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Feds: Speak out to save your retirement benefits-----NARFE members – and all federal employees and retirees- are being urged to take action to urge Congress to reject any attempts to diminish our earned pay and benefits. Don't wait until it is too late. Get involved now! Pick up the phone and make some calls now. NARFE has a dedicated phone number that will connect you directly to Capitol Hill and your legislators. Dial 1-866-220-0044 and follow NARFE's easy directions. One of the most effective ways to make your voice heard is by calling your legislator. Then write your legislator and write in your own words just what is on your mind about the proposal of cuttings your benefits and how it will affect you

And your family. It doesn't have to be long or fancy—just honest and with feeling for what you believe.

We all realize the position all people are in now with the debt we have and everyone has to work thru it.

This letter is coming out soon enough for you to take advantage or participating in two new NARFE

Federal Benefits webinars coming out on June 22 at 2 p.m. ET which will be about if you should retire now or later and then on June 29, at 2 p.m. ET, more about perhaps a Second Career. Each is followed by an online chat session. These are free to members. You must register now to hear these.

There is a lot of news lately about proposals to significant and substantial changes to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System. We do not know what may change in our retirement but any information you can learn just might be a step forward.... in time.

I would think everyone can expect changes will be made in our future so to have some knowledge of what might happen should help each of us. In June issue of NARFE magazine it has published several pages of the Auditor's Reports of the last 3 years that I thought was interesting. I see where President Thissen mentioned we are receiving a lot of revenue from advertising in the magazine. As I look thru it I can certainly see that. They are gracious in putting on pg. 50 how we may keep in contact with NARFE on social media. I am always looking for something "I did not know" and found the article on Pg.64 about the starting of Social Security interesting. I well remember what a time we had convincing my father he could get Social Security when it became available for just applying for it. He did not think the government would EVER give you something if you had not paid into it to get it. He was not brought up that way.....Now you have paid into it and may not get it!!! We are living in changing times. A lot of people get it, have not paid into it, do not plan on paying into it and get it. We are living in history for sure!!

Our next meeting will be on June 13 held at the Plum Creek Church, north on 8th st. about 3 mile from Osawatomie at 6 p.m...Please give your reservations to Darrell Williams and we are hoping for a very good turn out as our Area 11 VP, Sylvia Riepen, of Osage City plans on being able to be there to further tell us about the convention. As yet I have not received the report on what happened and am hoping Sylvia has a lot to tell us too. We were very thankful to have Doris and Henry Ericson of Ft. Scott be with us at our last meeting and tell us about it. She carried our proxy but was never notified about that. A lot of changes has taken place as to what was auctioned and how it was sold, some changes in the bylaws having to be made to comply with National Hdgrs bylaws. Am sure we will be informed about that soon and hope Sylvia can give us more info. We appreciated the Ericsons coming to the meeting and giving us her details . Doris also mentioned the officers at the convention remained the same. The live auction brought in \$2,460 with all items were gift baskets or hand made items of food or handwork or wooden. Was not many items in the silent auction. The total was less than it had been. Identity Theft protection for those that were effected by OPM breaches were discussed. The item about having to enroll with Medicare was discussed. Elizabeth Bornman was in charge of PAC and they took in \$1,095 at the convention. The Silent Auction took in from 112 items, \$2.440 which was less than last year. The meeting location for next year was not decided yet. We will be notified soon. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Roger Hights mother on April 30th and more recently of the death of Elnora Henness on June 1. They will be greatly missed. Our thoughts go to their families.

Elizabeth and I were able to attend the 90th birthday celebration of Eva Frazee at LaCygne on her "Big Day". I am sorry this is somewhat late but with all the funerals and wedding quilts and company this and past month and a few other things you are fortunate to get this much this month I guess. Maybe it is time for someone else to do this newsletter???? Wishing each of you the best and very good, safe-- Fourth of July coming up!!!