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**NARFE Tri-River Chapter 2098**

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Our last meeting on July 8, 2014, was held at the Hillsdale Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. Twenty six were present for a wonderful meal that the ladies prepared. Herman and Betty from Ottawa Chapter that dissolved and transferred to ours were able to attend. We hope they enjoyed our meeting and can come often

. The Legislative report was given by Robert Hodge and Elizabeth Smith gave the Treasurer's report. Our funds are depleting and I again am asking anyone who has an email --- please get it to me so we can save on cost of paper, ink and stamps to get our newsletter out to every member. Pat Erickson reported we had 93 members. President Darrell Williams announced we would NOT have the auction in September at Cadmus but will seek donations to donate to the Alzheimers Research which all of the money does go to that.

The program was presented by Phil Reeka who gave a presentation with the help of a large TV on the history around Paola....Wish I could have been there to hear that. I have been told it was quite interesting and filled with a lot of knowledgeable information.

NARFE's 33rd Biennial National Convention will be held Aug. 24-28 in Orlando, Florida. Information has been listed in your magazine about reservations and etc. Also in the magazine can be found questions and answers of value for us concerning several things that may be of great help to you. Be sure to check that out.

I did see one article about whether to fix something broken or throw it away and replace with new. The article said that was not always a good idea. I wonder however when a new refrigerator goes bad in a short time. Seems everything now does not last like the product made years ago lasted.... Am I wrong?

Lots of ideas and plans will be made in Orlando if possible but not take effect till 2016 they say. For those that want to use the hotline, there are weekly legislative messages available to callers (703-838-7780) and toll-free at 1-877-217-8234) or [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) made available to requesting NARFE leaders and sent to 83,000 NARFE member email addresses. On July 16, a note was sent out stating many are opting out of emails from NARFE.....Main reason being far too many emails or repetitive information so they are adopting a new message policy: From Headquarters---Legislation to be sent to all emails---

- NARFE magazine surveys to all email addresses and Headquarters messages to NARFE leaders to officers emails only. From Regions, Federations and Chapters: --Information of interest to federal employees and retirees sent to all emails and messages to regional and federation or chapter leaders will receive officer emails only. The body of each email should include a "To" line announcing the distribution list.

We are not getting enough new members to offset the death reports.. Recommendation has been made that members who reinstate dropped members be officially recognized. Top legislative issues are opposing a 5 day mail delivery and a 1.8% pay raise. Kansas has 24,789 retirees, 16,925 active, 40 chapters, 3541 NARFE members out of the total 2,577,922 retirees, 2,012,177 Actives and 1,272 chapters.

When giving to various NARFE programs be sure to check the box on the donation pg. you are giving to so that your chapter gets recognition and include a note indicating that even if using a credit card.

During the congressional recess is the time to contact them about any problem you might have and hopefully everyone will already voted or will vote tomorrow. Uncertainty creates opportunity"

Some of the candidates I have received notes from are: running for President are Elaine Hughes, former Secretary, Richard Thissen, former Treasurer; and Edward J. Konys for Region IV VP.

Visit NARFE on the Web at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). We are the only membership dedicated to protecting and preserving the benefits of all federal workers and retirees. NARFE is your legislative voice and your information resource.

Radish juice or mashed garlic or onion rubbed on the skin will remove itch of an insect bite!

Aaron Hughes had back surgery about 2 wks. ago and is able to be up and around some. I know some have been able to talk to him.

NEXT MEETING will be Tuesday, August 12, at Louisburg First Baptist Church with Jack York presenting a program on hunting of Indian Relics he has done. Come join us and enjoy the evening.

Everyone to report to mark Peters with your reservations at [913-259-9400](tel:913-259-9400) by Saturday..... Hope see all of you there!!!!!!!

Jean Nickell, Sec.