



# 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

**IT IS IMPORTANT**



**THAT YOU CALL  
EARLENE JIRIK  
266-5492**

**BY**

**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 16TH  
WITH YOUR  
RESERVATION**

**AND/OR  
CANCELLATION**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**This meeting  
may be well  
attended,  
as invite was  
extended to  
all KS NARFE  
chapters.  
It is suggested  
that you arrive  
early to get the  
best parking  
space.**

**June 22nd**

**(There are five  
Fridays in June  
B-U-T**

**NARFE meets on  
the fourth Friday)**

**Ham  
Au gratin Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Rolls  
Beverage  
Strawberry Cupcakes**

**Cost: \$9.00**

**INVOCATION BY**

*Jim Miller*

**LAURA  
KELLY**

**Democratic  
Gubernatorial  
Candidate**

**JUNE 2018**

**From President Sharon Rosenow's Desk    rosenowsk@gmail.com    640-7317**

**Voting is open and very important** so don't forget to vote either by email or "big" postcard mail. You should have received both (if you have an email address) or in your June NARFE Magazine. You can't vote twice but try at least once.

Our June meeting will have as its speaker, Senator Laura Kelly. She would like to be our next governor and here's your chance to hear what she has to say and ask pertinent questions. An invite has gone out to all the chapters so we may have some guests come June 22<sup>nd</sup>. See you then!

All members in good standing can vote on NARFE candidates for office and proposed bylaws and resolutions in the June 2018 issue of NARFE magazine ~OR~ online. Your ballot must be received at Election Services Co. by 11:59 pm ET on June 30, 2018. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

**Silence is consent; make your voice heard!**



**LOOKING  
FORWARD**

**JUNE 21 - Webinar: Steps to a Speedy Federal**

**Retirement** presented by Tammy Flanagan

(Sponsored by GEHA)

**JULY 26 - Webinar: Survivor Benefits:**

**Ensure Your Peace of Mind** presented by James Marshall

(Sponsored by Aetna)

**JULY 27 - NARFE Luncheon - Speaker Amy Bower,** Stormont-Vail's HealthWise 55 program assists those 55 years of age and older. Health education and prevention are the main focus of this program. Educational services, Senior Suppers, Lunch Bunch, workshops, and clinics for blood pressure, medication and nutrition are all sponsored by HealthWise 55.

**Meal Reservation deadline for our July meeting is July 21st.**

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

The House of Representatives passed [H.R. 5515](#), National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19). Among other things, the NDAA would give military personnel a 2.6 percent pay raise in 2019. Meanwhile, absent congressional action, civilian federal pay will be frozen by President Trump in 2019. NARFE members should contact their legislators and urge them to support a modest pay raise for federal employees through the appropriations process. In a time of rising private sector wage growth, a civilian pay freeze is nothing more than a direct attack on public service. Click <https://www.narfe.org/legislation/index.cfm?fa=voterVoice&vvsrsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f57437%2frespond> to access the NARFE Legislative Action Center for customizable letter, tweet and call script templates.

Learn more by going to the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute at: <https://www.narfe.org/FederalBenefitsInstitute/>

In April they had a webinar about the Postal Reform Bill and you can read about it in your NARFE Magazine. In May they had a free NARFE webinar titled "Are You Getting Your Legislators' Attention?". Upcoming webinars are listed above in the column LOOKING FORWARD.

It is very important that you sign up for the NARFE Legislative Hotline every Friday at <https://www.narfe.org/>. By doing so they will keep you informed about what is happening in their legislative activities and the legislature will listen to you more closely because they will realize that you are paying attention to what they are doing.

**QUESTION** - HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF SENATOR JERRY MORAN IN OLATHE to say that you oppose The Postal Reform Bill.

You are encouraged to vote in the August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Get acquainted with all the candidates running for office and make sure they know you.

Share your NARFE magazines and recruitment brochures that I have at each meeting by giving them to potential members (keep them handy in your car). Be sure to sign them, include your name, membership number, and our chapter number 0002. You can also RECYCLE them by giving them to me for use at the November health fairs at the Veterans Administration and the Federal Building.

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES**

**MAY 25, 2018 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Rosenow at 12:00 P.M.

**Welcome and Invocation was given by Ann Look** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

**2nd Vice-President, Richard Wike**, introduced the speaker, Brent Trout, Topeka City Manager. Mr. Trout gave us information about himself, old problems, new programs, ½ cents sales tax coming to an end and whether or not it might be changed to ¾ cents.

**Members Report, Earlene Jirik** – 31 members were in attendance plus a guest. Door prizes were won by Wanda Stephens (container with seeds and towel) and Anna Mae Wright (water bottle and bag). Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly luncheons.

**Treasurer, Ron Miller** – We are solvent with \$1827.59 in our treasury.

**Second Vice-President, Richard Wike** – June meeting will have Senator Laura Kelly candidate for governor.

**REPORTS:**

**Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/Newsletter Editor** – 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's will be 9/29/18 at Lake Shawnee. Due to being caregivers and work with NARFE Alzheimer's Research, Ron and Joanne Miller have been asked to participate in the Governor's Proclamation signing on May 31 designating June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

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

**Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer Chair** – Bring old books, CD's and DVD's to the June and July meetings and they will be sold at the August meeting for garage sale prices with proceeds going to Alzheimer's Research.

Gwen Ketter, Jim Miller and Jo Sue Burenheide were absent – no reports.

**Old Business** – President reminded us to vote either by mail or send in ballot.

**New Business** – None.

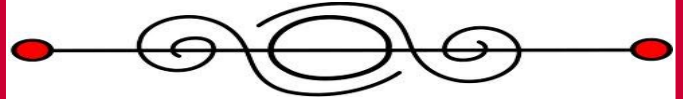
**Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer Chair** – Drawing: 1st prize: \$6.00, Betty Engle; 2nd prize: \$4.00, Ann Look and 3rd prize: \$3.00, Ann Look. All monies were donated back to Alzheimer's.

**Next Executive Board Mtg. – Fri., June 8, 9:30 AM**

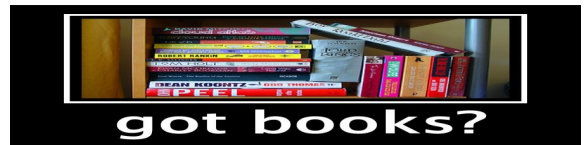
**Next NARFE General Mtg. – Fri., June 22, Noon.**

Meeting Adjourned 1:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Sharon Rosenow, President*



**FUNDS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH**



**Paperbacks, hardbacks, CDs and DVDs**

**NEEDED FOR OUR AUGUST ENTERTAINMENT NOOK SALE**

If you find any of these items that you no longer want bring them to the June and July meeting and we will sell them at garage sale prices in the Parlor to benefit Alzheimer's from 11 AM to 11:55 before our meal on Friday, August 24th. Come early for best selection!



**Save the Date**

**Walk to End Alzheimer's at Lake Shawnee Saturday, September 29**

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