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NARFE Tri-River Chapter No. 2098 meets the second Tuesday of each month at rotating sites with a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. in January and February and dinner meetings at 6:00 p.m. the remaining months. The newsletter is published monthly.

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**December Meeting** - Due to the forecast of bad weather conditions the December meeting was cancelled.

**Next Meeting** - January 12, 11:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church, 504 Pacific, Osawatomie. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Elnora Henness, 913-755-3568 by Saturday January 9. Be sure to make a reservation if you plan to attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be expected to pay for the meal.

**Sympathy** - We are saddened by the passing of Russell Folken on January 3 in Kansas City, MO, at St. Luke’s Hospital. His services will be 11:00 a.m. January 7 at D. W. Newcomer’s Sons Johnson County Chapter, 11200 Metcalf, Overland Park.. Visitation will be 10-11:00 a.m. at the chapel prior to the service. Our sympathy and prayers are with his wife Jenny and their family.

**Legislation** - According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased in November to 212.0 which is 1.62% below the 2008 third quarter average base index of 215.5. December indices will be released January 15.

The NARFE Dues Referendum failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority of votes cast therefore was defeated: 65.41% for and 34.59% against.

Senate leadership compromised to get the 60 votes

needed to pass health care reform and contains language suggested by NARFE to safeguard FEHBP. This language was added by the Senate responding to concerns NARFE and federal-postal organization allies raised regarding OPM playing a significant role in national health care reform - partially administering a health care delivery system consisting of at least two national, private nonprofit insurance plans.

The negotiated compromise by Senate leadership to get the 60 votes needed to pass health care reform contains language drafted and suggested by NARFE that would safeguard the FEHBP. The compromise will be added to the bill through the approval of the 338 page managers amendment which includes the OPM administered multi-state health plans and following several FEHBP protections. Senators voted 60-39 to accept the manager’s amendment clearing the way for one procedural vote and a final vote on the legislation on December 24.

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**This Year**

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a short answer. Encourage youth. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Think of someone else. Be kind and gentle. Laugh a little! Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the Earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it once more! Anonymous.