



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



**TO RESERVE
YOUR MEAL
FOR FRIDAY,
MAR. 24TH
~ OR ~
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**EARLENE
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BY
SATURDAY,
MAR. 18TH
THANK YOU.**

Lunch At Noon

**Pecan Encrusted
Tilapia
Creamed Peas &
Potatoes
Rolls
Beverage
Cake**

Cost: \$9.00

**INVOCATION BY
Joanne Miller**

**Bill
Persinger, Jr.**

**CEO, Valeo
Behavioral
Health Care
on**



MARCH 2017

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

NARFE has a great record of supporting NARFE Alzheimer's Research. Our members have a solid record of sustaining worthy community causes, and our national headquarters in the Washington, DC areas recognized by members of Congress and their staffs as a reliable source for accurate information. Worthy causes in state and nation wide, legislative efforts to prevent erosion by Congressional Critters and others who want to chisel away at our earned benefits. All of these good works start with and depend on MEMBERSHIP! Ron Richey, our stalwart man at the State House is taking on the task of chapter MEMBERSHIP Chairman. Legislation and membership, both are critical to NARFE members and non-members. Ron will provide the statistics but biblical quote, the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, **so give Ron a smile, a pat on the back and remember, "all NARFE members are recruiters"!** The threats to a secure federal retirement are very real! The last issue of NARFE magazine featured NARFE PAC. I have 20 of the new NARFE PAC 2017 pins, so check the magazine, read the requirements, and please consider a contribution to NARFE PAC. You can bring those to the March 24 chapter meeting (yes, March is a FIVE Friday month!) or mail them c/o me to 7220 SW Asbury Drive, Apt. 210 Whitefield, Topeka, KS 66614-6057. I'll collect those, complete the NARFE-PAC form and send them in. See you on March 24!

APRIL 23-25 NARFE CONVENTION IN HUTCHINSON SEEKING ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT NARFE ALZHEIMERS RESEARCH (NOTE: this is different from past years) **HANDMAKE CRAFT ITEMS & HOMEMAKE FOOD ITEMS & THEMED BASKETS**

If you have an item to donate (*or want to make a monetary donation toward a basket*) it is needed March 24th due to time constraints. Direct ANY questions to Sue at 213-4976 or suewikel2@aol.com

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

We would like to thank Louis Bornman, NARFE Area 1 Vice President and National Legislative Chair for attending our NARFE chapter meeting in February. He gave us an update about the NARFE website and about what is going on in Congress and Washington, D.C. He encouraged us to read the March issue of NARFE magazine.

The Kansas Legislature is in Turnaround and resumes on March 6, 2017, after 45 days of the 90 day session. Kansas is short on money. A tax bill was passed, our Governor vetoed the tax bill, and the Kansas Senate did not override the veto. Now everything is back on the tax table and the Kansas Legislature can single us out for taxing our retirement any time they want to.

We keep monitoring the Kansas House and the Senate to see if they introduce bills to tax our retirement. If they do introduce bills to place taxes on our retirement income I will send out e-mails.

This week, NARFE President Richard G. Thissen joined Rep. John Garamendi, D-CA, at a press conference introducing the CPI-E Act of 2017 (H.R. 1251). This bill would require the use of the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) instead of the current Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) when determining annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for Social Security, federal annuities and veterans' benefits. NARFE applauds the introduction of this bill. The bill currently has 24 co-sponsors and has been submitted to multiple House committees for consideration. **NARFE urges its members to send a letter to their legislators asking them to co-sponsor the legislation. Use the NARFE Legislative Action Center to send a letter.**

You can 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.

NARFE-PAC

In the March NARFE magazine on page 28 is an article about NARFE-PAC: Protecting Your Benefits and more information is on the cover of the magazine. We encourage you to read the article. We are in need of a volunteer to help monitor the activities of NARFE-PAC.

MEMBERSHIP

I, Ron Richey, have been appointed to lead the membership committee. I sat down with our Chapter #2 NARFE President, Jim Miller, and we started by going back to the basics. **As NARFE Members we are all on the NARFE membership committee.** In Kansas we have around 47,223 active and retired federal and postal employees, out of that number only 3,354 are currently members of NARFE. **Sadly, less than one in over fourteen potential members are members of NARFE.**

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2017 - 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 \$9 meal was offered.

Program, Steven Michael Farney, Author, Steven Farney has written four books about Basketball in small towns throughout Kansas. He was a basketball player growing up and was interested in finding out about small town players. Kansas used to have 729 high schools and now there are only 360. The first book he wrote was "Title Towns BB Schools 1952-1968. The basketball team was perfect for small town schools. You didn't need a lot of players or equipment to play. His second book was "It's Time To Play" This is a book about Jack Carter and K-State Basketball. The third book in the series is "Club 50" about players who scored over 50 points in games. Both male and female. Some of these records were from prior to the three point shot and extended overtime games. The fourth book is "Streaking" this one is about the longest winning streaks in teams histories.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – 35 members, two guest our speaker and Louis Bornman for a total of 37. Door prizes were given away – Richard Wike won a blanket, Dale Jirik and Ron Miller won fudge, Navella Richey won cinnamon roasted peanuts and Gwen Ketter won a jar of apple butter.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – Reported on the upcoming State Convention. We are entitled to 12 delegates and 2 delegate-at-large. We had 12 members sign up to be delegates and all were elected to represent the Chapter with their registration reimbursed by the chapter after attendance.

Federation Area 1 Vice President, Louis Bornman - Louis spoke on issues that will be facing retirees in the next few months. We need to be diligent in watching emails from HQ and addressing issues with our Congressional personnel. Louis will be attending the Legislative conference in March and will relay information back to Kansas about what we can do to keep our promised benefits and protect the benefits of future employee and retirees.

Treasurer, Ron Miller - BOH General Fund - \$2982.92 and, Life Membership Savings account - \$1,200.94

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Co-Chair/Chapter Newsletter Editor – Read a letter from Tom Price

Sharon Rosenow, 1st Vice President – No Report

Richard Wike – Bill Persinger Jr from Valeo will speak at the March meeting . . .

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Get well cards were sent to Shirley Manning and Roberta Doty. Sympathy Cards were sent to Anna Mae and Ulysses Wright on death of their niece and Kathleen Werner on the death of her son.. Keep Good Cheer Chair apprised of any info you find out about our members.

Ron Richey, Legislative – Report listed in the newsletter
New Business – None.

Next Executive Board Meeting – 9:30 Friday, March. 3rd,
Next NARFE General Meeting – Noon Friday, March 24th
Sue Wike, Alzheimer Chair – Items for the April State Convention Silent and Live Auction this year need to be either themed baskets or handmade items and food items. Sue would like any donations at the next chapter meeting in order to get them ready for the convention. Items (or \$) can be brought March 24 and committee will put them together to make themed baskets (*i.e. Kansas basket*) for the auction. 50/50 drawing 1st \$8.00 Earlene Jirik, 2nd \$6.00 Ed Shaw and 3rd \$3.00 Gwen Ketter with all donating winnings back to Alzheimer's.

Meeting Adjourned 1:47 PM

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter



Be ready to say yes when Sue Wike asks Y-O-U to join the Alzheimer's Walk on SATURDAY, JUNE 10th

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