

NARFE June 2018 Newsletter no. 2

This is a gold plated newsletter. Hopefully you will not receive another like it!!!! I had already gotten one written today and cannot get it printed so guess what--- this is no. 2 Where the first one went I will never know as I have spent hours trying to find it. Some will say I did not save it but I did and someday it will appear I guess. Those of you who have a computer will understand what I am talking about I am sure. Nonetheless this is the second one and I am sure it will have more or less in it.

At last months meeting we had 16 present at our regular meeting the first of May. We signed petitions Bob had prepared for us to sign about not cutting any benefits for retirees and etc. That seems to be a constant reminder that we have not received any increase for quite some time in pay however.

Some pertain to working people and moving to another temporary job but all seem to revert back to money. All thoughts seem to revert back to money every day doesn't it?? We are still lucky than a lot of people and have just had a great reminder yesterday about those who gave their all so we can live in this great nation that allows us to complain about our circumstances...My thoughts are with those of you who have been touched by the loss of family and keep hoping we will some day see the end of those struggles. Our reports were all given by those in charge of them.. we had 66 members on our roster. Membership is also a grievous item in our organization. We had over 100 members not long ago and at the last convention it was noted how many chapters were closing all across the country. Some have no one that wants to become the officers and lead it. The attendance was down at the conference with only about 90 present. Jim Miller did a great job as head of it. Our Area II was represented by 7 members. The next Conference will be held in Manhattan and in Salina the following year. This year you have the chance to vote for who will become our National leaders so I hope you do that. Membership is very important as chapters are declining in numbers and thus so is the income the officers in control have to work with. The membership of 500,00 is down to about 200,000 nationwide

now. This also reflects in the closing of chapters across the nation and tends to cause many other factors. We appreciate Mark Peters attending the Conference on our behalf and sharing some information with us. We "Thank You Mark" for your attending that meeting and for your many places you visit each week to convey our chapter's presence in this county. Next week, our Area II VP, Sylvia Reipen of Osage City , will come to our meeting and give up more facts she is aware of I am sure. Hope all of you will try to attend. Today a webinar with Q. and A. was held at 2 p.m. but I was busy typing the first letter so missed it. It was restricted to the first 1,000 who registered and was about learning strategies to influence your legislators on issues affecting us. These are held quite often and are out there for your listening or participation if you wish at no cost if you are a member. They cover a lot of different items and are quite interesting. I am sure I put this info in these letters before but I also know how hard it is to find info when you want it so I will list some of the phone numbers you can use to find out information of about anything pertaining to NARFE.. The hot line is 1-800-456-8410 Option 4 and they can direct you to the correct place to give you the answer--- I hope.

The items under pay raises and etc, mentions that we will not be receiving a pay increase till 2019. I guess that is not a surprise as I haven't seen one of those for quite some time. I cease to be amazed at some of the articles that are covered in items they put out on the computer that will touch almost everyone at some time... car insurances, what not to carry on the airplane, which is the best beach to visit, what happens when you have low level of calcium (could cause dental changes, cataracts, alterations in the brain and brittle bones) that's why I eat a lot of ice cream!!!!

Be sure you look at the voting instructions in the NARFE magazine. National and regional offices is underway now. You have a chance to consider changes to the bylaws of NARFE. Am sure many changes are coming. You have until 11.59 p.m. Eastern time on June 30, 2018 to vote. All ballots are to be in by that date.

We were glad to hear Glenn Alpert's wife is improving now from her fall. We are thinking of Laurence and Mary Boehm all the time too. I invite you to let me know when someone is not feeling good and how they are improving. And also if you would like to find out about something that I can help with I am willing to do what I can.

I am sure Bob would appreciate hearing from each of us if we can come to the Circle C Restaurant for lunch on June 5th at 11:30 ----- That is the first Tuesday of the month--- each month..... Several got to attend the 90th birthday party for Darrell awhile back. Will enclose picture If I can!!!!

The chapter has bought a new small, light weight microphone system to use so I can hear what people say at the meetings and hope it will help others too... You may order whatever you wish to eat. Sure glad it was not as hot today as yesterday was.... Everyone stay cool!!!
Bob Hodge phone # is 913-2740323

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Darrell Williams 90th birthday
Darrell and one of his daughters, Gwen Behrends