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Dear Friends, Another month and ready for summer!! Here we are ready for rain but I live on a farm and my corn and hay needs rain and about everything else does too!!!! Am sure we will get it soon. Hope everyone is doing well. My son Kenneth and his wife, Roxan, their almost 2 yr. old son Khale, are here visiting for a few weeks from Costa Rica... they have much hotter weather the year around and lots of rain to make a very humid weather experience. This is the first time Roxan has been to US.. she is from the Phillipines I have been down there several times in the last 10 yrs. where Kenneth lives on the ocean.

To get a few things covered from our NARFE organization, I better get to business.... the 61st Kansas Federation Convention took place last week end in Topeka. I did not attend this year but those who went has filled me in on some things that happened. Elizabeth Smith and Darrell Williams were able to go with Doris Ericson of Ft. Scott chapter, so I am sure they all had a great time from what I have been told... The attendance at the Convention has dropped off in the last few years. It was only 121 present this year. Too bad... this is where the support comes from for our "little" check we each get every month and I would sure hate to not get mine!.....I am sure you might miss yours too!!

Area 2 only had 4 delegates and 4 delegates at large... which is a big decrease over what we usually have each year. I know computers have made a big difference and several members communicate with those.... I am presuming those do take time to read the Hotline on them. President Richard Thissen always has a note on there and may 1, he expressed this "thanks" to the tens of thousands of NARFE members who called and/or wrote their Congressmen regarding the budget vote a few days ago. it was not the utmost best vote and not the worse one either. Everyone has to give once in awhile.

Back to the convention. Elizabeth and Darrell will fill everyone in on the latest at our next meeting on may 12th at the First Lutheran Church in Paola at 6 p.m. so be sure to turn in your reservation to your caller or Darrell by Saturday please. Dave Slyter will be the speaker on his collecting shoes for Haiti. Everyone is to bring their old shoes and particularly children shoes for a donation for him to see that they are ready to people in Haiti to use. They are in great need of them.

The Live Auction for Alz. at the convention took in \$2,810 and the Silent Auction brought in \$2,982.. That was very good . Cindy Blythe will remain President for another year and VP Elizabeth Bornman will remain for another year. Next year the convention will be held in Salina with place and information at a later date.

I would like to remind you that you may call 703-838-7760 or www.narfe.org for NARFE Legislative Dept. for information you might want answered.

May 3-9 is Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) honoring military, federal, state, country and local gov. employees who try every day to make our government the best in the world. This year's commemoration is "Government Works". Try to communicate to those the benefits and value of the work done by public servants every day.

At our last meeting at the first Baptist Church in Louisburg we had 18 present. We were pleased to have Lorilie Crum from the Paola Tourism Department give a talk and show pictures on about enjoying a Day on the Farm and all the places of Frontier Agricultural Connections are available for everyone to visit. You

may call 913-294-4335 for more information. Paola even has a Trolley for you to enjoy!! I did not realize that and it may be reached at 913-306-3388.... Anyone could take advantage of that!! The farm tours are May 9 and 10 and may be contacted at www.MICOFarmTour --- 913-294-4045

The US Mail is slowing down!! In January the overnight delivery for local first-class letters that used to arrive the next day are gone!!!!

I really cannot understand why mail sent to the same PO cannot be delivered the next day from the same PO!!! Why send it to KC and then back to the same PO 2 days later??? Not long ago I received mail from Osawatomie after it was mailed-- 6 mi. north of my place..

...10 days after it was mailed.... The route goes at the corner of my place however I am on Parker mail route that seems to me to be a long time to get delivered....

I will just throw this out to you people on the internet---- when I went to work for the PO I worked on Sat. AND Sundays, met the train going thru Parker and sometimes put the mail on the train... and if baby chickens came in on Sunday train or even after the delivery went out on Saturday I would deliver them before coming home...

They just do not do those things anymore... no special delivery!!!

No extra mile!! Have a good day!! Love, Jean