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***** HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU in 2016*****

We hope everyone has had a very nice Christmas and looking forward to a more prosperous and happy year ahead. Let us have better communication with our blessings and problems, desires and accomplishments in the year ahead for our chapter and for NARFE in Kansas and in the US.

Let me start with making sure you are informed with the place of our next meeting,,,,,January 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Whistle Stop in Osawatomie, Ks. The Osawatomie High School singers will present some songs for us about 1:20 that afternoon. Please make your reservations with Darrell Williams by Sat. the 9th so the café may have a reasonable idea about how many might come. Thanks so much for your timely help for this.

We are saddened by the death of one of our former members, Jean Atteberry, of Paola. Her service was held today (5th) at the Paola Cemetery. She passed away at the KC Hospice. We are glad Elizabeth Smith was able to attend it.

I feel as soon as I finish this newsletter I will be receiving information that would have been nice to have been able to include here. The computer has been very silent on news to pass on to you since Christmas. By now each of you should have received your notifications on the amounts of your annuities for 2016 will be in January and may change in Feb. of course. Relevant to the cost-of-living-adjustment to civil service annuities for 2017, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased by 0.28 % in November 2015. Federal retirees will not receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to their civil service annuities in January 2016; the same is true for Social Security benefits and military retirement annuity. The new CPI-W for November 2015 was 231.721, 1.08% lower than the average CPI-W for the third quarter of 2014 which was 234.242. Because there is no COLA in 2016, the 2014 third quarter average will still be the reference figure for determining the 2017 COLA.. Individuals receiving insurance benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) received a 0.3% COLA in March 2015. The Consumer Price Index for December 2015 is scheduled to be released on Wed., January 20, 2016.



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Our last meeting was held at the Hillsdale Presbyterian Church and 25 members of the Paola Madrigals entertained us with some very special music which we all enjoyed very much. Karen Browning was able to be present to receive her 20 year certificate and pin. It was the first time that she and Ed Dinges was able to be with us. Ed was getting over having both knees replaced. We hope they will continue to be able to attend. The ladies of the church served us a very delicious meal and the church was decorated with very nice Christmas decorations. Legislative Chrm. Bob Hodge had prepared petitions on Leg. HR 3850 and Saved Benefits Act # 2251 to sign and send to headquarters. Bob does a good job on keeping us aware of what is going on in Washington for us. Since our last meeting Vincent Ryszewski has had surgery and is home and improving now. Until calls are made to see who is going to be able to come to the meeting it is hard to be current on just how many of you are feeling so I do hope you are doing ok. Please free to call me and update your questions or let us in on your earth shattering news of winning the lottery!!! We would love to help you spend that!!!

Our president, Darrell Williams, have voiced concern that he has felt better than he is now. We all need to think about the fact he has had a long stretch of being president and perhaps need others to think about shouldering the responsibility of being president as does your secretary. All of us are happy to help with everything but sometimes it just becomes hard to get everything done as it should be.

Please try to come join our monthly meetings whenever you can. If there is something you would like to hear about or have presented please let us know and we will try to comply. Right now I am sewing ears on a parade of elephants across a baby quilt and tails braided out of embroidery floss and with a back of about 1200 1 ½" squares. Now to get it quilted!!! You think you have problems!!!! See you next Tue.

Sec. Jean N.

Paola Madrigal Singers

Karen Browning , Darrell Williams