



NARFE Chapter 0002, Topeka, KS

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Meetings at Aldersgate Village in Wesley Hall

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MAY 2016

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May 27th
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Bob Archer
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I will begin with the positives! The February 2016 issue of the NARFE Recruiting and Retention Journal has chapter 0002 recruiters leading the lists! Dolores Engel, Richard Wike, Marcella Tinoco, Toss in Gwen Ketter, Ron Richey and Barbara McLain and we look pretty good! Bad news was, despite the heroic efforts of Barbara McLain and my donated postage, we have had zero results from our follow-up letters of invitation to VA employees who came by our table.

Also worthy of note was the great job our "new" chapter NARFE Alzheimer's Chair, SUE WIKE (and Richard) in accepting items for the ALZHEIMERS Research auction items at state convention. Their hard work was only beginning because they carried those items to the convention. Sue also has an article in this issue on the local Alzheimer's Walk, June 11. Please note, contributions to this walk do not go to NARFE Alzheimer's Research.

My apologies to those chapter members who were offended with the meal last month. I pass on the apology of Liz Sanchez, Dining Room Manager for the AWFUL meal we were served. Liz assured me that she will personally plan and supervise our meal for May. I advised her we might not have many reservations as our members are getting "antsy" about the low quality of our meals. The chapter Executive Committee will be considering alternatives although our location and cost (no charge for the room or the sound system) can't be beat anywhere in the city. **TO STAY IN PLACE WILL REQUIRE OUR MEALS SERVED TO RETURN TO PREVIOUSLY DEMONSTRATED STANDARDS.** We will also discuss the pros and cons of moving our August picnic to a Shawnee Lake shelter house, August 26. **GIVE YOUR OPINION AND FEED BACK TO ANY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE! WE WILL HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA FOR OUR MAY 27 MEETING!**

George and Flora Spotts retired as Chair of our chapter NARFE Alzheimer's Chairmen and earned TWO Certificates of Honor for our chapter for funds raised in 2015. Federation Alzheimer Co-Chairs Joanne Miller and Chantelle Haas presented awards at the state convention. **MEMBERSHIP!** We plan to have NARFE tables at any Health Fair for federal employees we can receive invitations to. Wearing NARFE shirts in the Alzheimer's Walk June 11 will further demonstrate the NARFE "brand" and make our organization better known.

LEGISLATIVE! Ron Richey, our hard working Legislative Chairman, will sit in on what he and we hope are the final hours of the KS Legislature. As I warned in my speech to the NARFE members attending the state convention, any discussion about wiping out the Brownback tax exemptions can include us...and it has. The organization AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY singled out the income tax exemption for government employees, state and FEDERAL in his appearances in the state house. As Ron Richey wisely states, we can't breathe easy until that final gavel falls! May 27 meeting, County Commissioner Archer the speaker, be there to welcome him!

TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO A WORLD WITHOUT ALZHEIMER'S

by joining TEAM NARFE Saturday, June 11 in the Topeka Walk to End Alzheimer's at Hummer Sports Park for either the one or two mile walk.

IF INTERESTED:

- You can register and/or donate now at alzwalkneks.org
- Obtain a form from Sue Wike by phone 213-4976 or e-mail suewike12@aol.com
- Forms will be available at our May 27th meeting.

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

The state convention agenda included an on-line meeting through Skype with Jessica Klement, NARFE Legislative Director. She reported on the US Legislature and the budget. The US House does not have enough votes to pass the budget. They have several things in the budget they are using to pick on us. They may divide the budget in order to pass it. It is good to have NARFE Lobbyists in Washington, DC to represent us and to have members working here.

I attended the class on OAM Training in which they explained the importance of NARFE members keeping their contact info current (address, e-mail, phone #, and their spouse's name), any changed information can be given to Gwendolyn Ketter. Her phone number is (785) 220-7196.

Carol Ek, Region 5 Vice President, gave a report on how NARFE was first to fight for their members last November regarding the price increases they would like to make to Medicare.

NARFE would like to make changes to the Regions and how members vote. We will be discussing these changes in our meetings between now and the National Convention and our representatives will vote on these changes at the NARFE National Convention in Reno, NV, this August.

I am monitoring the Kansas State Legislature every day and set in on committee meetings. They returned for the Veto Session on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. The 90th day is May 18, 2016. I will have a report on the Kansas State Legislature for our next NARFE meeting on May 27, 2016.

"All" Convention Delegates wish to give the chapter a h-u-g-e

Thank You!

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2016 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

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

Welcome and Invocation was given by **Jo Sue Burenheide** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. A meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program, Center for Safety and Empowerment formerly known as the **Battered Women's Task Force** – Farai Harreld, Community Coordinator, spoke on the resources available in Northeast Kansas to assist persons in need of protective shelter. There is a Safe House located in a private location for those in need of hiding in plain sight. It provides a safe environment for families escaping an abusive spouse. They have 24 hour protection. Some of the ways we can get involved as citizens is provide donated items, cash and volunteer time. Contact the YWCA at 888-822-2983 or go online to www.ywcatopeka.org

Members Report, Earlene Jirik - 36 members and one guest, our speaker, were in attendance. New member Dan Appelhanz was also in attendance. Door prize was given away - a candy jar with M&Ms - won by Les Beuglin. No publicity news at this time.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter - The Chapter minutes for the March meeting were printed in the newsletter. Minutes approved as printed. Gwen announced that 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. These members will represent the Topeka membership at State convention in Salina. A resolution was presented with Topeka membership in support - delegates will voice Topeka's opinion at the vote on Monday, April 25.

Treasurer, Bill Kastens - We are still solvent - we have \$3,266.00.

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Co-Chair/Newsletter Editor - Spoke on the importance of supporting NARFE Alzheimer's Research and how well the Topeka chapter had done during the 2015 year. May newsletter articles are due April 29.

Barb McLain, 1st Vice President and Membership - No report.

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice President - Next meeting speaker will be County Commissioner Bob Archer.

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer - Get Well sent to Glenn Montgomery, Julius Brosa and Jean Duree. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Clarence Irwin and Olivene Albrecht.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Carol Brosa. Remember to let Jo know if you find out any information about members.

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

New Business - None.

Next Executive Board Meeting - Friday April 29 - 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General Meeting - Friday May 27 - Noon

Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimer's Chair - Sue collected several items for the Alzheimer's auction at State Convention. She is still collecting Best Choice labels. Again the chapter will participate in the local Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, June 11th at Hummer Sports Park. If interested, Sue has required registration form. 50/50 drawing - 1st \$9.00 Joanne Miller, 2nd \$6.00 Flora Spotts and 3rd \$3.00 Leah Shaw - all donated money back to Alzheimer's.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:25 PM

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter



The vase of sunflowers represents the 175 NARFE members who have died since our 2015 Convention.

Area 1 - 60 (Sadly, we remember those our Chapter has lost over the years)

Area 1A - 36

Area 2 - 7 * Area 2A - 10

Area 3 - 29 * Area 4 - 24

Area 5 - 3 * Area 6 - 6

Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. —Irish Prayer

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