



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Chapter 002, Topeka, Kansas

MAY 2013

TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene
730 Fairlawn Road, Topeka, Kansas 66614

Noon on Friday, May 24, 2013 (NOTE: 4th Friday)
Youth Room (NW corner of the facility)

Parking available in front of the building and behind the offices in front of the Chapel.

PROGRAM

Beth Priddy
Midland
Care Center



LUNCH MENU

Turkey, Chicken, Ham,
Veggie or Tuna
Sub Sandwich

Chips, Yogurt
or Apples

Cookie

Coffee, Tea, Water

Cost: \$9.00

Jim or Gwen need your reservation and sandwich choice not later than May 22nd.

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on back.**

SINCERE SYMPATHY:

- * Anny Mae Denny (son's death)
- * Hal Heineken (brother's death)
- * Anellen Reiter (brother's death)

ALDERSGATE

WELL WISHES:

- * Judy Shetter, brain surgery - moved to recovery (Mulvane)
- * Sarah Whitehead - moved to Trent Plaza.
- * Maynard Cox - living at Trent Plaza

Helen Price
Good Cheer/Sunshine

From The President's Desk

We were pleased to meet with Jessica Klement, NARFE HQ Director of Legislative Activities and she brought first hand information from DC, as did Region Five Vice President Carol Ek. The news? For those who want me to fire off only cheerful messages, perhaps you should look at another career? Retirement? **For more, join us for lunch on May 24! Yes, May is a five Friday month,** and we will meet at the Fairlawn Nazarene Church, 730 Fairlawn Road again.

The KS Legislature returns on May 8th, and with the key committees meeting off and on during their month off from full meetings, Ron Richey and I expect many bills will be brought up to date from those committees and presented for vote. The "GORILLA IN THE HOUSE (AND THE SENATE)" is still the Governors unpopular Sales Tax continuance and the budget. I can hope for sunshine during the sessions because parking in the underground garage will be difficult. (Translation...park on the street and hike!). There is a possibility the Legislature may drop the final gavel before our chapter meeting, IF they can compromise (a dirty word to some of our present lawmakers). If they do, we'll have that report.

Ron Richey was recognized during the state NARFE convention banquet for his dedicated vigilance and presence for NARFE members behalf in representing all chapters in the state and chapter 0002. He received a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$100.00. That should help pay for some of the gasoline and shoe leather he burns during those sessions!

Progress continues on remodeling at ALDERSGATE. Latest "guesstimates" from the construction crew are ... completion as early as mid-June to late September. I'm pulling for June!

The Topeka chapter was chosen to be the Host chapter for NARFE's 2015 state convention. We will be at the Ramada Inn, and I hope to see you MAY 24! **Jim Miller, President**

Legislative News

I would like to thank NARFE Chapter 2 and its members for sending me to the NARFE State Convention as a Delegate.

Jessica Klement was there from The National Officer Director of Legislation Washington DC to discuss what is happening in Congress. The main change is the chained CPI method of determining inflation in place of the current CPI-W. Using the chained CPI would reduce cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) by an estimated 0.3 percent per year and, compounded over time, would add up to a big loss in benefits. She urges you to use NARFE's Legislative Action Center to tell both Congress and the President to reject reducing your earned benefits.

The person who came to represent the Kansas Legislative session section was Representative Melanie Meier, (D-District 41) from Leavenworth, KS. She explained the importance of knowing your Representative and Senator and that they know your views. NARFE State Legislative Chair Jim Miller backed up the information provided.

I attended the meeting of Time and Place, Alzheimer's, Membership.

Ron Richey, Legislative Chair

While attending the NARFE State Convention I went to the Alzheimer's meeting where the different chapters talked about the methods they used to raise funding for Alzheimer's Research.

I would like to thank all the members who donated gift items to raise money for Alzheimer's Research. The Silent Auction was the part that I enjoyed the most even though someone else made away with the chocolate and fudge.

