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NARFE Tri-River Chapter 2098

NARFE November 2015 Newsletter for Chapter # 2098

**Hoping each of you had a Happy Halloween and will have a nice Thanksgiving
I feel the season is about to overcome me!!! Wishing each of you the best!!**

Our last meeting at Beagle UMC was attended by only 17 members and guests. I remember when we served 55 in attendance there. I am sorry many of you feel it is inconvenient or unnecessary to attend the meetings. I know sometimes it is simply not something you can do that evening so starting when—next month---- we will be starting at 11:30 with a luncheon early in the day. We are hoping that will encourage more to attend... and then what about those of you who are still working.... I guess sometimes you just cannot win. Perhaps there is not enough information in the newsletter to spark your interest to attend or maybe tooooo much info that you do not see the need to attend. Perhaps the meals are too expensive but I am sure you all eat out once in awhile and since we are helping out several churches in our area that should make you feel a sense of pride to help them out. In any case we miss you and please know you are always welcome to attend and give us your input ---- good or bad—praise or extend your ideas to make us better. It is time to elect next year's officers so please try to come and help out. We do need help as our officers have given of their time and expertize for a number of years and new blood is always a way of improvement.

We were pleased to hear the remarks of Mike Yocam, one of the leaders at the Paola school system, tell us about all the improvements going on there.. The numerous construction projects they have and are doing for the youth and for the community in their area. The tennis courts will be open for the general public, the shelter houses in the time of necessity not long ago, new baseball fields, and many improvements for Lake Mary participants and arrangements to make use of vacant buildings/or dismantling of them for better use somehow. It was very interesting to be aware of all the plans going on around us.

We were very sorry to hear of Joan Beck's passing away. She and Gale were very good to visit our meetings at least once a yr. and sometimes more during Gale's service as our Area VP. We suffer from the loss of dedicated workers.

We do have several members who are struggling with health issues and we wish them our best and hope their pains and difficulties improve fast for them and their families who care for them. We held our regular business meeting and very thankful to have some money in the bank and able to pay all bills!!!



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Thru the communications that are sent from NARFE Headquarters at present it does seem that our increase in health premiums will not be so much as first projected. Thanks to more than 62,000 messages sent in to legislators by NARFE Members, Congress and the White House included a compromise solution in the budget agreement. For now the expected premium in 2016 may be \$120.70.

It is also a monthly surcharge of \$3 starting in 2016 projected. Always be informed that you can call the Legislative Hotline with your questions at (703-838-7780) and toll-free at 1-877-217-8234 or website www.narfe.org.

Please take advantage of these any time you feel the need. I hope each of you do take the time to read the NARFE magazine for all the info sent to us for our own benefit.

I received a note from sending our latest Alz. Donations and she said she would be sending an up to date computation of all of the amounts but I have not received it as yet.... Thanks to all the callers and on reporting reservations each month... that is a very necessary job and definitely appreciated. I know how hard even that is to work into some schedules. Please feel free to extend any suggestions to your officers to help us stay an active and helpful chapter of NARFE in Kansas.

NEXT MEETING will be held at the First Lutheran Church, 401 E. Piankishaw,
Paola, Ks. ----- Callers please notify Darrell Williams

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THANKS Kansas City ROYALS

Great coverage today on parade and celebrations..