

# NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC

## Chapter 0002, Topeka, Kansas

### Executive Committee:

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**Where:** Aldersgate Village, 7220 SW Asbury Drive  
**When:** Friday, June 25, 2010; 12:00 Noon **\$9.00**  
**Menu:** Cole Slaw, Fried Catfish, Carrots & Onions,  
Green Beans with Roasted Red Peppers,  
Rolls and Butter, Beverages, Carrot Cake  
**Program:** Jo Anne Long, American Red Cross

**Reminder: The corner of 29<sup>th</sup> St and Urish Rd is still closed. Two ways - 21<sup>st</sup> Street to Indian Hills, then South to 29<sup>th</sup> Street or 37<sup>th</sup> St to Urish Rd to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, West to Albright.**

### Jim Miller - President

Two reminders to start off with ! **One-** as of this writing, the only way into our meeting place from West 21st St. is the Indian Hills Road to SW-29th, then east to Aldersgate. From SW 37th, take Urish Road to SW 33rd St, turn West and drive to ALDERSGATE Village entrance.

**Two-** If you didn't sign up at the May meeting to attend June 25th, please phone 478-0651.

Marge Roy has served as our chapter's "Sunshine Girl" for more years than she cares to recall, and Marge had to resign, due to health problems. Helen Louise Price has accepted the responsibilities of keeping track of and writing appropriate cards to our members. Helen will be backed up by Gail Horsley. Marge's long service is appreciated, and a reminder that our chapter depends on many volunteers to cover the many tasks required to remain one of the best (if not THE best) chapter in KS !

At a federation meeting in McPherson, Ron Richey was recognized for his long and faithful service as our chapter's Legislative Chairman, especially for his dedicated attendance and attention to the KS Legislature's sessions. Another member told me he would not have known about the KS state income tax exemption for federal retirees ( CSRS ) if he hadn't read that in a NARFE publication. He's well aware, now, of how much money NARFE has saved him. Have YOU checked your income tax return to determine how valuable NARFE is to YOU ? Questions, please ask ! This member had paid KS income tax on his annuity for FIVE years !

Bill and Monica Kastens will represent our chapter at the NARFE national convention in Grand Rapids, MI, August 29-Sept.2.

This has been described as perhaps the most important national convention in NARFE's long and illustrious history ! Many elected offices are open, meaning new faces, ideas, and enthusiasms for the NEB ( National Executive Board ) and the convention will be voting on a new Dues Increase proposal. Our chapter voted in favor of the last proposal, and if you want your ideas and vote to be counted this time, be sure to attend our chapter meetings ! Bill and Monica are well experienced and qualified to represent our views and they will welcome the input ! The dues increase is deemed necessary to financially prepare national NARFE to face the challenges and threats to our EARNED benefits.  
Hope to see you on June 25th !

### Gale Devore - First Vice President , Membership Chair and PAC Chair.

I now have received all of the materials from Betty. I will be looking diligently for new NARFE members. I as well as many NARFE members are concerned about our country's serious economic conditions. We must remain diligent about our current rights and privileges. We haven't been responsible for the present economic conditions. Hopefully congress won't make us part of the solution. See you at our next meeting

I have forwarded three NARFE PAC contributions.

### Gwendolyn Ketter - Secretary

NARFE Chapter 02

May 28, 2010

Aldersgate Village

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 12:01 P.M.

The invocation was given by Mary Harms followed by the flag salute.

A one entrée buffet meal was served for \$9.00.

Jim Miller introduced Program Speaker Mike Hayden, who spoke on Kansas Cabins. These are Cabins built and placed in State Parks throughout Kansas.

Paul Manning reported fifty-three members and one guest, Sue Robinson, in attendance

Gwen Ketter, Secretary - No Correction to the minutes reported in the Newsletter – approved as written.

Sherry Potter, Treasurer April 23<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup> - \$579.77 in Regular Account, \$1,086.53 in Life Account and \$ 41.83 in Alzheimer Account.

**General Fund** - Income received – Dues \$ 396.07, Lunch \$ 468.00, Core First Int \$ .14 – Total Income \$ 864.21

Expenses paid – Convention Delegates \$1,407.00, Newsletter printing \$ 45.64, 50/50 prizes \$ 22.75, Aldersgate food service \$ 477.00 – Total \$1,929.64

Life Account Income – Repayment of loan to open Convention Account \$ 100.00

**Alzheimer Account** – Income – 50/50 \$ 22.75, Balance \$ 41.83

Gale DeVore, First Vice-President – Welcomes calls from membership with suggestions on recruitment of new members. His number is 785-250-0576. Contact him for assistance in recruitment or other issues.