They had a nice Memorial Service and Reading of the Names in recognition of those members who have passed away.

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Minutes, Chapter 002, April 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:00 P.M.

Welcome and invocation was given by Ann Look - followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Subway sandwich, sides and cookies meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program – Roger T Aeschliman, CTFA Vice President & Trust Officer with CoreFirst Bank and Trust presented us with a portrayal of General George S Patton Jr. He spoke of the importance of commitment, honor, respect, support and follow through via his presentation.

Members Report, Paul Manning – 37 members (one new member – Flora Johnson) were in attendance. Our good friends and former officers Kathy and David Smith were in attendance. We made sure the weather was beautiful for them.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – The minutes for the March meeting were printed in the newsletter. No changes or corrections.

Announcement was made as to the next meeting Friday May 24, 2013 will be also held at Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene, 730 Fairlawn Rd. The same lunch will be offered. Please let Jim or Gwen know by Wednesday April 22, 2013 your choice of sandwich type (Turkey, Chicken, Ham, Veggie or Tuna).

State Convention will begin on Sunday April 28, 2013 in Overland Park at the Holiday Inn and Suites. We currently have 8 delegates and 2 delegates-at-large planning to attend the convention. Topeka will be presenting a bid for the 2015 State Convention. The State Federation is holding a 50/50 drawing at State Convention. Tickets are \$25 each and are limited to NARFE members only. There will be a maximum of 200 tickets sold. You need not be present to win. We sold all four of the tickets at the meeting.

Treasurer Bill Kastens – General Fund Balance \$2,488.34; Alzheimer's Fund - \$62.00; Life Membership Account - \$1,199.41; Total \$3,749.75.

Membership, 1st VP, Galen Rapp – Please take NARFE magazines and welcome newsletters to place in Doctor and Dentist offices. This may peak someone's interest in finding out about NARFE. Galen passed out a letter with a reprint of an article that Betty Born had written for the Topeka NARFE newsletter. He thought it would be good to place in the magazines that are left in the offices. Don't forget to place your membership number on the application page to get credit for new members.

Programs, 2nd VP, Richard Wike – May meeting will be presented by Beth Priddy of Midland Care Center.

Editors, Joanne & Ron Miller – Make sure to report your email address if you have one. Deadline for article for next newsletter 4th of month.

Legislative, Ron Richey – Ron's report is printed in the newsletter.

NARFE PAC, Jim Miller – another pitch to support NARFE PAC this will enable them to support friendly congressional candidates for election. Jim will take any donation with him to Convention.

President, Jim Miller stated that Aldersgate might be available for our June meeting. We look forward to returning there since we have friends that cannot attend at a different location.

Good Cheer/Sunshine – Helen Louise Price (presented by Jim Miller) – Betty Born had surgery, Sara Whitehead is in assisted living, Judy Shetter had a mass removed from her brain. We will keep all in our prayers. Maynard is doing okay.

Publicity, Earlene Jirik – Nothing new to report.

Next Executive Board meeting will be 9:30 AM on May 2, 2013 **Next NARFE General meeting** – Friday May 24, 2013.

Alzheimer, A few members brought donations to the meeting for George to take to State Convention for the silent auction.

We are doing a Penny a Pound to raise money for Alzheimers – members are asked to donate \$.01 per pound to help support Alzheimer's Research. We are conducting this campaign May, June and July.

The **50/50 drawing** awarded \$10.00 to Kathy Smith, \$6.00 to Gwen Ketter and \$4.00 to Bill Kastens.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

“PENNY



A POUND” CAMPAIGN



FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Sometime between May and July, weigh yourself and contribute a penny equal to your weight. Pay either in cash (but not pennies) or check and include name and poundage. If you are unable to be at one of the upcoming meetings, just mail your check to George and Flora Spotts, 325 SE Rice Road, Topeka, KS 66607-2334.

Scouts honor – your weight will not be divulged. Lets try and have a 100% participation, every penny helps!

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