



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,
JULY 28TH
~ OR ~
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STANDING
RESERVATION**



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EARLENE
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266-5492
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SATURDAY,
JULY 22ND
THANK YOU.**

Lunch At Noon

**Mac & Cheese
with ham
Zucchini & Squash
Rolls
Beverage
Cupcakes**

Cost: \$9.00

INVOCATION BY

*Joan
Arterburn*



**Hearing
Loss
by
Maureen
Hall**

JULY 2017

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

REMINDERS! WHEN RENEWING YOUR NARFE MEMBERSHIP, CHECKING THE \$40.00 BOX PAYS YOUR NATIONAL DUES ONLY! YOUR CHAPTER DUES ARE \$10.80 AND THAT PAYS FOR YOUR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AND OTHER CHAPTER EXPENSES. **NOTE:** THE OCTOBER 27TH CHAPTER MEETING WITH BC/BS AND GEHA REPS WILL BE 99% FOR FEDERAL HEALTH PLAN INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION, WHILE 1% WILL BE FOR NOMINATION/ELECTION OF 2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS. **Please read & answer my HELP WANTED Ad Below:**

#ONE! When the hard working Bill Kastens retired as our chapter treasurer, he also retired as our **Service Officer** I have filled in when survivors have called asking for information. I will be more than happy to explain the duties to any interested member!

#TWO! Chairperson for NARFE PAC! NARFE PAC is a critical, vital piece of our legislative network and is necessary when working with Congress, especially with the anti-federal workforce/retirees members of Congress. NARFE does not hand out funds to those members who are trying to take away EARNED benefits, but does contribute to those members who appreciate what we have done. NARFE PAC is not a bribe! It is used to gain access in order to present our priorities, usually by our legislative staff in NARFE headquarters. NARFE PAC funds can also be used locally when a member has demonstrated their support and has a local fund raiser. **I am "filling in" for those duties also.**

Ron Richey is doing double duty as the Chairman of the Legislative AND Membership committees and can use some guidance and assistance. If you have interest in helping out in either or both of those committees, let me or Ron Richey know. Both Legislative and Membership are critical to our success in representing federal employees and retirees in the KS Statehouse and on Capitol Hill.

During recent Executive meeting, positive comments were made as to the improved quality of our chapter luncheons. I'll pass on the compliments to Chief Chef Joseph and staff. It is always appreciated to hear compliments when doing a better than good job! See you at our July 28th luncheon meeting!

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

The Kansas Legislature adjourned after the Sine and Die Session on Monday, June 26, 2017. The 90 day session turned into 114 days. It was stressful with the budget, taxes, and school finance taking up most of the time. The House and Senate did not introduce a bill to tax our retirement and this is worth being a NARFE member and having NARFE member volunteers to help monitor the activities of the legislature.

In the July NARFE magazine on page 43 it has a chart that is a snapshot of our federal family. A person may use this information in an effort to help recruit NARFE members. The application form is on page 48, if you use the application, be sure to include your name on it so we may acknowledge your efforts.

In the July NARFE magazine, on page 46, it has what's on your mailing label?

Membership ID number. If you are not a NARFE member you can join for a year for \$40.

Chapter number. If it says it is omitted for NARFE members not in a chapter you may join our chapter #2 for \$10.80 a year. We encourage members to attend our NARFE Chapter meetings on the fourth Friday of the month.

Membership expiration date. This is the date your membership expires. Please renew before the EXP date. On page 49 you can sign up for NARFE dues withholding and save 15% off your annual NARFE dues.

Voting district. This shows your congressional voting district. NARFE encourages you to get out and vote and use the NARFE website: <http://www.narfe.org/home/index.cfm> for information; sign up to receive the news bulletins; send e-mails from the active legislature to your US Senators and US Representatives; and you may look up information on the Kansas Federation of NARFE: <http://ksnarfe.org/>.

Go to the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute at: <http://www.narfe.org/member/FederalBenefitsInstitute/> for classes for free to NARFE members or sign up for a class for \$39.95 and receive a free NARFE membership for a year. You can access previously recorded webinars ON-DEMAND or register for upcoming webinars on July 27, August 24, and September 21 (All webinars start at 2 p.m. ET)

During the month of June: 5 members were sent a 2nd renewal notice, 2 members dropped their membership, 3 members transferred out of our chapter, and sadly 5 members passed away.

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

JUNE 23, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at noon. Welcome and Invocation was given by Laurel Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

2nd Vice-President, Richard Wike, introduced the speaker, the Honorable Dale Jirik, Patriot and Historian. Dale spoke about patriotism, our first President, George Washington, and very interesting details of the Declaration of Independence.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – 29 members were in attendance. Door prize was a suet feeder donated by the Mannings and won by Judy Hower. Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly luncheons.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – absent-no report

Treasurer, Ron Miller – We are solvent with \$2,685.85 in our treasury.

Second Vice-President, Richard Wike – July meeting will have Maureen from the Hearing Aid Group as our speaker. August will be our bug-free picnic.

Reports:

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Co-Chair/ Newsletter Editor – Newsletter articles are due 6/30/2017.

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Alva Dean Cook, Thelma Jean Floyd, Donald Whitman and Justine Willis.

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

New Business – None.

Sue Wike, Alzheimer Chair – \$800.00 was collected for the Alzheimer's Walk on June 10th. There were 7 walkers. Drawing: 1st prize: \$7.00, Barb McClain; 2nd prize: \$5.00, Sharon Rosenow and 3rd prize: \$4.00, Eleanor Miller. All monies were donated back to Alzheimer's.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Fri., June 30, 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General Meeting – Fri., July 28, Noon.

Meeting Adjourned 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Rosenow, 1st Vice Pres.

Alzheimer's is relentless b-u-t then so are we

At AUGUST 25 PICNIC

AUCTION

for ALZHEIMERS

White elephants
Homemade goodies
Plants



2017 CONK

College of NARFE Knowledge

August 28—30, 2017

Marina Inn in South Sioux City, NE

\$85 Registration Fee due 8/19 covers

Monday evening buffet

Tuesday breakfast, lunch & dinner

Wednesday breakfast

4 speakers from NARFE Headquarters

Lodging rate of \$95 per night

plus tax is guaranteed till 8/10

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President	Jim Miller	478-0651
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