



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



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JUNE 2017

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

Your chapter executive committee conducted a very lively meeting last Friday. Sue Wike "bribed" those attending with Richard's tasty brownies, and then our able NARFE Alzheimer's Chair provided us with pre-printed labels, envelopes and inserts to stuff for a total chapter mailing. Those letters will be in the mail around July 5, carrying on a fund raising idea of past NARFE Alzheimer's Chair, George (and Flora) Spotts. **LET'S NOT FORGET TO FIGHT FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T REMEMBER.** In a show of super efficiency, we followed the agenda while we worked on the mailing.

Ron Miller, Treasurer reported we have total funds of \$2,999.23.

Sharon Rosenow, First Vice-President passed on a strong suggestion from members pertaining to the October chapter meeting with representatives of BC/BS and GEHA on changes and updates, to eliminate reports for that meeting to leave all available time to the representatives. The extra time would be utilized for questions and hoped for answers. The motion passed with the provision of advertising the change for interested members and potential members. This is YOUR first notice, now I will contact the representatives to keep the communication flowing. Richard Wike, Second Vice President and Brownie Baker reported that our programs are set for the months of June and July. August will be our indoor picnic (no ants! Bugs! Flying insects!) with a relaxed agenda.

Ron Richey, Membership Chair AND Legislative Chair gave his reports, printed in this newsletter.

Joanne Miller, co-editor requested all articles be submitted to her today. She and Sue Wike are coordinating on the NARFE and Topeka Alzheimer's projects. Sue announced she had seven walkers and advance donations of \$400.00 for the city-wide Walk to End Alzheimer's. Richard will have our chapter flag to hoist and show where to gather on June 10.

The meeting adjourned as Sue and Richard gathered up the mailings.

 **June has five Fridays—we meet on June 23rd (4th Friday)**

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

I would like to thank all of our NARFE members for your membership. We hope that you take advantage of the NARFE magazine. If you are a chapter member that you read the chapter newsletter; attend our NARFE chapter meetings on the fourth Friday; 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 have looked up information on the Kansas Federation of NARFE. <http://ksnarfe.org/> All of these resources are included in your membership for forty dollars plus the chapter fee of \$10.80. If you are not a NARFE Member you may join the first year for \$40. If you would like to save 15% you can sign up for dues withholding which is \$34.00 plus \$10.80 a year or \$3.25 a month out of your retirement but you have to be retired. Your dues are used to help pay for a lobbyist to represent your interests as a NARFE member in Washington, DC.

During the month of May NARFE's reaction to ---"In President Trump's first budget he wants to cut our cost of living raises".

You can go to NARFE Federal Benefits Institute <http://www.narfe.org/member/FederalBenefitsInstitute/> for classes that are free to NARFE members, while a non-member registration is \$39.95 and includes a one year membership in NARFE (\$40 value).

JUNE 22 Should I Stay or Should I Go; **JUNE 29** Creating a Second Career; **JULY 27** Survivor Benefits: Key Decisions; **AUGUST 24** From Federal Employee to Annuitant; **SEPTEMBER 21** Retirement Life -- Where to Retire.

As this report goes to print (6/6), the Kansas Legislature is in its 109th day of 90 day session. The Kansas Legislature resumed on May 1st, 2017, and I keep monitoring the Kansas House and Senate to see if they introduce a bill to tax our retirement.

If they do introduce a bill to place taxes on our retirement income I will send out e-mails. In bill SB 89 part of the conference committee report will increase the fine from \$10 to \$30 for anyone 18 years and older who is not wearing a seat belt in a car that is moving.

You may listen to the legislature and read about the bills at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. We are in need of more volunteers to help monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature.

During the month of May: 3 members dropped their membership and 3 members transferred out of our chapter {THAT'S MINUS 6}.

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES
MAY 26, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

The noon meeting was called to order by First Vice-President Sharon Rosenow (Sharon was filling in for President, Jim Miller, who was ill).

Welcome and Invocation was given by Judy Hower followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

Program, Roy Bird, author spoke about “Little Ike” Dwight D. Eisenhower and his Abilene connection and the Chisholm Trail. He performed two songs: Home on the Range and the Chisholm Trail. He also had books for sale after the meeting.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik - 29 members plus our speaker, Roy Bird. Door prizes were given away for those in attendance: Ron Miller won a vase of Alstroemeria and Paul Manning won a jar of chocolate covered marshmallows. Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly luncheons.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter - absent, one change to April minutes: Richard Wike is 2nd VP, not 1st.

Treasurer, Ron Miller - BOH General Fund \$2,566.29.

Second Vice-President, Richard Wike - June will be a patriotic program by member Dale Jirik and in July we will have Maureen from the Hearing Aid Group.

Reports:

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer’s Chair AND Newsletter Editor - Information about the ALZHEIMER’S PROMISE GARDEN

Before the walk begins there is a Promise Garden ceremony, which allows participants to raise their flowers, representing their promise to remember, honor, care, and fight for those living with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers. The colored flowers represent each walker’s connection to the disease:

- Blue**, for someone who has Alzheimer’s or dementia;
- Purple**, for someone who lost a loved one to the disease;
- Yellow**, for someone currently caring for someone with the disease; and
- Orange**, for everyone who supports the cause and vision of a world without Alzheimer’s.

Newsletter articles are due June 2nd.

Good Cheer, Jo Burenheide - absent. Sharon read Jo’s report: Get well cards were sent to Bill Kastens, Ed Shaw and Jim Miller. Sympathy cards to Karen North on the death of her husband, Walter and to the family of Betty Sowers who passed away on May 21.

Legislative Chair and Membership Chair, Ron Richey - Report in the newsletter.

New Business - None

Alzheimer’s Chair, Sue Wike - Drawings: 1st \$8 - Virginia Bohn, 2nd \$7 - Ron Miller, 3rd \$5 - Barbara Decker, with all donating money back to NARFE Alzheimer’s Research.

Next Executive Board Mtg. - 9:30 AM, Fri., June 2

Next NARFE General Mtg. - Noon, Fri., June 23

Meeting Adjourned 1:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Rosenow

STROKE KILLS

During a stroke 32,000 brain cells die every second. Know the signs:

Balance - sudden loss of balance or coordination

Eyes - sudden change in vision

Face - sudden weakness of the face

Arms - sudden weakness of an arm or leg

Speech - sudden difficulty speaking

Time - time the symptoms started

BE FAST! * CALL 911

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