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NEXT MEETING will be held at the First Lutheran Church in Paola, Ks.. at 6 p.m. (We hope a lot of you can attend.) On Tuesday evening, THE NIGHT OF ELECTION!!! Please vote before you come.... Or go vote now at the court house.....Make your reservations with Darrell Williams.... Phone number at the heading of this letter or email him if necessary but just try to come.... Three people will be receiving their 20 year certificates. We hope the Weather will cooperate for the evening for the voting and for our meeting. That is on November 8, 2016..

I am sorry to let you know that Dean McCready passed away on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and her visitation will be 2 to 4 on Sat. November 5 at Eddy Birchard Funeral Home in Osawatomie.

We were glad to have Vicki Guilfoyle attend out last meeting. We finally found that her membership had been posted on the listing with e-mail members and could not locate her membership. We have that straightened out now and thru the wonderful help of Jim Dodd, she was able to determine which health coverage was best for her and her husband to get enrolled in now that she is retired. The NARFE magazine and items listed in the items on Federation News sent to NARFE members via the internet, we are able to locate and learn about many items of interest and help. Items that might look legit and showing SECUREMAIL.OPM.GOV...asking you to enter personal info and open an account should be deleted immediately. Report it to Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-432-2310.

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I have received my notice of Open Season Information of Federal Benefits and presume you also have gotten yours. My increase was only about \$12.00 and hope yours is reasonable for you and your family.

I will explain the picture attached to this newsletter also. Last month we enjoyed a program of Bob Hodge's trip to Alaska and learning to fly there in the snow and on “water”. He learned it was hard to see where the water was and snow that covered it!!! This was in 1980 also and people do things differently now too I am sure. He went caribou hunting too. Know that was exciting!!! They are very big animals and have very big antler spread!!!! They dressed out the 2 they killed and tied one to each wing for transporting them back to camp. Also were used to keep the plane from blowing over during the wind problems at night in that area!!!---- no cell phones then or reception in that area.... Next time you take along tie downs!!The whole program sounded like LOTS of surprises and “fun”..... He brought one of the antlers along and Glenn Alpert was kind enough to hold it while I took a picture of it... immediately upon taking the picture my cell phone came up and said---“Jean, you have a slanted picture”.... First time google has commented on my picture taking capability. However I did get ALL of the antler in the picture anyway!!!!

I wanted to mention also that I have been receiving notices about enrolling in 2017 Recovery Care Plan. I did not subscribe to that and am wondering if any of you have?? It tells me you pay so much a month due to your age and it pays you directly... while you are in the hospital and after you come home for 3 wks. I would like to hear how you like it and any info about that plan if you have it.

The 2016 Membership Drive started September 1. Kansas had 8 new members listed in the last journal on membership. You may manage your membership online, support NARFE online and learn about NARFE online. Webinars are held online at 2 p.m. ET and available to view on web within 24 hrs. of the presentation. One coming up on November 17 is “Alphabet Soup of Health plans” and “How Much Money Do You Need to Retire” on Dec. 8. Using the purchasing power of thousands of members, NARFE offers excellent deals to help you save money on travel, hotels, car rentals and even eligibility for college scholarships and disaster relief grants. Headquarters is again offering a \$10 incentive for new members—active or retired—recruited Sept. 1 thru Dec. 31, 2016 and recruiters earn \$10 for each member recruited by them. Be sure your number is on their application form. You will be then entered in a Grand Prize drawing for a popular Apple iPad Air 2 for each member you have recruited and Headquarters will hold a drawing in Sept., Oct. and Nov. for a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. Sounds good to me!!

I am presuming our December meeting will start the noon meetings for the winter. It will be in your next newsletter. My wishes for each of you for a very nice Happy Thanksgiving coming up the end of November. The elections will be over and you will have your TV programs back again!! You will either be happy with the results or upset with your neighbor for not voting!!! Or something..... Aren't we lucky to be living here where we can each live and do as we please.... Most of the time!!!! See you Tue. Evening I hope. My son who lives in Costa Rica and his 3 yr. old son will have arrived for a week so there is a possibility I may not make this meeting. Someone else will have to take notes or write out the Dec. newsletter!!!! What an opportunity for you!!!! Mark Peters will have the program for this month. He is always so good.....

Jean Nickell, Sec.

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