



NARFE Chapter 0002, Topeka, KS

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Meetings at Aldersgate Village in Wesley Hall

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With Y-O-U-R
Reservations AND
Cancellations
By
Saturday,
March 19

as the kitchen needs
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order. Thanks for
your cooperation
and understanding.

March 25th
Good Friday

Lunch At Noon
Baked Pollock
Shredded Potato
Casserole
French Style
Green Beans
Rolls
Beverage
Cherry Cobbler

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INVOCATION BY

Joanne Miller

SPEAKER

Zach Ahrens

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As this is written, the March "LION" hasn't arrived yet, so I have been out scratching in the Village flower gardens. Feel welcome to tour the grounds when you visit! Already I have six foolhardy tulips breaking through the soil!

FIRST priority! FORTY reservations for last luncheon...FORTY SEVEN showed. Earlene and I have tried to tighten the lists so I will stress again...if you plan to attend, please call her at 266-5492 or me at 478-0651 to make reservations and to cancel if circumstances warrant it. **RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY THE SATURDAY PREVIOUS TO THE CHAPTER MEETING!!** The Dining Staff sends their food order on Sunday. Earlene and I begin coordinating on Saturday for submission of the reservations on Sunday. **WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY?** Because the number we reserve on Sunday is the number Treasurer Bill Kastens has to pay for on Friday. Several of you who have had to cancel have offered to pay for the meal and I thank you. So far that has been necessary once. Latest news from the State House is...dire prospects for the budget! **RON RICHEY** continues to patrol every committee meeting he can but one man can handle only so much. Odd as it may sound with a Governor and a Legislature devoted to eliminating state income taxes, the organizations of state and federal employees are mentioned as sources of new revenue and our state income tax free annuities. If you haven't appreciated **RON RICHEY** of late, check your personal income taxes this year and see what a difference that deduction makes! Pass the word to NARFE members and non-NARFE members alike about the fact that NARFE hard won benefit! That alone should be incentive to join NARFE! With members comes power with legislatures!

MEMBERSHIP looms large as one priority. NARFE PAC is another. Don't try to sift through the national politics until the primaries are settled. In the meantime, politicians running for re-election (in Kansas, several are running for cover!) are asking for contributions from NARFE and other organizations. To those who state they will not bribe a politician, I assure you the amounts we give cannot compare with the huge amounts hauled in from corporations and individuals. What we contribute to NARFE-PAC is combined with other NARFE chapters and those amounts are contributed to legislators who support OUR issues... and oppose the attempts by others who submit bills to take away our benefits. I will be more than pleased to discuss NARFE-PAC with anyone who has questions! Hope for good weather and I will look to seeing you on March 25th! Don't forget Daylight Savings Time on March 13th!

ALZHEIMER'S AUCTION AT CONVENTION

If while spring cleaning you find an item you no longer need, please consider donating it as a silent auction item for the upcoming NARFE Convention in Salina. Your item (new or antique) should be able to garner a **BID OF AT LEAST \$5** that in turn could help raise our chapter's annual contribution to NARFE Alzheimer's Research.

Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer's Chair, will take items at the March and April meetings. THANKS.

Legislative News from Ron Richey, Legislative Chair ronaldgrich@aol.com

On February 23, 2016, the Kansas Legislature celebrated Armed Forces Day at the Capitol. They had **HR 6042**—A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Kansans who are Korean War Veterans. We would like to congratulate Ed Shaw, and his wife (Leah), they were recognized that day and applaud all our other NARFE Korean War Veterans.

I have been monitoring the Kansas State Legislature every day and setting in on the committee meetings. February 23, 2016, was Turnaround Day. They returned on March 2, 2016. The House is working on bill's the Senate passed, and the Senate is doing the same with the bills from the House. Bills can be passed out of the House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, Senate Ways and Means, Senate Assessment and Taxation, House committees on Calendar and Printing, Appropriations, and Taxation or select committees of either house when so authorized. March 25, 2016, is Drop Dead Day. They come back for the Veto Session that starts on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, and the 90th day is May 18, 2016. We are in need of more volunteers to help monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature. You can listen to the legislature and read about the bills at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>.

The 2016 NARFE Scholarship Program – open to eligible children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of NARFE members – will run February 1st through April 29th.

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2016 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:00 P.M. **Welcome and Invocation was given by Dale Jirik followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.** A meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program Carol Ronnebaum, Seniors Real Estate Specialist - Carol spoke on downsizing your home, working with agencies to sell your excess property via a Living Estate Sale. Everyday 10,000 people turn 65 years of age.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – 45 and one guest, our speaker Carol. Two door prizes were given away - a bottle of sauce from Schlotzsky's won by Sharon Rosenow and a St. Patrick Tee won by Marge Woytek. There will be four members on KTWU Sunday 6-9 PM taking pledge calls and representing our membership.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – The chapter minutes for the January meeting were printed in the newsletter a name spelling change was noted by Jo Burenheide. Minutes approved as printed with spelling correction. Gwen announced that we needed to elect our delegates for the 2016 Federation Convention. The following members were elected to represent the Topeka NARFE Chapter - Dale & Earlene Jirik, Richard & Sue Wike, Ron & Joanne Miller, Ron & Navella Richey, Sharon Rosenow and Marcella Tinoco. After attending the convention the delegates will receive a refund of their registration fee.

Bill Kastens, Treasurer - We are still solvent - we have \$3087.00 (some of the money is Alzheimer's).

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/Newsletter Editor - Read an article about the advancements in Alzheimer's research. Joanne also announced that she was selling tickets for Operation Backpack's soup luncheon to be held Saturday February 27th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th Street from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Barb McLain, 1st Vice-President and Membership - No response from mailing - no report.

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice-President - Next meeting speaker will be Zach Ahrens from the Capital Journal on Innovation for Change.

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer - Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Frank Mauer and William Nyquist, who passed away in December. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Bernadine Schwerdt, Albert Glotzbach, Jerry Onen and David Hawley. Get Well cards were sent to Ron Miller and Anne Steinbock, both of whom had knee replacement surgery. Ethelyn Lanbott called to thank membership for the sympathy card and prayers upon the death of her daughter. Remember to let Jo know if you find out any information about members.

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

New Business - None.

Next Executive Board Meeting - 9:30 Friday March 4.

Next NARFE General Meeting – Friday March 25.

Sue Wike, Alzheimer's Chairperson - Sue will be collecting Best Choice labels and any donations for Alzheimer's Research. Also asked that we remember to donate items for the Auction at Federation Convention in April. Make sure they are in good condition and worth at least \$5.00.

50/50 drawing 1st \$8.00 - Flora Spotts, 2nd \$7.00 - Janet Reidiker and 3rd \$5.00 - Leah Hefner - all donated money back to Alzheimer's.

George Spotts - Thanked the membership for his poster and the flowers we gave to him and Flora at the December meeting that he was unable to attend. Thanked everyone for their support. He will still be taking tattered flags by the May meeting for flag burning and pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Jim awarded George a Certificate of Excellence for the \$13,737 that was raised for Alzheimer's research during his tenure as Chairman.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:37 PM

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

The expression, "March Madness," was first used in 1939 by Henry V. Porter, a high school basketball coach in Illinois. The term was used to describe the excitement about the Illinois state tournament for boy's basketball.

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