Richard Wike, Second Vice-President – June Speaker Senator Vicki Schmidt. (Has undergone surgery and a different speaker for June program)

National Convention Delegates – June 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submission to National. Bill and Monica Kastens will be attending. No others have committed as of yet.

Maynard Cox, Newsletter Editor (Convention Co-Chair) – Wanted to thank all who assisted at the State Convention. Still looking for a replacement newsletter editor. If you are interested, please let him know.

Ron Neis, Legislative – Not in attendance.

Jim Miller reported on the 5 area meetings that will be

taking place during the next few months to determine what might happen to our retirement benefits. The Legislature was going to appoint a committee, but didn't allocate any money for the committee. National there is a committee that will look into how to make money and may take our benefits. Please keep informed. WEP has less than 0% chance of passing. The cost is too high. Make sure to get the booklet – "Be prepared for life's events". It is available at our meetings and assists you and your family in case of death.

Bill Kastens, Service Officer – No Report.

**Helen Louise Price**, Good Cheer –

Sent sympathy cards to the family of Cecil O'Connor upon his death May 21<sup>st</sup>, to Betty Merryman upon the death of her son James.

Sent a get well card to Kay Howard who was hospitalized and is currently at home.

**Gwen** also wanted to request that anyone who knows of illnesses in our membership to please let her know. Her number is 785-478-9602

**Earlene Jirik**, Publicity – June 3<sup>rd</sup> KTWU needs 8 volunteers to man the phones from 6:45 and 10:00 PM.

**Gale DeVore**, NARFE PAC – Wanted to reiterate that contributions be made through the local chapter, so we may be given credit.

Dale Jirik, Nominating Committee – No Report.

**Jim** – NARFE Shirts are \$10 each, if you want one let him know. GPO

**Mary Harms**, Alzheimer's walk — June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**George Spotts**, Alzheimer Chairperson, is also collecting Best Choice Labels, Pop Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House and Campbell's Soup Labels for a School in NM for the Navaho Indians. The American Legion will be hosting a Flag Burning Ceremony for deteriorated Flags on June 14<sup>th</sup>. George will take boxed or bagged flags for the ceremony.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Aldersgate 9:00 AM.

The June Chapter meeting will be June 25, 2010 at Aldersgate Village. The program will be Vicki Schmidt.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$13.25 to Jim Woytek; \$7.95 to Oscar Albrecht and \$5.30 to Helen Price.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Gwendolyn Ketter, Secretary.

### **Ron Neis - Legislative Chair**

*I reviewed a list of NARFE accomplishments and pending priorities from the D.C. web site. Since some of you may not have a computer or the time to read the information on the site if you do have one I will highlight some of the important points. These are by no means a complete listing of everything NARFE has accomplished or worked on.*

#### **Equity for Federal Employees in the Stimulus Bill:**

Backed and helped push the one time \$250. per person refundable tax credit for the 2009 tax year covering those not eligible to receive Social Security.

**Obama Administration's endorsement of \$250. payment to public-sector retirees:** NARFE lobbied to include Federal Retirees as part of the public-sector retiree coverage for the \$250. payment. The bill allowed payment to public sector retirees that were not eligible to receive Social Security. Since the whole purpose was to help Social Security retirees because of no COLA in 2010 it meant non-eligible Social Security retirees were being passed over.

**Defeat of a costly amendment to a 2010 House resolution:** NARFE worked hard behind the scenes to help defeat a costly amendment that would have cut federal civilian retirement and/or health benefits by \$10. billion over 10 years. Defeating this in the House saved a longer battle had it reached the Senate. **Shielding the FEHBP in the Senate version of the health reform bill:** NARFE pushed for language that kept the FEHBP separate from non-federal civilians if OPM was tasked with managing a non-federal employee plan. It prevented us from being thrown in with non-federal civilian risk pools. More next month as I've rambled long enough

### **Helen Louise Price - Good Cheer**

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Eva Pederson who died June 1 and to the family of Earla Walker who died June 3.

A get well card was sent to Kathleen Smith.

Please notify me of any known deaths or illness of any of our members. My phone number is 478-96



