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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.

**Sympathy** - We extend our sympathy to our new member Linda Hiatt whose husband Howard recently passed away. A former member, Richard Koopman, also recently passed away.

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- Darrell Williams, President, (913) 755-4026
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**Legislation** - Even though Meet Your Candidates Month ran through Labor Day, we are encouraged to hold forums or meetings with our local congressional candidates whenever they are available, now through election day, November 2. If you have a computer you can obtain copies of the planning memo and support documents including NARFE's Candidate Questionnaire and Fiscal Commission Talking Points on the NARFE web site. Because feedback is vital, NARFE has added a feature to the Legislative Action Center which allows you to make online reports on your meetings with lawmakers.

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| Sen. Pat Roberts             | Sam Brownback              |
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| Overland Park, KS 66210      | Topeka, KS 66603           |
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**August Meeting** - Met at the Hillsdale Presbyterian Church and 28 attended. John McCoy presided due to the absence of Darrell Williams who was dealing with some health problems. Michael Bolton spoke to the group regarding long-term care. He was accompanied by Pamela Robinson. The Treasurer reported we have \$410.15. Representatives were called back to Washington to vote on a resolution to provide Education, Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act. The pay raise passed the Senate on July 27. Senate Appropriations on Financial Services and General Government included a 1.4% pay raise for federal employees in fiscal 2011. Members encouraged to meet candidates during August recess and report on feedback. Members urged to enlist in defense of earned benefits by using the Legislative Action Center and send a message to your Representative and two Senators encouraging them to leave our retirement benefits alone. On July 14 the House passed the Telework Improvements Act of 2010 which requires executive branch agencies to allow employees to telework ensuring that eligible employees are authorized to work at least 20% of their hours. This is defined as work arrangements in which an employee regularly performs official work at home or other work sites geographically convenient to his residence. No one from here will attend the National Convention but we will have two proxy votes.

- Rep. Lynn Jenkins
- 3550 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- Topeka, KS 66606
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**Membership** - We now have 101 members. Some who had received second notices have taken care of them.

**Alzheimer's** - All members are urged to attend and participate in our Alzheimer's auction which will be held at the September meeting so bring your items to be auctioned off. Donations will also be accepted. We hope to surpass what we took in last year.

**Next Meeting** - September 14, 2010, at the Cadmus Grange Hall. Calling list members: please report to Jean Nickell, 913-755-4309, by Saturday, September 11, the number on your list who plan to attend. 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.

**Sunshine** - Our President, Darrell Williams, has been dealing with heart problems and spent some time in Olathe Medical Center having surgery, etc. He is now recuperating at home.