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Hope your "Halloween" was interesting, enjoyable and different!!! Am sure each and everyone of you voted today or before today for your choice of candidate you wish to have in office for the next 2 yrs. I did several days ago.. I am now privileged to have the opportunity to gripe when I choose to do so. -- Last month's meeting was held at Beagle UMC in Beagle. ---

I apologize for the problems that our Area 2 VP Sylvia Reipen, had in locating our church... I was hoping it was in full view to be seen but she finally found us. She was happy to bring 2 friends with her from the Osage City chapter and we were happy they all could attend. Sylvia gave a short talk about some happenings in our State. It seems 3 chapters have closed due to NO ONE in their chapter willing to step up and hold offices in the chapters.

A hand out was also written and given out by the President in the absence of writer Jim Bousman about Miami County's "Great Train Robbery". Wonderfully written and described on July 10, 1918 at about 10:30 p.m. Very interesting and anyone wishing a copy I can get it to you if you let me know before the next meeting.

Our Alz. Chairman, Helen Morrison, has informed me so far we have only taken in \$620 this year. usually we are about \$1,000 by now. Hopefull those of you who have not taken the opportunity to donate will do so right away to Helen Morrison, at 505 Brown Circle Drive, Osawatomie, Ks. 66064 or bring it to our next meeting. We do NEED YOUR HELP as great strides are helping with this disease now.

YOU are going to want another Sec. as I don't make these letters short. I do hope you hang in there and read ALL of them today.....

NEXT meeting will be held at the First Lutheran Church 401 E. Piankishaw, Paola, Ks. at 6 p.m. We will be royally entertained with the Madigrals from the Paola High School of about 25 singers and we hope we can really have a large crowd to hear them. ALSO we will be giving out 7 distinguished certificates to members of NARFE for 20 years.

Those who are invited specially to attend and will receive these are: Wendel Davis, John Fleming, Allen Ewalt, Elnora Henness, Linda Polly, William Richards and Marilyn Schaub. We hope they are able to attend.

Believe me I know the time it takes to keep up on things in your life and I am getting closer at that decision also but it is very important we have members interested enough to have that check you cash each month coming to your address..... There is one alternative-- checks lowered or perhaps even withdrawn. I am not in favor of that. We each have the best insurance coverage available although the COLA will increase 1.7 % for 2015 and the insurance cost may increase 3.8 % for employees and retirees in 2015... that makes some out of the pocket increase for us but still outweighs in my book other insurances available to us. When you can walk in and get cortisone shots and medical help when necessary without

waiting or changing doctors and etc. it is worth the cost in my book... I have just done that to keep from having hip replacement. These are my feelings and perhaps some of you have had bad experiences. If so, please ask for help and contact those that might help. I had great help in receiving NEW hearing aides at NO cost to me recently....better than the ones I pd. \$5,000 for previously.. Be sure to keep up on ALL things in the magazine. Be sure to check to see how you can boost your Social Security benefits in the magazine or thru the internet---

Please continue to read your NARFE magazine and ask for help when and where it is needed.....don't be bashful

A survey was offered in the magazine at www.narfe.org/survivorbenefits a few wks. ago and hope some took advantage of filling it out. If you did not know about it and are interested you might contact someone listed in the front listing of officers of NARFE Magazine.

One last note to bring to mind the letter you each received about the NARFE RECOVERY CARE PLAN. You just might like to reread it or talk about it to someone else or a family member for understanding and decide if you want or not to enroll in it.. Time will soon be over to enroll if it appeals to you.

Hopefully I have covered something you are or might be interested in knowing about....Happy Thanksgiving to each of you.....Enjoy the feast!!!! ---Jean N