



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Chapter 0002, Topeka, Kansas (Chartered 9/28/1947)



SEPTEMBER 2015

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E-mail or call your Reservations AND Cancellations NOT LATER THAN Tuesday AM, September 22 to Jim Miller
September 25th

\$9 Noon Buffet in Wesley Hall

**Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes
CA Veg. Blend
Rolls and Butter
Pie & Beverages**

PROGRAM BY

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From President Jim Miller's Desk snvderfan89@cox.net 478-0651

Good News and Bad News. This is not a good time to be a federal employee or a federal retiree. Because of that problem with a Congress that for reasons of their own, do not care for government employees, **IT IS A GOOD TIME TO BE A NARFE MEMBER! Thanks to NARFE, since 1993, retirees have not lost any earned benefits!** You can call this a Pitch for NARFE PAC because without friends in Congress, we would not have succeeded in stopping many threats to both health benefits and annuities. We can't say the same for still working employees and NARFE members.

Please note the meals for our meeting luncheons cost remains at \$9.00 for now. We will drop down to ONE entree and if you don't want the selection, options are:

- (1) eat before arriving; meeting begins at 12:35 P.M.
- (2) eat at the Village Dining Room, cost \$8.00 for a meal, but no dessert ☺
- (3) come just for the meeting, the information and visiting.

Ron Richey, our faithful Chapter Legislative Chairman will advise you in his column, predictions are we will not receive a Cost Of Living Adjustment for 2016. Most of that is due to the dropping price of gasoline. NARFE is working for a SENIORS COLA, as gas prices are not a serious cost to seniors, but medical and prescription costs are. As 2016 is a election year, a bill proposing a Seniors Cola may gain some traction.

We continue to try to schedule programs of interest and value to our members. If YOU have seen a program you believe to be of value, give the contact information to Richard Wike, our Program Chairman.

NARFE is sponsoring a new Membership Contest! Details will be available at the next meeting, but until then, if you know of someone who should be a member and isn't, I will deliver the membership application and information to YOU, or to that person, if they live within range! Barbara McLain, our chapter Membership Chair will be entering the hospital on September 29, for hip surgery.

It has been a busy summer and looms to be a even busier autumn! **I hope to see you on September 25, and don't forget those meal reservations....by the Tuesday prior to the meeting, that is September 22!**

NARFE BENEFITS

- MONTHLY MAGAZINE
- ACCESS TO TEAM OF FEDERAL BENEFITS SERVICE SPECIALISTS ON COMPLEX BENEFIT QUESTIONS
- LEGISLATIVE ALERTS
- ADVOCACY OF YOUR BENEFITS IS NARFE'S CORE BUSINESS
- MEMBER-ONLY ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS, AND DISCOUNTS ON PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



OUR CHAPTER TURNS 68 ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

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

We would like to thank Louis Bornman, National Legislative Chair and Area 1 Vice President Kansas Federation of Chapters, for coming to Topeka and giving us an update on the College Of NARFE Knowledge that was held in Nebraska. He discussed some of the bills in Washington, DC and how they can affect federal workers and retirees. This is the reason it is important to be a NARFE member and to recruit new members.

We need to have NARFE representatives in Washington DC to speak on our behalf. He talked about changes regarding insurance next year. We will have more information about changes in our insurance at our NARFE meeting on October 23, 2015. Mr. Bornman spoke about how important the NARFE PAC is and we are in need of volunteers for a NARFE Chapter #2 PAC Chairperson.

I set up an appointment to see US Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins on July 17, 2015.

My wife, Navella and I attended the town hall meeting in Wamego, KS August 10, 2015, held by US Senator Jerry Moran. He said he is a NARFE member.

My wife, Navella and I set up an appointment to see US Senator Pat Roberts' staff on August 18, 2015. They said that US Senator Pat Roberts was having surgery that day.

We talked to them and their staff about not cutting federal employees, not cutting the benefits of federal employees, and requested that they co-sponsor the bill for federal employees to receive a pay raise. I talked about post office reform and we left letters and literature from NARFE with them for their review.

The US Congress went back in session September 8.

2015 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE by Barb McLain

After last year's successful event NARFE Headquarters has announced there will be a 2015 Membership Drive, running from 1 September to 31 December this year. Recruiters will receive \$10 for every new member recruited. In addition, there will be monthly drawings with prizes. The Grand Prize, drawn in mid-January, will be an Apple iPad Air 2. Additional details will be provided as they are received. In the meantime, make sure you pick up at least one membership application at this month's meeting, and be prepared! It is up to all of us to keep this organization up and running.

NARFE Chapter 02 Minutes

August 28, 2015 * Aldersgate Village

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

Welcome and Invocation was given by Laurel Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A two entree meal was offered for \$9.00.

Program was, Louis Bornman, State Legislative Chairman. Louis had just returned from CONK and gave us a legislative update as well as the situation with the Strategic Planning Committee. He spoke on the threat to shut down the government again this fall, the CPI vs CPIW, the Medicare tax increase, the change to high five as opposed to the high three on figuring retirement and the fact there will probably not be a COLA increase next year. On the positive side there is approval for the Self + one in Health Benefits, and there is a proposal for a salary increase for active employees. He spoke of the importance of NARFE PAC - with all the big bucks going into campaigns now days. He also emphasized the fact that "Silence is Consent: Let your voices be heard."

Earlene Jirik, Members Report – 34 members and 1 guest our speaker Louis Bornman. A Door Prize drawing was held for members paying for a meal - Mary Harms won the drawing an indoor picnic basket. Reminder to call and let Jim know if you are planning to attend

Earlene Jirik, Publicity – working with KTWU for upcoming events.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – Because the Chapter minutes for the July meeting were not printed in the July/August newsletter, it was moved that we dispense with reading the minutes. Motion approved.

There is a need for 4 members to work at RenFest on Sunday, September 27th and Monday, October 12th. Volunteers were to get with Gwen after the meeting.

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/ Newsletter Editor – September deadline Friday, September 4, 2015.

Bill Kastens, Treasurer – General Fund \$2,340.00, Savings \$1,199.86 and Alzheimer's \$225.00 TOTAL \$3,761.86. Convention account \$940.37.

Bill Kastens, Service Officer – call from Bob Exon.

Barb McLain, 1st Vice-President and Membership – National has a recruitment campaign - sign a member get \$10. This runs through the end of the year. There will be drawing at the end for an Apple iPad Air 2.

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice-President – September meeting will be Andy Struble with Rebound.

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Sympathy Card was sent to Frank Mauer on the death of his daughter. Remember to contact Jo for any good cheer items.

Ron Richey, Legislative – report is listed in its entirety in the newsletter. Asking for members to monitor the state legislature either at the statehouse or over the internet.

New Business – Still discussing the luncheon meal options. Possible options will be discussed at the Executive Board meeting on Sept 4th.

Next Executive Board Meeting – Friday, Sept 4th

Next NARFE General Meeting – Friday, Sept 25th

George Spotts, Alzheimer Chairperson – George submitted his resignation as Alzheimer's Chair at the end of this year. 50/50 drawing 1st \$9.00 - Leah Shaw, 2nd \$7.00 - Leah Hefner and 3rd \$4.00, Ed Shaw - all donated money back to Alzheimer's.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter

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