



NARFE Chapter 0002, Topeka, KS

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Meetings at Aldersgate Village in Wesley Hall

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JUNE 2016

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A year ago I wrote about a Honor Flight (military veterans) I was with flying to Washington, DC, and visiting with Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins. This year, Lynn Jenkins is running for re-election and reported to be eyeing a run for the Governor's job in 2018. I also wrote about petulant Kansas state legislature and continuing battle of the budget. Sadly, that situation has only changed and gotten worse. The June 3rd Topeka Capital Journal indicates several outcomes of the confrontation with the Governor and the Legislature against the order of the Kansas Supreme Court to return to mandated funding of public schools. I won't provide my opinion on what should happen, just add a word of praise to Ron Richey for sitting in most of the 2016 legislative session without blowing a gasket! As Ron advises, it ain't over until it's over (or was that Yogi Berra?) but as of June 3rd, the KS Legislature may be reconvened by the Governor, and once again, NARFE (Ron Richey and we hope others) will be forced to sit on budget solutions. Our hopes will be to prevent the Americans For Prosperity bringing up NARFE members and our hard won tax exemption as one of the solutions!

The old saying was WHAT IS SO RARE AS A DAY IN JUNE? Can now be amended with adding WITHOUT THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE IN SESSION! Perhaps all this will be settled, at least temporarily by our chapter meeting June 24. Make your reservation and I will look forward to seeing you then!

Alzheimer's Committee Meeting at KS Federation Convention

*The per-member goal for the year has been raised 50 cents
from \$5.50 (just 1 1/2 cents a day) to \$6.00*

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

I have been monitoring the Kansas State Legislature every day and setting in on the committee meetings. Before they adjourned May 2nd at 3:30 AM there was a hearing on taxing the business people in the Senate and they ran the bill on the House floor and it did not pass. To balance the budget they took money out of the transportation department and they did not put money into KEPERS Retirement. The Legislature approved Governor Brownback cutting funds from KU, K-State, and other state agencies.

After our NARFE meeting on May 27th, the Kansas Supreme Court returned a ruling that the school bill is not properly funded.

The Kansas State Legislature returned for the Sine and Die on June 1st. The Governor vetoed 2 bills---the Kansas Legislature overrode one bill, and addressed the issue regarding usage of public bathrooms.

In May Kansas revenue fell short \$76 million dollars. The Kansas Legislature did not address school funding. They are waiting for the Governor to call for a special Legislative Session to address these issues in June. This is a good time to become a volunteer and help monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature.

At our NARFE meeting a question came up about the status of the Docking Building. A hearing was held on June 1st but no decision has been made. Chairman of the Senate Tax Committee (long time Senator Les Donovan) and several other Senators and House Members are not running for reelection.

BE INFORMED and remember to vote at the 2016 General Primary on August 2nd and the General Election on November 8th.

“Membership in NARFE is an investment, not an expense.”

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

MAY 27, 2016 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:08 P.M.

Welcome and Invocation was given by **Charlotte Pittman** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. A meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program, Overview of Shawnee County Commission by Vice-Chair Bob Archer was followed by a **Question and Answer period**.

- Financially we are in good shape NOW.
- An employee compensation study revealed employees were underpaid and are now market based.
- The 2014 half cent sales tax helps with economic development such as roads, bridges, and expo.
- 1955 Willard Bridge work halted from April to August due to an endangered species. Early bid 20 million dollars now 16 million dollars. Rating dropped from 61 to 23 in one year. When finished the metal added in 1983 will be all concrete.
- Consolidation of Parks and Rec working well. Aquatic park on Urish Road will be a great venue.
- With no advantages or disadvantages presented the recommendation to consolidate the Sheriff and Police Department did not fly.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik - 37 members and three guests (our speaker and Ron & Marsha Hoverstock) were in attendance. The door prize, four citronella candle buckets, was won by Leah Hafner. Earlene will do some checking on cost for name badges.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – **Excused**. The April chapter minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved with no corrections. *Note to Gwen: Hope your path to recovery is short and smooth, with no bumps along the way.*

Treasurer, Bill Kastens – reported that we have money on hand.

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Co-Chair/ Newsletter Editor – As a thank you packets containing Alzheimer leaflets, bookmark, pen and post-it notes were given to attendees for personal use or to share awareness

with a friend. 2016 Kansas Convention Alzheimer's tally: \$2,181.50 Live Auction and \$3,145.50 Silent Auction for a GRAND TOTAL of \$5,327 for NARFE Alzheimer's Research. Newsletter articles are due June 3.

Barb McLain, 1st Vice President and Membership - No report.

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice President - Next meeting we will listen to the sounds of the New Beginnings Choir.

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer - Get Well cards sent to Wanda Stephens (eye surgery) and Marge Roy (fell in Rehab at McCrite's). Julius and Carol Brosa have moved – new address is 6117 W. 119th Street, Apt. 3313, Overland Park, KS 66209. Keep Jo informed about anyone who may need a ray of sunshine.

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

New Business – The idea of having our annual August indoor picnic at the lake or park in an air-conditioned facility was dismissed by less than a handful willing to support a different location, etc.

Next Exec, Board Mtg. - Friday June 3 - 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General Mtg. - Friday June 24 - Noon

Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer's Chair – Thanked everyone for their auction donations. Reminder about the upcoming June 11 local Walk to End Alzheimer's at Hummer Sports Park – still time to register to be part of the NARFE Team. If unable to walk, consider putting money in canisters on the table. A larger than usual 50/50 drawing - 1st \$20.00 Joanne Miller, 2nd \$15.00 Dolores Engel and 3rd \$5.00 Mary Harms - all donated money back to Alzheimer's. An additional drawing for a sandwich container by Blue Cross/Blue Shield was won by Joanne Miller.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Miller, Recording Secretary Protempore

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