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I think you could say it is time for spring and then summer..... we have had enough rain in our area now And what else can we complain about. ???? Wishing each of you a nice week coming up!! Our NEXT Meeting will be held at Louisburg at the First Baptist Church, 406 S. Vine, Louisburg, where we usually have it when it is at Louisburg and you may contact Mark Peters at 913-259-9400 or email him at markmccd@gmail.com or markpampeters@gmail.com. I hope many of you might be able to attend the meeting as the President of Ft. Scott Chapter, Doris Ericson, is planning on coming up to tell us all about the convention last week in Hutchinson. She carried our proxy and I am sure we will enjoy all she has to tell us about what happened there. We did get an award from our Alzheimers donations--- we turned in \$11.59 per member. That is not as good as we could have done but every little bit sure helps.

I did not get to tune into the April 20 at 2 p.m. ET. Social Security webinar and Q&A session. I hope some of you got to listen to that or take part in it. I know there are a lot of issues going on about many things that affect us that we are not aware of. Things that have to do with Federal benefits and retirement issues are talked about at these things by Tammy Flanagan and of interest to each of us.

All members may view the sessions after 48hrs. after the broadcast. You may call 703-838-7760 or www.NARFE.org also.

An Executive Director for NARFE, Barbara Sido. Has been hired and will take office May 15. She has a very extensive experience training and working in several positions and comes highly recommended. Over 100 applicants were interviewed and 10 chosen and some of those interviewed twice so I am sure the best was finally hired. A great knowledge of managing, planning, monitoring, organizing and interacting with all of the NARFE members would be no small job. President Thissen mentioned she brought more than two decades of experience to help strengthen NARFE. Tomorrow, May 2, another Legislative webinar will be held at 2 p.m. ET and limited to first 1,000 registrants. This is toooooo late for you to do that isn't it?? You will have to listen to it afterwards.

Public Service Recognition Week is May 7-13. Perhaps we will see articles in our community newspaper recognizing work that federal employees do for us and our country. You may send feedback to NARFE's legislative staff about your thoughts about issues that may concern you at present. Take time to read your NARFE Magazine and always become informed about what might you need to be aware of.

At our last meeting, Mark Peters gave a very good program about the Hillsdale WRAPS Project. I was surprised to hear about how those who are helping with that took the time to engage 8th graders to become aware of where clean water comes from and where it goes and why... The amount of Phosphorus and Nitrogen needed or not needed in our water supply and how we are the problems for both. Anyone interested in those problems or care about them may contact Miami CO. Conservation District (913)294 3751 Ext. 3 or www.kswrPS.ORG. We are blessed to have people in our organization who are knowledgeable about many things in our lives we take for granted and appreciate them taking the time to explain to us about them.

We also appreciate the time and effort that Bob Hodge takes to present us with bills in congress we need to have knowledge of and given the opportunity to sign our name if we choose to let Congress know we are somewhat aware of things going on that can and may affect us in our future.

The following month—June—we will have our Area President, Sylvia Reipen, speak to us and bring more information about the convention. We meet at Plum Creek Church that evening. She has some doctor appointments and health issues that need to be taken care of this month so felt the next month would be better for her to come visit us.

I hope the storm we had this last week end didn't do a lot of damage to any of you. It did decide to split a cedar tree next to my house so hopefully when it dries up I can get that taken care of. We got almost 4" but probably many of you got more than that amount. With temperatures in the upper 30s this a.m. I am definitely ready for summer!

I have run across some absolutely irrefutable statistics that show exactly why you are tired. And brother, it is no wonder you are tired either. There aren't as many people actually working as you may have thought, at least not according to the survey recently completed. The population of this country is 200 million, 84 million over 60 years of age, which leaves 116 million to do the work. People under the age of 20 total 75 million, which leaves 41 million to do the work. There are 22 million who are employed by the government, which leaves 19 million to do the work. Four million are in the Armed Forces which leaves 15 million to do the work. Deduct 14,800,000, the number in state and city offices, leaving 200,000 to do the work. There are 188,000 in hospitals, insane asylums etc., so that leaves 12,000 to do the work. Now it may interest you to know that there are 11,998 people in jail, so that leaves just 2 people to carry the load. That's you and me—and brother I'm getting tired of doing everything myself!!!!

I found this—hardly readable now and I have no idea how long I have had it or where it came from but the statistics aren't too far off--- maybe a million or so---but thought you might think about it when you get tired!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been around along time. No one knows how old he was since birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain. Why the early bird Gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies—don't

Spend more than you can earn; having adults-not children in

Charge; He lost ground when parents attacked teachers for

Doing the job they themselves had failed to do in discipling;

It declined further when schools were required to get parental

Consent to administer sun lotion; It took a beating when you

couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your home and the

burglar could sue you for assault; Common Sense finally gave up

the will to live after a woman failed to realize a steaming cup of

coffee was hot and when it spilled in her lap she awarded a huge

settlement. He was preseded in death by his parents, Truth and

Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility and

By his son, Reason. He is survived by: I Know My rights, I want it

Now, Someone else is to Blame and Pay me for Doing Nothing.

Not many attended the funeral because not many realized he

Was Gone

Have a good week and hope to see you next Tue. evening!!

Mark Peters talking at our
Last meeting. Thanks, Mark.

