rec. Sec’y.*



*“Happiness held is the seed;  
Happiness shared is the flower.”  
—John Harrigan*

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