



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,
SEPT. 29TH
(different date)
~ OR ~
TO CANCEL A
STANDING
RESERVATION**



**CALL
EARLENE JIRIK
@ 266-5492
BY
SATURDAY,
SEPT. 23RD
THANK YOU.**

Lunch At Noon

Roast Pork Loin
Red Roasted
Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Rolls
Beverage

Birthday Cake
To
Celebrate
Chapter 0002
70 Years

Cost: \$9.00

**INVOCATION BY
Ann Look**



**Representative
from
Topeka
Police
Department**

SEPTEMBER 2017

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

This can't be repeated enough!

September chapter meeting will be September 29, the fifth Friday!!!!

Change necessary due to other happenings at Aldersgate.

It was gratifying to see so many chapter members attend the Jerry Moran Town Hall meeting. Richard Wike asked a question Congressman Moran didn't have an answer for WHY ARE THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS GOING AFTER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES? That is a question that should be asked at every town hall and in print to congressional offices, especially if the President follows through on his threat to shut down the government if he doesn't "get his way" on several items. Historical note. The last shutdown cost more than \$3 billion.

Ron Richey, Membership Chairman/Legislative Chairman has a column on the national membership contest. Please read it and heed it! Membership counts and our numbers are down, as members of Congress know all too well.

The executive committee will be considering menus for lunches through December at our next meeting and as always, your suggestions are welcome! I look forward to seeing you at the September 29 chapter meeting!

**THIS IS A STORY ABOUT FOUR PEOPLE:
EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY.**

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.
Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.
Everybody knew that Anybody could do it,
but Nobody realized that Somebody wouldn't do it.
And it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody
because Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Nominating Cte. (Dale Jirik & Jo Burenheide) need your help in filling officer positions.

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

Ready to Recruit!

The 2017 NARFE Membership Recruiting Drive Started September 1st

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 your membership number and your name on the F-135 in order to receive credit for recruiting individuals. Our chapter goal is to pass out 100 F-135's and sign up 30 new members. This is a batting average of 300 for the World Series so we can be in the World Series. When the Super Bowl arrives we should be celebrating our success.

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.

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):

September 21-- Retirement Life Where to Retire,

October 26 -- FEHBP & Medicare -- What's Best for you?

November 30 -- Health Plans: Discover Your BEST Option.

[NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund](#)

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, which left unprecedented flooding in Texas and Louisiana, NARFE's disaster funds are bringing the federal community together to support those in need of disaster assistance. More information is on page 48 of your September NARFE Magazine.

My wife Navella, and I (as well as Ron and Joanne Miller), just returned from the College of NARFE Knowledge where we heard dynamic speakers during the training sessions.

The US House and US Senate ended their recess for the summer on September 5th.

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 12:00 PM, **Our Annual Indoor Picnic**

Welcome & Invocation was given by **Ron Richey** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik - 29 members, 1 guest. New member Kay Dalton and her spouse Larry Holter (guest) were in attendance. Door prize was given away for those in attendance: A Chrysanthemum Plant was won by Barbara Decker. Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly meetings.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – No report. Minutes were posted in the August newsletter from July meeting.

Treasurer, Ron Miller - BOH General Fund - \$2,863.99 and, Life Membership Savings account - \$1,200.99.

Dale Jirik, Nominations Committee Chair - Looking for people willing to serve as officers for Topeka NARFE chapter. If you are interested please contact Dale. We will elect officers in October and they are installed in December.

Sharon Rosenow, 1st Vice-President - No report.

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice President – September meeting will have speaker from TPD.

Reports:

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

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/Newsletter Editor – Newsletter articles are due 9/1/2017. Joanne told of progress in Alzheimer's research made possible by the donations from NARFE. They have discovered an eye scan that may be able to determine Alzheimer disease years in advance. They can see toxic proteins in the retina.

Sue Wike, Alzheimer Chair – No Report

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Get well card was sent to the wife of Wayne Wassen, sympathy cards were sent to Ulyless Wright on the death of his brother and to the family of John Owen who passed away 8/23/17. If you know of anyone in need of good cheer please get in touch with Jo Burenheide.

New Business – None.

Program, White Elephant Auction for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund - Several items were auctioned off to benefit NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund - **Total raised \$412.00!!!!!!**

Next Executive Board Mtg. – Fri., Sept 1, 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General Mtg. – **Fri., Sept. 29, Noon**
ATTENTION PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE (one time change to last Friday of the month)

VA Health Fair - November 16, 2017

Meeting Adjourned 1:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

To put it simply —

Our brain should match our lifespan.

— Meryl Comer

Thanks for supporting the auction and letter appeal to fight ALZ disease.

It's never too late to send a donation.

Make your checks payable to

NARFE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

Sue Wike

1329 SW Pin Oak Parkway

Topeka, KS 66615

Senior Information Fair

Tuesday, September 19

9 AM — Noon

Library—Marvin Auditorium

Get connected to more than 40 local vendors that can make a difference in your life. There will be voluntary vehicle safety inspections in the parking lot and one lucky attendee will be drawn to receive a gift certificate to the library's booktique.

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