



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,
OCT. 27TH
~ OR ~
TO CANCEL A
STANDING
RESERVATION
CALL**



**EARLENE JIRIK
@ 266-5492
BY
SATURDAY,
OCT. 21ST
THANK YOU.**

Lunch At Noon

Turkey
with dressing
Mashed Potatoes
with turkey gravy
Mixed Veggies
Rolls
Beverage
Pumpkin Pie

Cost: \$9.00

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Charlotte
Pittman**

**BC/BS
&
GEHA
REPS
on**



OCTOBER 2017

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

I promised Ron Richey I would include information on the federation NARFE training scheduled for Oct. 26, at the Sedgwick County Extension Office Education Center, 7001 West 21st Street (*21st and Ridge Road*), Wichita. All I can add is the sessions are 10:00 A.M. — 4:30 PM and cost is \$10.00 for training material and lunch. What I can write about with certainty is what your chapter Executive Committee will discuss on October 6th at 9:30 a.m. We will discuss: (1) the October chapter meeting, elections of officers and an HOUR program devoted to information from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and GEHA on FEHB, 2018, (2) chapter bylaws review by request from the Federation. First Vice President Sharon Rosenow did the "grunt" work on those and we will consider the changes at this meeting, (3) Approval of 2018 chapter luncheon menus. We will work on those, hoping we hit on meals YOU the member enjoy. Pass those on to Chef Joseph to see how practical they are, and provide Joseph the opportunity to consider what he will have on the Village Dining Room menu on "NARFE day", (4) December Christmas Party, installation of officers and entertainment! The lunch will have two entrees; the entertainment is still to be announced, (5) the Veterans Hospital Health Fair and our participation on November 16. Why NARFE representation at a VA Health Fair? Good question, good answer! NARFE protects the health of our health benefits, our annuities and our futures. Example, many federal employees and federal retirees do not know about the hard earned KS income tax exemption KS NARFE secured. We will be well represented at the VA Health Fair! I will see you on October 27!

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

We have Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and GEHA representatives coming to our next NARFE meeting on October 27. If you cannot make it for lunch at 12:00 Noon we have chairs set up for the program at 12:30 PM. You may obtain more information from the October NARFE magazine on pages 33 and 42. More information will be in the November and December NARFE magazines and one may access the NARFE web site at <http://www.narfe.org/home/index.cfm>. NARFE will be represented at the VA Hospital Health Fair on November 16, 2017, at building number 24 at the Rec Hall. **Open Season is from November 13 through December 11, 2017, for Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), and the Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS).**

One of the worst mistakes federal employees can make is failing to have five years of Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) coverage before retiring, and the other is if you have a spouse or family and not having self + one, or family Health Benefits Program coverage. If a federal employee dies and family members are not already covered they will not be eligible to participate in the Health Benefits Program if they are not already participating.

You may go to the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute at: <http://www.narfe.org/member/FederalBenefitsInstitute/> for free classes available for NARFE members or sign up for a class for \$39.95 and receive a free NARFE membership for a year. **Upcoming Webinars** (All webinars start at 2 p.m. ET): **Oct. 26 -- FEHBP & Medicare -- What's best for you? Nov. 30 -- Health Plans: Discover Your BEST Option. VIEW Now! Previously Recorded Webinars -- A NARFE Member Benefit.**

As we get set for play off and look for the World Series we would want to have a batting average of 300. Our NARFE chapter goal is to pass out 100 F-135's and sign up 30 new members. When the Super Bowl arrives we should be celebrating our success. For every NEW member recruited from September 1st through December 31st, the recruiter will receive \$10 and be eligible for monthly prizes throughout the contest as well. You will need to put you membership number and your name on the F-135 in order to receive credit for recruiting individuals. If you have a spouse who is not a NARFE member this is a good time to sign them up. It would cost you forty dollars but you would receive ten dollars back.

The government is funded through December 8, 2017. In the October NARFE magazine on page 6 there is an article on How the Budget Takes Center Stage This Fall. We need to send a message to our US legislators. You may use the NARFE legislative action center at <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/voterveice.cfm> to contact your US Legislator/US Representative.

The Kansas Supreme Court issued to Kansas lawmakers to adopt by June 30, 2018 a reasonable strategy for Increased funding of K-12 public school districts and to prove its plan complied with the state constitution. The Kansas Legislature is adjourned until January 8, 2018.

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Continuation of Legislative & Membership Report

At the College of NARFE Knowledge we heard from Trudy Coleman, our Region V FEEA Scholarship Chairman. If you have a child, a grandchild or a great grand grandchild who is a senior in high school they may like to apply for a Region V scholarship this spring. I have a scholarship worksheet available, to receive a copy of the form call me.

The Consumer Price Index for September 2017 is scheduled to be released on Friday, October 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT). At that time we will know if we will receive a cost living raise in January..

NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at noon.

Welcome and Invocation was given by Ann Look followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

2nd Vice-President, Richard Wike, introduced the speaker, Officer Derek Child, Community Policing Officer from the Topeka Police Dept. Officer Child gave us good information concerning safety with our mail, packages and pan handlers, amongst others.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – 31 members were in attendance plus two guests. Door prize was won by Flora Spotts. Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly luncheons.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – absent—no report

Treasurer, Ron Miller – We are solvent with \$2,810.81 in our treasury.

2nd Vice-President, Richard Wike – Next month we'll have representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield & GEHA.

Reports:

Dale Jirik, Chairman Nominating Committee –

Slate of Officers to be voted on in October meeting:

President - ?

1st Vice President – Sharon Rosenow

2nd Vice President – Richard Wike

Secretary – Gwen Ketter

Treasurer – Ron Miller

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/ Newsletter Editor – Newsletter articles are due 10/3/2017. Joanne shared how Victoria Huggins, Miss North Carolina, an advocate for Alzheimer's is pushing for government funding to implement music therapy in EVERY nursing home facility.

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Herbert Bulk (death of wife) and Charlotte Pittman (death of mother). We received a thank you note from Ron and Navella Richey.

Ron Richey, Legislative/Membership – Report listed in the newsletter.

Old Business – None * **New Business** – None.

Sue Wike, Alzheimer Chair – \$850 was collected for Alzheimer's from the mailing we did. Drawing: 1st prize: \$6.00, Earlene Jirik; 2nd prize: \$5.00, Sharon Rosenow and 3rd prize: \$3.00, Ann Look. All monies were donated back to Alzheimer's.

Next Executive Board Mtg. – Fri., Oct. 6th, 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General Mtg. – Fri., Oct. 27th, Noon.

Meeting Adjourned 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Rosenow, 1st Vice Pres.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who generously responded to our letter asking for donations to NARFE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH. To date, we received \$850 from you.

Also thanks to those who helped prepare the mailing of the letter. NARFE members are one of the biggest supporters of Alzheimer's Research.

SUE WIKE

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President	Jim Miller	478-0651
1st Vice President	Sharon Rosenow	640-7317
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