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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

(By: Elaine Liddell, Program Chairman)

Please plan to attend your meeting. We meet at RC McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd. Lunch is served at 11:15AM. If you are not called by a caller, please call John Rodgers for reservations.

Wednesday, Apr 16

Wandean Rivers
Manhattan Public Library
"Individualized Training for Those with Disabilities"

Wednesday, May 21

Cheryl Collins, Director
Riley County Historical Museum
"An Update on Riley County Historical Museum"

Wednesday, Jun 18

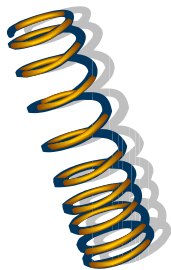
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2014 Officers

L to R: Barb Hackbart, Dick McChesney, Rebecca Rodgers, Elaine Liddell, and John Rodgers

We're hosting the
2014 Convention!
April 27-29, 2014

Wednesday, June 18
NARFE Members
"Why I Joined NARFE"
Same place, but at a



Apr
15



special time 5:30 pm

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

(By Ann Murphy, Chairman PAC)

As I look back at the Political Action Committee (PAC) reports for the last several years, I see that members of Kaw Blue Chapter 0366 tend to contribute PAC monies in March and April. The timing is a nice complement to the annual state NARFE meeting, this year hosted by our local chapter in Manhattan, Kansas.

Contributing to the NARFE-PAC is one tool you can provide to our NARFE legislative staff. Fundraising is part of our electoral process. The money will be used to educate, influence, and support congressional candidates that NARFE believes will support our agenda of protecting the earned compensation and benefits of federal employees and retirees. We need every friend in Congress that we can get to support our interests.

All of you support our cause by being a member of NARFE, getting out to vote, visiting with legislators, and staying informed. Please, consider also contributing to PAC. Donate at our meeting or at our Convention!

IN MEMORIUM

Marvin D. Carl, Member, born: Oct 9, 1936; died: Dec 8, 2013

John W. Eudaley, Member, born: Mar 16, 1925; died: Dec 1, 2013

Robert F. Foster, Larnard, Member, born: unk, died, unk. Big NARFE listed him as deceased in Feb, 2014.

MEMBERSHIP

(By: Dick McChesney Vice President for Membership)

Of the 251 members in our chapter, we have approximately 20 current employees (active NARFE memberships). At the January meeting we voted to have our June meeting beginning at 5:30 P.M. This is to encourage our active members to attend and ask them to invite fellow workers to attend. Cindy Renee' Blythe, State Federation President, who is a current federal employee, will speak and provide insight on the importance of NARFE to current employees. This will NOT be a special meeting, the only change is the starting time of 5:30 P.M. We encourage attendance by all.

Most of us know of people eligible to join NARFE who we could invite. Who is eligible to belong to NARFE?

- ◆ All current employees,
- ◆ CSRS & FERS retirees,
- ◆ spouses and surviving spouses,
- ◆ former employees covered by CSRS or FERS even though not receiving an annuity
- ◆ a former spouse legally entitled to an annuity

are all eligible to belong to NARFE. We know how important NARFE is to protect retiree and employee benefits. Please discuss NARFE with your eligible friends. Please contact me, Dick McChesney, at 785 537-8302 or dgm5@juno.com for applications and literature.

Volunteer to assist at convention!

ALZHEIMER'S UPDATE

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

The U.S. National Institutes of Health and the National Football League are teaming up on research into the long-term effects of head injuries and improving concussion diagnosis. One of the projects will attempt to define a clear set of criteria for various stages of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy. It will also seek to distinguish it from Alzheimer's disease.

Another study being done is to perform academic research on 2 to 25 month old infants with no family history of Alzheimer's disease. They will compare white matter in sleeping infants to grey matter volume to see if there is any correlation that might later in life lead to Alzheimer's disease.

According to a policy brief released last week by Alzheimer's Disease International 44 million people worldwide had dementia in 2013. With the aging of the global population, dementia prevalence will continue to rise to an estimated 135 million by 2050. The combination of longer lives and aging baby boomers will magnify the Alzheimer's and dementia epidemic in coming decades. This is a global epidemic. The impact on families, governments and national health care systems is immense and it will grow significantly. All of us must join together to discover answers to this monumental problem.

The Alzheimer's Association has gone on record that they will identify a cure for dementia by 2025.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(By: John H. Rodgers, 785-230-6050,
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Well, we got the snow some of us wanted. I know it gave us the ground moisture we needed. I hope all of you were accident free on the snowy and icy roads.

We hope you had a great Valentine's Day and St. Pat's Day and enjoyed the company of your best friend(s) or that one person who spend their lives with you.

We are still looking for new members. Remember you can give a "Gift membership" please ask for the form at the meeting.

As the President of our chapter I want to offer you this. If you bring in a new member to our chapter, the chapter will give you a free meal at our chapter's luncheon, one meal for each new member. So, with this in mind, lets get out there and bring in those new members!

The convention coming in April and Chuck and David still need your help. I hope all of you will step up and offer to help. It doesn't matter what or how much you can do, we have positions open for about everyone. With your help and their leadership the convention will be great! Well, I will close for now and leave each of you with this "Lets all bring in a new member". I would love to see everyone of the 250+ members at the convention and at the next meeting.

⇒ **C**onvention, April 27-29
2014 at Four Points Sheridan

⇒ **E**vening meeting, June 18th at
5:30 PM



Car Burglaries

By: M. Cardella



When is the best time for a car burglar to help him/herself to your stuff in your car? Whenever you park your car in a parking lot, on the street, in a driveway or in an open garage. In other words, if the thief can see your car and you have something of interest in plain sight in your car it could be a target. It only takes a thief a few seconds to open your locked or better yet for the thief to open your unlocked car doors. How long would it take to break out a window?

Good ways to prevent car thefts:

- ◆ Don't leave your car unlocked.
- ◆ Don't draw attention to your vehicle by leaving valuable items in plain sight. Put things in the trunk or out

of sight.

- ◆ Try to park your vehicle in a well lit area under camera surveillance.

Report all crimes. Another good idea, add a rider to your insurance to cover possible theft.

MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD			
MONTH	GAIN	REINSTATED	LOSS
Jan—Feb	1	0	6
Memberships in peril: 8			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of Feb, 2014 251			

Welcome new member,
Megan Henry!

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