



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,
MAR. 17TH
WITH YOUR MEAL
RESERVATION
AND/OR
CANCELLATION**

**PLEASE NOTE:
The number of
meals given to
the Chef is the
number the
chapter must
pay for.
ALSO when you
show up without
making a meal
reservation we
may be short on
food. THANKS**

**March 23rd
(arrive by 11:50
for NOON meal)
Fried Catfish
Buttered Noodles
Green Beans
Rolls
Beverage
Peach Crumb Muffin
Cost: \$9.00**

INVOCATION BY

Mary Harms

**MARVIN
BURRIS**

**Profile on
Dwight
Eisenhower**



**SAVE THEM FOR
ALZHEIMER'S**

MARCH 2018

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

March is PAC (political action committee) Month for NARFE and we're trying to raise \$300,000. Please ask our PAC chairman – Jim Miller - how you can be part of PAC. He'll be happy to assist you. We still are in need of a First Vice-President for our chapter. It's mainly a back-up to the President, say if I'm ill or win the lottery and skip town. If you have questions please contact Dale Jirik, our nominations chair.

Also think about attending the conference that will be held in April in Park City. Lots of good information is always given at these gatherings and you'll have a good time also.

And as always if you have a question please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the other officers. We are here to help you in any way we can. See you on the 23rd for our March luncheon.

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

US Legislature

NARFE REACTION TO PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FY19 BUDGET: THE UNPRECEDENTED ATTACKS ON FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES CONTINUE.

- Eliminating COLAs for current and future Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) retirees.
- Reducing COLAs for Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retirees by 0.5 percent each year from what it would have been otherwise. When combined with the elimination of the FERS COLA, this would cost federal retirees \$50.2 billion over 10 years, and much more thereafter.
- Federal employees covered under FERS would see employee contributions to their annuities increased by 1 percent each year for the next six years, without any corresponding benefit increase. This will cost FERS employees \$68.7 billion over the next 10 years, and more thereafter.
- The earned and fully funded FERS Annuity Supplement would be eliminated for new retirees. This would cost federal retirees \$18.7 billion over the next 10 years.
- Reducing the rate of return on the Thrift Savings Plan's Government Securities Investment (G) Fund. This would cost federal employees and retirees, as well as military personnel and veterans, \$8.9 billion over the next 10 years.
- Federal pensions for new retirees would be based on the average of the highest five years of salary instead of the highest three. This would cost federal retirees \$5.9 billion over the next 10 years.
- Freezing federal employee pay in calendar year 2019.
- Reduction of total paid time off by combining sick and annual leave into one pool. This proposal has the potential to decrease annuities, as unused sick leave is counted towards creditable service.
- Reducing working and retirement-age benefits for federal workers disabled through their service (\$117 million over 10 years).

NARFE members must go to <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/index.cfm?fa=voterVoice&vvsrsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f56895%2frespond> and contact their legislators and tell them not to use federal benefits as an offset for raising sequestration budget caps. I visited with Senator Pat Roberts and his staff, and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins on February 22nd.

Kansas Legislature

I continue to monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature. We need more help monitoring the activities of the Kansas House and the Senate. **You** may listen to the legislature and read about the bills at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. The Kansas Senate had a hearing where information was provided on how they appraise your property tax. March 1st is the day your county mails the appraisal on property. If you have any questions you have thirty days to protest taxes. Now is good time to visit the Capital. They have tours from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Members

We would like to congratulate all the NARFE members who received their recruiting pin for 2017. A reminder to retirees--you may sign up for the Dues Withholding option to obtain a 15% discount (\$6) on your annual NARFE dues. Dues withholding applications are included in each monthly NARFE magazine, and applications are on the NARFE website at www.narfe.org

March 22 -- Social Security and Feds: What You Need to Know Presented by James Marshal is next NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinar - FREE for NARFE members! Nonmembers can register for \$39.95 and receive a one-year NARFE membership. Missed a webinar? Learn more by going to the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute at: <https://www.narfe.org/FederalBenefitsInstitute/>
The premier training conference for the NARFE federal community, FEDcon18 is in Jacksonville, FL, August 26-28. Register today to save \$25.00. The early bird rate ends March 31 on the NARFE website at www.narfe.org.

