



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Chapter 0002, Topeka, Kansas

JULY 2014

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**Reservations
AND
Cancellations by
Wednesday,
July 23
to Jim Miller
478-0651
or e-mail**

**JULY 25
MENU**

**Pecan Encrusted
Tilapia ~AND~
Sweet & Sour Pork
Toss Salad
Au Gratin Potatoes
Seasoned Well-done
Green Beans
Carrots
Rolls & Butter
Marble Cake
Beverage**

Cost: \$9.00

with

PROGRAM

**by
Congressional
Candidate
Margie
Wakefield**

AND

**“SCHEDULE
PERMITTING”
Lynn
Jenkins**



A bright thought dawned on me last night...I'm so far behind, I can't possibly live long enough to catch up with all I have left to do! Just when Summer hits and some people can take life a bit slower, the state of Kansas, depending on which political analyst you hear or read, is going broke and will soon be out of money. Note, the NARFE income tax free benefit will be back on the high interest table, BEFORE the Kansas Legislature sets up for business in 2015. CALLING ALL RON RICHEYs!

Toss in the advance notice that, even though roads, highways and bridges are crumbling, and our do-nothing Congress refuses to look at those budding catastrophes as a problem; translations, no monies unless cuts are made elsewhere (further translation...public schools, old folks, poor folks, the VA hospitals but heaven forbid, not their wealthy contributors).

Kansas will have a definite need for money, probably from taxes. The federal government grant money is spiraling down to zero, so no help there.

Problem # three noted, just in the July 2nd newspaper! Kansas water supplies are in trouble! Ogallala Aquifer will be 70% depleted in X number of years. Reservoirs filling with silt and hearings will be held to urge Kansans to conserve, voluntarily. Best of luck on that one. If the strategy costs money, count on opposition and they will count on kicking the can down the road for the next generations to be concerned about!

Is there any hope in any of this? Yes, there is! Start with YOU NEED NARFE AND NARFE NEEDS YOU! The benefit noted above and enjoyed these many years was won by NARFE and has been retained by KS NARFE, notably the Oscar Albrechts and Ron Richeys of Chapter 0002, Topeka! With luck and good health, others will step forward to continue.

Deteriorating roads, highways, bridges - in the not so distant future, our nation will hold a November election. We can hope for a great awakening among the voters who will realize there is no free lunch, and some cans are worn out. They can't and won't be kicked down the road. NARFE is non-partisan, but NARFE is political! The best advice I can offer is, identify the candidates you can believe in and support them! Work in their campaigns if you have the health and the time!

Conservation of water resources? Vice President Richard Wike has recruited a FRIENDS OF THE KAW (River) to be our luncheon speaker in the future. The meeting should be well attended by our members. I'll see you (if I'm lucky ?) on July 25th!

2015 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, July 18th 9 AM

Parlor 206 @ Aldersgate



Legislative News from Ron Richey, Legislative Chair ronaldgrich@aol.com

This month we celebrated our 238th year of independence. Thank you to our military, our veterans, and to those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms, and the right to worship. Make plans now to vote in the Primary Election on August 5th and the General Election on November 4th.

Thank you to our federal workers and retirees for your support and for joining NARFE to protect our benefits. In the NARFE July magazine there are articles about the US Post Office, and why USPS pays up front for retiree health care on page 22. Pages 10 - 12 are NARFE bills to be considered for congressional legislation.

The US Senate and the US House is in summer recess for both chambers August 1st through September 5th. I'm setting up meetings with US Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins in August.

We would like to thank Gwen Ketter for printing NARFE Business Cards and passing them out. She will have them on hand at the meeting of NARFE on July 25th.

An application for dues withholding is available on page 53 if you are not already signed up for this benefit. It will take effect when your dues run out.

VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL COMING TO TOPEKA

Honor those who served and died for our Freedom at the Vietnam Traveling Wall. It will be at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard at Forbes Field August 28-31, 2014 Admission to the museum and the wall is FREE.

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2014 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

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

Welcome and Invocation was given by **Jo Burenheide** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A two entree meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program Susan Spielman, Midland Care - Susan spoke to us about the services offered by Midland Care which include Hospice Services that attempt to keep people in their own homes with their families after a diagnosis of terminal illness. They also offer comfort care for Care Givers which is an added benefit to the family at their time of need. Midland Care is located at 200 SW Frazier Circle in Topeka - Phone 785/232-2044.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – 46 members and 1 guest (our speaker were in attendance).

Earlene Jirik, Publicity - No report on publicity at this time.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – Minutes for May meeting were printed in the newsletter and were approved as printed. Thanks to Jim Miller for taking the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

Convention 2015 committee meeting will be held on July 18, 2014 at 9 AM in Parlor 206 at Aldersgate.

Goodbye Ceremony for our Kitchen Staff member **Krystal Jostock** who is moving to Florida. President Jim Miller (our Topeka NARFE Poet Laureate) wrote a ditty for us to sing (to the tune of Bye Bye Birdie) to Krystal. We gave her a Certificate and photo of the Group. She will be missed.

Treasurer Bill Kastens – We are solvent.

Service Officer Bill Kastens - No new calls.

Helen Louise Price, Good Cheer - Get Well card was sent to Mary Shannon and a Thinking of You card was sent to Gail Horsley. Remember - if you know of a

member who is ill or in the hospital please contact Helen Louise Price at (785) 478-9602.

Galen Rapp, 1st Vice-President & Membership - Involved in meeting across the hall - Business Cards for NARFE were printed and offered to members. The cards give information about Topeka NARFE and can be passed out to potential members. If you want cards let one of the officers know and we will get you some.

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice-President - July - Both Congressional Candidates were invited - we have confirmed Margie Wakefield. At this time Lynn Jenkins has declined due to the fact that Congress may still be in session. We have offered to let her attend if her circumstances change.

Reports:

Ron Richey, Legislative – report is listed in its entirety in the newsletter.

Joanne and Ron Miller, Newsletter Editor - Deadline for July newsletter is July 3rd.

Jim Miller - NARFE PAC - Jim will take any funds members wish to donate.

Next Executive Board Meeting - No Executive Meeting in July due to Holiday - HAPPY 4th!

Next NARFE General Meeting – Friday July 25th

George Spotts Alzheimer Chairperson: Flag Burning Ceremony at Post 400 was held June 14th. Approximately 1000 flags were burned. You can return your tattered flags to either George or to Guard Sales at 14th & South Kansas Avenue. George is always collecting Best Choice labels for Alzheimer's fund.

50/50 drawing 1st \$12.00 - Jo Burenheide, 2nd \$8.00 - Sue Wike and 3rd \$6.00 Bill Kastens - all donated money back to Alzheimer's.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

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