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NEXT MEETING will be held at the Cadmus Grange Hall on #7 Highway South East of Beagle at 6 p.m. on September 13...(Tuesday). Please call Jean Nickell to make your reservations by Saturday evening or Sunday at the latest if possible... Please call 913-285-0745... I have a new phone and cannot get messages that are left on it yet for some reason!!! Probably my fault but I am working on it!! This is our meeting we used to have our auctions for Alzheimer on and it was decided some time ago to ask you to bring your donation in money instead, as we seemed to be running out of things to auction. If interest on the auction has increased, please let some of our officers be aware of that. We have been using a can to collect pocket change at each meeting to go to Alzheimer at each monthly meeting also. For those of you that cannot attend this will be the time for your donation to help fight the terrible disease. I am waiting to hear something that happened at the convention in Reno this past week but have heard NOTHING as yet. Was hoping to be able to include earth shattering news by now!

At our last meeting at Louisburg, Gene Vickrey spoke to 15 of us that were present. He related to us several states are also struggling with budget cuts and etc., school finances, medical problems similar to our state hospital at Osawatomie, less than 2% growth, citizenship for voter rights issue, laws that are not upheld and are not working, not complying with rules and regulations to mention among a few.

Elizabeth gave the treasurer's report, Robert Hodge noted the long term care raise in their prices; Pat Erickson noted we have 80 members now. We had received a few checks for the Alzheimer annual collection we honor in September.

We are now in the "recruiting" mode. From September 1 to December 31..... recruiters will receive \$10 for each new member current or retired who joins during this drive!!! Calls or website joins must be received by Dec. 31 deadline to qualify. Recruiters also will be entered into monthly drawing for Amazon.com gift cards and be eligible for the grand prize of an Apple iPad Air 2. The 2017 NARFE Calendar is in the mail. Your voluntary donation will help the work of the Association – to protect and preserve the benefits of all federal workers and retirees.

I have just now received a copy of the notes Dennis Grossnickle sent to Jim Dodd, Kansas NARFE editor, and our representative at the Nation Convention at Reno last week. I will enclose a copy of those for you to read. Federal benefits and retirement expert Tammy Flanagan will provide a step by step guide to managing benefits throughout retirement so you don't get caught off guard, spend too much on insurance, pay more taxes than you should or lose money from your TSP. You may register today for this one-hour webinar on September 15 at 2 p.m. stay online for a bonus one-hour Q&A session and is free to NARFE members. You will learn about managing your TSP withdrawals, what to do for all major life events, how to adjust your insurance to meet your needs and more.

The next time you hear a politician use the word "billion" you can think about whether you want politicians spending our money...A billion seconds ago it was 1959. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the stone age. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth with 2 feet. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hrs and 20 minutes at the rate the government is spending it. I can list 42 agencies that are now collecting tax from each of us and 100 yrs. ago did NOT exist. We left the British Rule to avoid so many taxes and our nation was the most prosperous in the world, no national debt and the largest middle class in the world and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.... What happened?? Can you spell "politicians" and we still have to press "1" for English and we spend 300 Billion a year on illegals!!!!

A time proven recipe: A minister was attending a men's breakfast. He asked one of the old time farmers to say the prayer that morning. The farmer began, "Lord I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The farmer continued, "And Lord I hate lard". Now the pastor was worried. The farmer prayed on, "And you know

Lord I don't care too much for raw flour". The pastor was just about to stop everything when the farmer said: "But Lord, when you mix'em all together and bakes 'em up; I love me some biscuits. So Lord, when we don't understand what is happening; when life gets hard; when things come up that we don't like; whenever we just don't understand what you are telling us that we need to just relax and wait till you are done fixin what you are fixin, and probably it will be something even better than biscuits."

Get your work done and meet me at Cadmus next Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. Sept. 13, 2016.  
Sec. Jean Nickell, 913-285-0745 to leave a message

Or 913-755-4309 to talk and answer your call.

The copy of the report Dennis Grossnickle, our person who carried our vote to the convention, gave on the 34<sup>th</sup> and Last NARFE National Convention!! The results of the voting which impact our chapter: This will be the last National NARFE Convention that I will ever attend. Not because I don't want to, but because of the way the voting turned out. A National NARFE Convention will no longer be required to vote on resolutions. Let me explain. Many resolutions were brought before the convention this year that will have far reaching effects on the future of our organization. With that said here are the results of the By-Law resolution voting.: + Optional chapter Membership passed although I voted against. NARFE members are no longer required to belong to a chapter. But, you must belong to a chapter to hold an office in a chapter, federation or national..... + National Executive Board, (NEB). Authorized Dues by 10%. I voted against and it failed.....+ One Member One Vote passed although I voted against it. This means that there will not be any voting at the convention, so therefore, they don't need delegates or a quorum at a convention. It also means they don't have to have a minimum number of votes required because it will depend upon the number of votes cast to determine the 2/3's rule. In the future, members can cast their vote just like a national election (but, from the convenience of their home), by a paper ballot (received via our NARFE Magazine or by electronic ballot on the NARFE web site.....+ Change to insert 10 Regions in the by-laws. I voted for but it failed to get 2/3 of the vote. What this all means is that there wasn't any change to the by-laws for the number of regions so the NEB has the right to adjust the number of regions as it always had. As a result of this voting we will not have conventions; but, instead we will have training conferences such as they currently have for legislative Officers. All voting will be accomplished remotely. This does not mean that our federation convention will change. As things stand right now, we will still hold our federation conventions as always. This will probably be discussed at our next Federation meeting.

Thank you Dennis for letting me include your report so soon after the Convention and for representing our chapter at the Convention. Looking forward to pictures too!!!!

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