

THE BISON



Buffalo Bill Chapter 27

April 2015

Issue 2



Annual Summer Picnic

When: Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Heritage Center, 109 Delaware

Cost: \$12.00 for Members & Guests

MENU

Fried Chicken & BBQ Brisket
Cheesy Potatoes
Pasta Salad & Cole Slaw
Assorted Desserts
Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Iced Tea

Note: There is a ramp that makes the Heritage Center handicap-accessible. Also, plenty of free parking.

Chances for door prizes will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. One prize per person.

**NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED
WITHOUT A
RESERVATION!!! SIGN UP
NOW!!!**

Reservations to: Eileen Sturgis,
538 McDonald Rd., Leavenworth, KS
66048

For more information, call her at:
913-682-5847.

Cut-off Date: May 31, 2015

Reservations are made when check or cash is submitted. If check is made out to NARFE, it will be cashed AFTER the dinner; if made out to Eileen Sturgis, it will be cashed right away, so you will receive your cancelled check faster.

Please include, on a separate piece of paper, the name(s) of member(s) and guest(s). Also indicate that check is for Annual Picnic.

Thank You!!! See you there!!

Eileen Sturgis



From the President:

Spring feels like it is in the air!

Your Executive Board made some changes:

First, is the number of meetings that will be held during the year. There **will not** be a meeting in **January, July** and now, in **December**. We eliminated the December meeting due to a conflict of space to have our meeting.

Second, is that the Annual Picnic has been changed to **4 June** from the August date. This allowed for additional time between the picnic and the Annual Fall Fest.

Third change we made was to publish three (3) *BISON's* a year instead of the four (4) that we have been publishing.

I am looking forward to attending the upcoming Kansas Federation Convention in Topeka on the 26th—29th of April. We will be taking items for the Alzheimer's auctions—both the silent and oral. The Oral Auction items must have a value of at least \$50 and the Silent Auction should be nice, clean, and usable items. If you have any items to donate please bring them to the meeting on 2 April or if you cannot make the meeting, call me, and I will be glad to come to your home and pick them up.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the monthly meetings and the upcoming Annual Picnic.

Boni Lages
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From the 1st VP—Membership

I was trying to think of something to put in the *BISON* for this issue and I realized you might find the report of my attendance at the NARFE meeting in Valley Park, Missouri interesting. This is the Chapter that Dick and Diane Hall, who were officers in our NARFE Chapter, are now attending. I went to visit them, and of course, we had to go to the meeting because they are both as involved in this chapter, as they were in the chapter

here! Their meeting is held at an ice cream parlor at 11:30 am, and they get lunch after their guest speaker finishes. They had about 25 members in attendance. Their speaker for this meeting talked about the historic cemeteries in St. Louis, and showed pictures of the large mausoleums of some of the wealthy and well known people in St. Louis. They included the Anheuser's and the Busch's and Clark's, as well as a family named Lemp who also had a brewery in St. Louis many years ago and made Falstaff beer. They were a strange family and three of them committed suicide!

The lunch was good, and I passed on the ice cream. Their chapter president had received an e-mail from the NARFE President and proceeded to share the information he had provided. One of the things she mentioned was that if there is not a chapter number on an application for membership, the individual will be added to the eNARFE Chapter. Ruth Kenton accompanied me on this trip and she and I both won what they call the "50/50 split". What we won was donated to Alzheimer's research. We took a lot of good hearted harassment from members. We also invited them to come to our meeting any time they were in Leavenworth.

Fran Gast

From the 2nd VP—Programs

April 2—Memorial Program.

May 7—J&B Truck Farm, Joy is Master Gardener

June 4—Annual Picnic.

July—No meeting.

August 6—Hope, Inc., free spay/neuter clinic

Billie Oertel

From the Legislative Chair:

We have a new Congress working in Washington. Representative Westerman from Arkansas has presented a bill to base retiree annuities on a high 5 rather than high 3 year salary average. It is claimed to save the government 3.1 billion dollars over the next 10 years if passed. From an active Federal employee prospective, it will cost future retirees 3.1 billion in reduced



benefits over those same 10 years.

Westerman's Bill is HR #1230. This is a stand alone bill and may move or die quickly. Active employees in particular should be sending a strong voice to their representative in opposition to this bill.

On a positive note, Representative Davis from Illinois has proposed that the GPO and WEP provisions be repealed. Both significantly reduce earned social security benefits of retirees who have worked in both private sector social security covered jobs and non-social security covered government jobs. The Davis Bill is HR #973. I encourage all to ask your representative to support this bill.

NARFE is the only national lobby organization that puts 100% of their efforts into protecting the benefits of federal employees. Support those who work to protect your earned benefits.

Wayne Stalnaker

From Sunshine Chair:

Over the past few years our NARFE chapter has sent an average of 37 sympathy cards, about 10 sick cards, and a few anniversary cards a year. Please call me if you know of anyone we need to send a card to. Also, we would appreciate any sympathy cards you are not going to use yourself. Feel free to bring them to the next meeting.

Marilyn Murray

From the Alzheimer's Chair:

2014 Alzheimer's Disease Fact and Figures

Women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's crisis.

- Nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's disease—3.2 million—are women.
- Women in their 60's are about twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease over their lives as they are to develop breast cancer.
- More than 3 in 5 unpaid Alzheimer's caregivers are women—and there are 2.5 more women than men who provide on-duty care

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NARFE member toll free line to Congress members: 1-866-220-0044, www.lj@mail.house.gov

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State legislators hot line: 1-800-432-3924.

24-hours a day for someone with Alzheimer's.

- Among women caregivers who work also work, 20 percent have gone from working full time to part time because of their care giving duties.
- In 2013, 15.5 million family and friends provided 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care to those with Alzheimer's and other dimensional-care valued at \$220.2 billion.
- Today, over 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 200,000 under the age of 65. By 2050, up to 16 million will have the disease.

National Alzheimer's Association

Helen Stewart




FYI

One place to find out what NARFE is currently working on is by visiting the NARFE Legislative Action Center at:

<http://capwiz.com/narfe/home>

Then click on "Issues and Legislation" under "Policy Tools."



Why I Like Retirement !!!

Question: What is the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

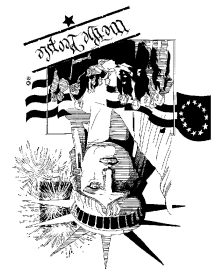
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 26	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.	June 4	6:00 p.m.	Annual Picnic (see pg. 1).
April 2	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Memorial Program	June	No Executive Committee Meeting.	
April 30	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting.	July	No Meeting.	
May 7	1:30 p.m.	Chapter Meeting: J&B Truck Farm; Joy is a Master Gardener.	July 30	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting.
May 28	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting.	Aug. 6	1:30 p.m.	Chapter Meeting: Hope, Inc. a non-profit, free spay & neuter clinic.

NOTE: Chapter meetings are held in the **Heritage Center, 109 Delaware** at 1:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meetings are held at the Leavenworth Public Library the last Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m.



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