



# Kaw Blue Communiqué

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#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Clifford Spaeth, 539-1363)

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Election of NARFE Chapter officers was held at the November 15 meeting. Elected were: Joe Ott - President; Ann Murphy - 1st Vice President (Membership); Elaine Liddell - 2nd Vice President (Program); Chuck Marr - Secretary; and Barbara Hackbart - Treasurer. A special thanks goes to all the officers who are completing the 2017 year and those who have accepted an office for 2018. A very special thanks and best wishes to Joe Ott, our new president. It was a real privilege to serve as your president for the past 2 1/2 years. In addition, a number of other members serve as committee chairpersons or committee members and deserve a huge thank you for their efforts.

**2019 KANSAS FEDERATION MEETING:** A motion was passed at the November 15 meeting to pursue a bid to host the 2019 Kansas Federation meeting. Chuck Marr and Cliff Spaeth volunteered to serve as co-chairs for the meetings if our bid is accepted by the Federation officers. Hosting the meetings is a major time commitment for members, but is a way to raise much-needed money for our treasury. The club will be kept updated on communications with the Federation Executive Board.

I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and a happy holiday season!

#### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**11:15 AM on the 3rd Wednesday**  
**Sep—Jun**

**RC McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd**

(By: Elaine Liddell, Program Chairman)

**December 20**  
**Dr. Floyd Dowell**  
**“Project, Tractors for Africa”**



**January 17**  
**Jeff Krueser**  
**Physical Therapist,**  
**Lafene Med Center,**  
**KSU**

**“Staying Active As We Age”**

**February 21**  
**Will be announced**



**March 21**  
**Stay Tuned for further**  
**announcements!**



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

(By: John Drach, Legislative Committee Chairman)

The House and Senate action related to the 2018 fiscal year budget is the latest issue of interest to the federal community. The House passed their 2018 fiscal year budget and their action included cuts to federal retirement and health benefit programs amounting to \$32 billion over 10 years.

The Senate also passed a budget and their budget does not contain any requirement to find savings from federal retirement and health benefits programs. Instead, the Senate version focuses solely on tax policy changes.

Since both the House and Senate passed individual budgets, a joint budget agreement needed to be negotiated between the two chambers, and passed again by both the House and Senate.

Recently, the House narrowly passed the fiscal year joint budget resolution concurring with the Senate and ending the tax reform threat to the federal community. House and Senate leadership agreed to avoid going to conference and move forward with the Senate's amended version of the budget resolution, which did not include cuts to federal pay and benefits. This joint resolution lays the foundation for major tax reform legislation.

Passage of this joint budget resolution is a big win for active and retired federal employees. Instructions to cut federal benefits by \$32 billion, initially in the House budget, were not included in the final resolution.

## DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

At our November meeting those members who had earned the title, Distinguished Member, received their recognition certificate and pin. Congratulations to you for being a member for over 20 years and your service our chapter.

JANET ANGELL	RICHARD McCHESNEY
ARLENE BARRETT	LARRY MORGAN
SONJA S BERRY	JOYCE MURRELL
CORA JANE BONE- WITZ	C LAURIE NEWBOLD
RUTH BROOKS	MARY IRENE O'LAUGH- LIN
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BLENN M BUSSET	LEONARD C PARKER
JOHN W COOL	E J PETERSON
DONALD L COOPER	WILLIAM PHILLIPS
MARGARET DACUS	IRVIN P REEVES
SANDRA L DENNY	JOHN R SCHLENDER
JAMES R DUNHAM	NORMAN SCHLESNER
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LAWRENCE GILLER	ENSLEY J SISK
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CARROLL A HACK- BART	TOM C STOALABARGER
EDITH K HADLE	JOHN K STRICKLER
ARTHUR C HETZKE	BEVERLY SUNGREN
ROBERT E HETZLER	BONNY L SUTTON
ROBERT L JOHNSON	DAVID WHITNEY
HERMAN R KASTNER	NELVA H WILCOX
R FAWN KUTNINK	CAROL H YOUNG
JAMES LINDQUIST	PATRICIA ZENTZ

### MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

MONTH	GAIN	REINSTATED	LOSS
Oct—Nov	0	1	8
Memberships in peril: 10 (5 renewed)			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of Nov 27 — 192			

### IN MEMORIUM

**Our sympathy is extended to the families,  
friends and co-workers of the following  
deceased members:**

**Helen Folkerts  
Aug 6, 1927 — Aug 25, 2017**

## MEMBERSHIP

(Ann Murphy , VP for Membership, 785 539-2056 )

Membership in our chapter is holding at 191 members according to NARFE statistics. That is down this year. We do have some new members and hope they are enjoying the benefits the rest of us enjoy being members of NARFE and we can offer that opportunity to more new members in the coming year.

NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinars and access to NARFE federal benefits experts is a strong recruitment message. Both Fall webinars, presented by federal benefits experts, are about health plans. information and guidance all federal employees seek. For the amount of information we receive from the magazine, the web site, the webinars etc. the cost of yearly dues seems to be a bargain.

There are many easy ways to join NARFE:

1. Complete an application available in the magazine. 2. Print out a form from the web site. 3. Join online at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). 4. Call 800-456-8410, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

Have you thought about offering a gift membership to someone? That, too, is easy to do. Print a **NARFE Gift Membership Application** off the narfe.org website. Dues are \$40 and your gift provides a year of access to webinars and resources on the web, NARFE magazine, and legislative representation on behalf of federal employees and retirees by the NARFE legislative team in Washington D.C.

NARFE provides a lot of information for currently employed federal employees. They may not be able to join the chapter for lunch but they can be beneficiaries of the information NARFE provides to all federal employees. Continue to look for opportunities to share your knowledge of NARFE with federal employees. Thank you

## ALZHEIMER'S UPDATE

(Ann Domsch, Alzheimer's Committee Chair,  
537-5147)

Aim (Alzheimer's Impact Movement) celebrates The Alzheimer's Disease SemiPostal Stamp.

Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in America and the only leading cause of death that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. Still, the statistic comes as a shock to many who are not familiar with the disease. Today, there are more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and prevalence is projected to increase to as many as 16 million by 2050. Despite the grown numbers, Alzheimer's disease and other detentions are under diagnosed and that lack of awareness prevents those living with the disease and their caregivers from receiving the care and support they deserve and need.

Today, the Alzheimer's Impact Movement and the Alzheimer's Association applaud the U.S. Postal Service for accepting the request of ® Reps. Maxine Waters and Elijah Cummings to issue a new stamp to promote Alzheimer's awareness and support research on the disease.

The issuance of the Alzheimer's Disease Semi-Postal Stamp will raise critical public awareness about the disease and aid the national Institutes of Health in its efforts to increase Alzheimer's research funding to the appropriate level if we are to cure or effectively treat the disease by 2025. Partnerships pave the road to potential Alzheimer's treatments.

Just a decade ago there was no way of seeing or measuring the hallmark amyloid brain plaques of Alzheimer's in people living with the disease. Brain amyloid positron emission tomography (PET Scanning) makes the plaques visible and has helped establish that Alzheimer's may begin up to 20 years before symptoms are noticeable. This progress would not be possible without innovative and strategic collaboration, such as those funded by the Alzheimer's Association, to build research infrastructure and overcome obstacles to advancing critical studies.

Our Chapter WEB Site:

<http://www.narfe.org/site/chapter366/>

# Congratulations!



**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS:** Our chapter honored 12 members at the November 15 meeting who have been designated distinguished members. Those men and women plus 36 others who were unable to attend the meeting have all been dues-paying members of NARFE for a minimum of 20 years. According to NARFE's records, two members, Dick McChesney and Leonard Parker, have the longest current tenure as NARFE members. Dick joined in January 1971 and Leonard in March 1971. Congratulations to both of them and all the others with 20-plus years.

Cliff Spade

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