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NARFE--- May 2018 Newsletter Tri-River

Good Morning and we are having some nicer weather now. Enjoy and Be Glad In It!!!!
I just finished speaking with Mark Peters who has returned from the Convention in Wichita.
He enjoyed speaking with others he knew and getting acquainted with some he knows now!
We do so appreciate him attending and the side trips he made on the way out and back at
Different towns spreading the excess NARFE Magazines and word of our existence. We never know
what item spreads our policies. Thanks to your work Mark!!!!

I let other things get in my way to get this letter via email and sent to everyone but you will get it
before Tue. anyway---- hopefully!!!

I will include the picture sent me of the officers of Kansas State taken at the convention this year.
Thanks to whomever sent it to me. I am sorry that I do not remember a few of the back row names.

I believe we had 21 present at the last meeting. Was glad to have some come that had not been here
for awhile. One thing we mentioned at the end was the fact that some cannot HEAR what all is talked
about. We need to correct that!!! It was brought to everyone's attention that does not work and now
that Darrell cannot bring the former microphone we used sometimes it is imperative we buy one that
will make available the possibility of hearing what is said by each person—including myself!!! My
hearing is very pour. In keeping with records of what transpires with each of our members we found
Laurence Boehm had been a member for 20 years in March so I ordered an award for him. Mary did not
feel he was able to have a lot of people around so I asked the officers and Mary to meet last week to
receive it for him which we all did. It also happened to be the 50th Wedding anniversary for Mr. and
Mrs. Mark Peters!!!! How about that but only Mark was able to meet with us at that time.
Congratulations to them and wish them many more years to celebrate. Several of our members are
entertaining health issues. Dan Rennie was having heel surgery and Glenn Albert's wife had fell and
broke her shoulder, Norma Pease was entertaining the shingles, and I am sure the list goes on.

Coming up the Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) May 6-12. A letter to your editor is a good
way to honor the men and women working in government and your community and thank them for
their service to you. I have been hearing a lot about the Postal Service finances. I know several who are
retired from there and like all businesses money seems to be the issue with the amount of hours the PO
is open and service provided including how big a box can be picked up on a rural carrier route.
When I worked I do NOT remember that ever being a problem. I used to pick up the mail from the RR
station and deliver boxes of baby chickens if they came in on a Sunday morning after the mail was
sorted and boxed in the office. How time has changed. I also was pleasantly surprised when I was
hardly able to walk this winter before I had back surgery and am having a lot of problems walking with a
knee problem and the carrier came to my door and said I want you to put your mail box up here by the
door so you do not have to walk out to the drive to get your mail!!!! I said you are kidding!!! And she
said, No, I have several who I have told that and deliver the mail to their door!!!! Wonders never cease!
Some days that is a really really great treat for me!!

Right now is also a problem with health coverage for workers and retirees in postal service. They are addressing poor performance, updating disciplinary practices, improve training and retain talent while introducing automation into the workforce. The report stated 5% of federal occupations could be entirely automated. Does that make you happy or sad!! Office of management said the pay freeze for 2019 was the best way to see that some that get too much and others that are not paid enough is dealt with properly!!!!

I will insert this here and take it out for Darrell's paper.===== I got a note today from his Daughter, Gwen: Darrell is turning 90 and on Sunday May 6, cake and refreshments will be served in Paola First Baptist Church's Fellowship hall from 2 to 4... This way I know everyone in our NARFE Chapter has been informed. Perhaps if you cannot attend you might send him a card His address is: 31644 W 319 St., Paola, Ks. 66071-4662.... Phone # 913-755-4026..... for many years he served as our president and kept many records for the chapter...attended conventions and meetings with us, visited members we could not reach by phone or mail many times encouraging them to attend. His birthday is on May 8th... This is not a surprise but thought it would be nice to invite everyone this way.

Back to the hotline if anyone needs answers to questions you may have. Email NARFE'S Advocacy Dept. at advocacy@narfe.org or call 1-800-456-8410.

This is put on weekly to members by phone.

I see credit card signatures are a thing of the past in about all companies. Stress isn't killing us ---- But stressing about it might be.

Please read pg. 25 of May issue in NARFE magazine. Vote in the 2018 NARFE Elections. Vote online or Vote by mail. Everyone's choice.

On pg. 46 it explains about preferential voting. Please keep informed.

I am sorry I did not get this newsletter off to you sooner.... You still have time to attend our meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 1 at Circle Café on Baptiste Dr. in Paola..... Hope to see you then.....

I had to turn the heat back up. I am certainly ready for summer!!!!!! Love, Jean N.