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Our next meeting will be held in the evening at 6 p.m. at Cadmus Grange Hall in Linn County about 7 ½ mi. east and south on No. 7 Hwy. from Beagle. On March 8.. We hope to see you there. Come and spread the word and bring someone with you if possible.

Spring is about here!!!! Callers may contact me (Jean at 755-4309) with your reservations at least by Sunday evening March 6.....Thanks. Our program will be presented by Jim Bousman.

I do not know anything about what he is going to speak on. Come join us and find out!

At our meeting on March 8 , we must decide who will attend the 2016 Kansas State Convention at Salina on April 24-26 at the Salina Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center.

Registration is \$20.00. Total amount for Registration, Sunday meal, Monday lunch and Monday banquet is \$76.00. Hotel accommodations are to be made by March 25 for \$86.33, tax included.

Each chapter is asked to bring a wrapped gift of \$10 to \$15 for help with door prizes held throughout the convention. Both the live and silent auctions for Alzheimer's will be held with all the items – new or antique-donated by all of the chapters. You just never know what you

Might find at these auctions ----- some things are just unbelievable that show up there to bid on. Why don't you consider attending?? Darrell has been sent 45 tickets for \$1.00 each that we can sell to you Tuesday evening and on Monday evening at the Banquet you will have a chance of winning \$250.00, \$100.00, or \$50.00. You can think about this. Only 400 tickets have been printed for this chance of winning this year. Money left over from that will be used to sustain the treasury of the convention.

Last month our program was given by Melanie Dearing on Healthy Eating and foods we can be growing. It was very interesting and informative. She is from Archie, Mo. and has "Wellstone Gardens" at her place.

I would hope all of you do take time to read thru the NARFE Magazine. There is an advertisement on the back of the front page of the last issue that also tells you about getting free hearing aides from Belltone. Items are in there about income taxes and preparation of Form 1099-R and views on what can be done to help out the Postal Service....and many many more things. I was surprised to read that 16% of households with an annual income of \$240,000/yr. or more said they would not be able to handle a financial emergency.... Are You??

That really floored me....Of course it was near an advertisement about a vacation to the beach!

Also reminded us that all NARFE chapters and federations must file a tax return even if they earned no income in 2015. Form 990-N or e-postcard is due every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the close of the fiscal yr. We will be reminded it says if we forget!! All has to due with being tax-exempt. The scholarship program begun Feb. 1 thru April 29 and a good program for your grandkids to apply for. NARFE is committed to the 6day delivery and door-to-door delivery and maintaining rural postal services.

**NARFE members can use the Legislative Action center (IAC) to send letters to members of Congress and track NARFE-related bills and votes. Hopefully some of you got to attend the area meetings with your congressmen/women.**

**We all need to be aware of what is available to us and how we can use the information. I hope some of these points will help you someday too!!! I should have kept some of these remarks more condensed and saved a page I guess on this newsletter. In the election this year a third of the Senate seats and all of the 435 House Seats are up for grabs. With this in mind the people running for office will be more visible in your area during more recesses and you have the opportunity to learn more about who you will vote for..... but will you do that?? It is just my opinion that most of us do not do that but we do complain later..... Now is the time to ask questions and get aware of what might happen if they are elected. I better just get off that subject before I say something I should not say here. I wish all of you a better day tomorrow and the next day too!!! Hope to see you at our next meeting. Let's make it a big one!!!!**

**Sincerely, Jean**