



KANSAS STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association NARFE Tri-River Chapter 2098

HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you and yours for 2015 !!

Another year has gone by so fast at my house. I simply cannot keep up with all I have to do.... I am late as usual

but hope the rest of you are doing very well and keeping up!!

I begin this letter with news that weigh heavy on our chapter's heart. On December 22, Sterling Hornbuckle III,

passed away and his funeral was held in Louisburg on Dec. 26, 2014. If you remember I included his picture in our newsletter only 2 months ago giving the poem, "This Old Flag" at our meeting. He had served several of our chapter

officer positions and a great help with meetings..He will be

missed. On January 3, one of our past presidents of our chapter, Max McCready, passed away. His visitation will be held at Eddy-Birchard Funeral Home in Osawatomie on

Jan. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. with the funeral service on Sat. at 11

a.m. at the First Baptist Church at 8th and Brown in Osawatomie. Our sympathy and thoughts are with those families.

Our December meeting was held at the Presbyterian church in Hillsdale on Tuesday January 12 at 11:30 a.m.

with 22 present. Commissioner Rob Roberts presented a program of pictures and information about the new Miami county Jail being built on the south side of the present administration building in Paola. Ground breaking has already taken place now. Mr. Roberts gave a very informative description and detail of the building itself, the

way the money was raised and answered questions on the

project. The treasurer's and legislative reports were given. We had 92 members and as of today we have 91 losing 2 by death and have gained a new one, Mark

Behrends of Lincoln, Nebraska, Darrell's son-in-law.

We do have a lot of sickness in our members and they need to be remembered. We were glad to have Lawrence and Mary Boehm able to attend as well as Vicki Guilfoyle and Betty and Herman Norwood of Ottawa able to join us.

Oscar Durland and Bob Kistler were having physical therapy now. Ronald Hollinger was to have wrist surgery that day. Eloise Epperson is not feeling very well now.

Nominations were held for the election of a new President and Severtary.... Guess what???? you are stuck with the same officers!!!! you may wish you had another secretary.

This past month has been packed with activities and things

I did not get done!!!!The next meeting will be held at the

café-- Miss B's on Metcalf in Louisburg, I am presuming south of the Senior Citizen Bldg. on west side of the street.

Callers report to Pres. Darrell Williams at 913-755-4026

by 5 p.m. Sat. Jan. 10... Meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 13.

Items from NARFE News Watch: Registration for NARFE's

Legislative Training Conference closes Feb. 3. it will be held on march 14-17 in Arlington, Va. Attendees will go to Capitol Hill to meet members of congress on the last day.

Registration blanks are found on pg. 13 of Jan. issue of NARFE magazine. You may also register online at www.narfe.org.... only 300 spots left so don't wait to register!!!! One thing published that might affect us all is a note on safety.... Kids are attracted to fire and do not realize how hot the glass or front of fireplaces

become when used. They touch them and get burned sometimes.

As of Jan.1, all new fireplaces must be made with a protective barrier to keep children away from the glass front. Seems it took awhile to get that done but will help our great great grandchildren. Your Federal

retirement benefits will be increased by 1.7% for most all retiring under CSRS and FERS eligible for COLAS. Of course the next month you will find out the increase in health benefits

you are paying for. Whole grains are better for you than sticky processed white flour or rice.. A new study shows an average daily serving of whole grains lowers a person's risk of dying from heart disease by 9%

and lowers the overall risk of dying from anything by 5% over a quarter-century.... dying from

ANYTHING???? 5% over 25 yrs.???

We can all live to be 125 ????? Maybe I misunderstood that statement..... Enjoy the cold weather and stay healthy.

See or talk to some of you soon... Sincerely, Jean N.

Let me know if you did NOT receive this.....