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NARFE Tri-River Chapter 2098

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We want to "Thank" those who have already sent in their contributions for Alzheimer and for PAC. I forget to sometimes mention those things and they are important for you to help with.

I want to ask your help with addresses of our group and would you please let me know if there is a change in your mailing address or if you are aware of someone moving to another address so we can avoid the return of some of the letters of incorrect addresses. Elnora Henness has been moved to Blackhawk Assisted Living, 22550 S. Franklin, SprinHill, Ks. 66083 about a month ago. This place is located south of the large grocery store on the south side of the HWY. and about 2 blocks further south on Franklin St.

OUR next meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Louisburg on August 11, at 6 p.m. Please turn your reservations in to Darrell Williams by Sat. eve. The speaker will be Molly Bumgardner, our State Senator who replaced Mr. Apple. Am sure you are aware of upcoming elections next yr.!!!! Good time to get acquainted with some who are running in 2016.

At the last State Convention they collected \$2,800.00 for PAC and the State has collected \$5,575.00. The College of NARFE (CONK) will be held August 24-26, 2015 at South Sioux City, Neb. at the Marina Inn. Registration is \$75.00 and deadline for that is Aug. 15. It would be nice if some of our group could attend that.

Among the numerous communications I have received this month from NARFE was one that was relating to health care---those 65 and older were spending about 13% towards healthcare compared to 5% spent by the general public. COLAS need to be increased to reflect senior's real costs. A bill was introduced to make six-day delivery permanent, protect closure or reduction of hours in rural post offices and restore overnight service standards were among some of the changes mentioned..Congress is now in recess returning on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Now is the time for our members to meet with legislators. The weekly legislative Hotline is available at 703-838-7780 or toll free 1-877-217-8234 or www.narfe.org.

I read somewhere where in Minnesota it is illegal to tease skunks!!! Really??

In Vermont it is illegal to whistle underwater and a felony in Montana for a wife to open her husband's mail.... anyone guilty of these crimes, please notify Darrell!!!!

An upcoming article in NARFE magazine will examine the health care choices of the federal employees and retirees upon reaching 65. They would like to hear from those who have made the decision to take Medicare in addition to FEHBP, those who may have chosen a Medigap Plan in addition to Medicare and those who have opted for a Medicare Advantage



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Plan and give their opinions and share them. Those with computers may do so by contacting www.narfe.org/healthcarechoices.

An interesting item I just read was that John Mica, R-Fla., introduced a bill to cap the cost of checking a piece of luggage on the airlines to just \$4.50.... Wow!! would that ever be welcome for those of us who have family all over US and further!! I bet that will not pass.... what do you think?? It used to be included in the ticket cost not very long ago. We didn't know how well off we were then.

Thanks to all the NARFE members who took action to protect the retirement security of federal employees and retirees and military personnel by opposing the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) G Fund that would have changed the rate of return on the G Fund from 2.25% to 0.02%.

4.2 million were affected by cyberattacks the first time and 21.5 million individuals the second time with stolen background data stolen. Not all have been notified as yet. Someone used my credit card to mail money via Western Union 2 wks. Ago. Believe me, something is happening ALL the time---- somewhere-----

At our meeting last month we had Michael Schneller and his associate from Focus Hearing give us information about hearing aides. I have mentioned before that I got my last hearing aides at Topeka from an audiologist that had a booth at our convention in 2014 and I was interested in finding someone closer to have follow up on it. I set up an appointment and was well satisfied with my visit with him in Overland Park---- mostly because it was so much closer than Topeka. He found I had twin holes (2 of them) in my left ear drum. He said he had checked over 16,000 ears and had never seen twin holes before. I have had serious ear surgery in both ears over the yrs. And without hearing aides I would be deaf. We need to be very grateful there are people who are interested in studying all parts of the body to improve any problem we have.

We strive to present programs that will benefit each of our group. If you know of something you would like to know more about or find interesting please let our officers know about it so we might have them present a program for us. Thanks so much. Hope to see you August 11 at Louisburg First Baptist Church at 6 p.m.. If you are not contacted please call one of us with your reservation.

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