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Greetings to an upcoming HOT week.... Somebody said!! We did have some rain of course so we are thankful for that. Our last meeting was held at Beagle UMC with a very good resume of Bob Hodge relating all about the tree cutting they are doing in Alaska where his son and family live. They are making new roads and clearing land for many things. They have very large equipment to move those large trees after they get them down and have to be cut up into the size necessary for use. He told about the use of the skidder they use for that job but did not have a picture of it. Trucks are used to move the logs and many different species of trees are used for many different things..... Birch, aspen and white spruce are among those...Different areas are cut and worked in at different times of the year. It sounded like a very "big" operation and dangerous one also. Am sure this time of year would be the time for me to go see all that activity and am sure they enjoyed the trip very much and we "Thank" him for his presentation.

Elizabeth reported that we gave a donation in memory for Shirley Graham to the church they attended and we are hoping Harry will be with us at the next meeting.

Joanne reported that our Alzheimer collection at the last meeting was \$331.50

At a former meeting we voted to take up a "change" collection each meeting to be included in our yearly donation to NARFE for Alzheimer Research. (put that on the check for Alzheimer Research).... For those of you who cannot come to our meetings you may send your check or amount to our President, Darrell Williams --- address included in this newsletter. We will be sending in our collection at our meeting in September. Darrell Williams ---31644 W. 319 St. Paola, Ks. 66071

NEXT Meeting will be at Louisburg Baptist Church at 6 p.m. August 9, 2016--- and you are to make your reservations and report to Mark Peters at 913-259-9400. Please leave a message on his cell phone if he does not answer.... Gene Vickery will be our speaker, please come with questions and get answers!!

I have visited with our Area II VP and she is home now. She had surgery on her back. The doctor in Wichita treated her back pain she has had that is very bad and made a 6" incision near the spinal chord inserting wires that run down the spine to an electric box near the hip which will be recharged as needed to divert the pain from reaching the brain.... Something like the use of a Tens Unit does to those of you who know what that is. The wires were left exposed for a short time to see if all things were connected correctly. She was to be careful not to move her arms too much until this next wk. and all seem to be doing great.... She will be able to do all the things she has done before—just not suffer the pain---drive the tractor, mow, feed the cows, and etc. Quite an ambitious "young" lady!!!! Lives on a farm and as anyone who lives on a farm knows has to do a lot of work outside. We wish her great success with this unit!!! Her address is: Sylvia Riepen, 24956 S. Wanamaker Rd., Osage City, Ks. 66523.

Am sure she would love to hear from you!!

Our NARFE National Convention will be held August 28-Sept. 1 in Reno, NV. Our proxy is Dennis Grossnickle and if we have something we wish him to vote for or against we will contact him after our next meeting, A Strategic Planning Committee and Team has been appointed by the President Thissen

To bring recommendations to the convention. Resolutions that will be decided on will be among others optional membership; one member, one vote; and Narfe National Executive Board (NEB) given the authority to adjust National dues by up to 10% during a 2-yr, period. You may read the entire Strategic Plan document (available at www.narfe.org) keeping an open mind about our need for our venerable Association to evolve. Please read in the June issue of our NARFE issue on page 4 and keep in mind NARFE's MISSION STATEMENT. The item about the cost of Long-Term care rates raising substantially

I am sure will be discussed. The last increase in that was 2009 and in August 2015 rose again!!!

I am sure many other items will be discussed---- many times--- and I hope Dennis can supply us of his resume of the meeting when he gets back home..... looking forward to getting that!!!

Both the House and Senate will return on Tuesday, Sept. 6. If you have a chance to visit with your Representatives please do so during this extended time they are here. We know when they hear from us ---hopefully they react!! Due to the recess, the Hotline will be published on an as-needed basis until Sept. 9. I also found a note that said----a new study of older adults shows more than half take 5 or more medicines a day, yet few take their medications the right way. Not using ENOUGH medicine was found to be a serious problem -----with major repercussions for their health..... Really????? And pocketbook too I bet!!!!

I had a phone call the other day that seemed “different”. I had heard an ad that said you could call get free rub-on pain meds – just call this number—so I did. As soon as I answered the question.. did I have BC and BS and also Medicare -- they hung up! I called back and asked them not to hang up and why did they hang up on me???? The answer started with an apology for the hang up and then the man said “Because Medicare does the same thing for less.” I remarked to him that didn’t say much for his business.

We have smart first graders and school is about to start for another yr. these things remind me of my great granddaughter who will be in the first grade in 3 wks....

The pupils are to finish the sentence----- some answers were:

Don’t change horses ----- until they stop running!

Strike while the-----bug is close

It’s always darkest before-----daylight saving time

Don’t bite the hand that----- dirty

A miss is as good as-----a mister

You can’t teach an old dog new-----math

If you lie down with dogs you will-----stink in the morning

An idle mind is-----the best way to relax

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you-----cry and you have to blow your nose

A bird in the hand-----is going to poop on you

A penny saved is-----not much!!!

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