Deadline Dates

- 1) March 21 for the NARFE-FEEA scholarship applications. Twenty scholarships of \$1,000 each available to children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren or step-great-grandchildren.
- 2) April 15 for entries in NARFE's Photo Contest, "The Glory of America," winning photos will be used in the 2019 calendar.

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 2018 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

President Sharon Rosenow, called the meeting to order. **Jo Burenheide gave the invocation, followed by the flag salute.**

Program – Nancy Goodall of CoreFirst Bank & Trust spoke on The 10 Biggest Estate Planning Blunders.

Earlene Jirik – there were 29 members and 1 guest (our speaker) in attendance. Door prizes were given out: Dr Piercy won a Happiness candle; Anna Mae Wright won movie tickets; Joanne Miller won Body Cream; Gwen Ketter won a Tote; Jo Burenheide won a Calculator Planner; Ron Richey won an Insulated bag. Please let Earlene know if you plan to attend the next meeting.

Gwen Ketter, Secretary – The minutes from the January meeting were published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as printed. Seven people volunteered to be delegates for the State Federation Conference to be held at the Best Western North Wichita Hotel and Suites on April 23-24, 2018. They were Marcella Tinoco, Sue and Richard Wike, Joanne and Ron Miller, Navella and Ron Richey. Our three Delegate-at-Large members are Sharon Rosenow, Jim Miller and Gwen Ketter. Gwen moved and Jim seconded that we pay the registration fees for those member who represent our chapter at the conference. Motion passed with an 'aye' vote. Gwen moved and Ron seconded that we pay the registration for our Delegates-at-Large to attend the Federation Conference. Motion passed with an 'aye' vote. We are entitled to eleven delegates. If you are interested, please let us know by the March meeting.

Ron Miller, Treasurer – we have \$2,316.19 in the checking account. The Life Account has a balance of \$1,201.69.

Richard Wike, 2nd V-P, announced that our March meeting speaker will be Marvin Burris. He will speak on Dwight Eisenhower.

Jim Miller, PAC Chair – Reminded everyone that March is PAC month. Jim also presented Sharon Rosenow with a gavel and a book of clean jokes befitting the Topeka NARFE president.

Ron Richey, Legislative – Ron issued a written report for

inclusion in the newsletter.

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer Chair – Thinking of you card was sent to Gwen Ketter (Cataract Surgery); Get Well card was sent to Earlene Jirik (Knee Replacement). In January Sympathy Cards were sent to Marcella Tinoco on the death of her brother, Family of Richard O Grady and Anna Mae and Ulysses Wright on the death of their grandson. Get Well cards were sent to Anna Mae Wright, Judy Hower and Virginia Bohn. A Thank You card was received from Virginia Please let Jo know if you hear of someone needing a little sunshine.

Joanne Miller, Editor – Columns are due March 3rd
Sue Wike, Alzheimer's Chair – **We need additional Best Choice labels to make up the 1000. Please bring with you to next meeting.**

The 50/50 Drawing was held; winners were: \$6.00 – Anita Guerra, \$5.00 – Dolores Engel and \$3.00 – Joan Anteck. All money was donated back to Alzheimer's.

Executive Committee Meeting – March 9th, 9:30 AM
Chapter Meeting – March 23th

State Conference – Park City April 23-24, 2018
 Meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

Want to help with our Basket for Alzheimer's auction at the April conference? Give any monies to Sue Wike at March meeting.

EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE TWO ATTACHMENTS!

A strong NARFE-PAC, the association's political arm, is critical to stopping unprecedented cuts to your earned pay and benefits. NARFE-PAC exists to help elect (and re-elect) Fed-friendly members of Congress who won't stand for these cuts.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Confidence four-part series for family caregivers and friends at the Library begins Monday evening, March 19th. Need to pre-register.

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