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KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S.

📧 Jerry Feese for stepping up to the plate to share his Iceland visit with Chapter 378.

ALZHEIMER'S JOHN SCOTT

March 2015: \$27 YTD \$78.75

LEGISLATIVE JOHN SURRITTE

FYI: An email concerning the Republicans' attack on Social Security, which was sent too Senator Roberts by John Surritte on Feb. 5 2015, was denied access to the Senator's email server. The following shows the denied access:

Access Denied

You don't have permission to access "http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?" on this server.

Reference #18.6f5d1ab8.1423172553.325ffff2

From: jfsurritte@hotmail.com

To: jfsurritte@hotmail.com

CC: bornman1@aol.com

Subject: FW: The first shot against Social Security

Date: Thu, 5 Feb 2015 15:35:34 -0600

The email also contained an email from michael.phelan@socialsecurityworks.org, which you can read on page 2.

SPECIAL EVENT ELAINE SEEMAN

NEW DINNER THEATER: Forever Plaid on

Wednesday, APRIL 8th was great fun. Eleven 11 of us enjoyed a very nice meal and a great show. Thank you to Elaine Seeman for making all the arrangements for the event.

APRIL 15TH MEETING Roger Lemmons

NARFE Chapter 378 will meet March 18, 2015, in the south meeting room of Conroy's Pub. The program begins at noon, lunch entrée and coffee or tea for \$10 is at 12:30, and a brief meeting follows the lunch.

Chapter 378 member, Jerry Feese, will tell us about his visit to Iceland.

MARCH 18TH MEETING RECAP

I missed the meeting so no recap.

NARFE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE FEB. 13, 2015

--**Senate Republicans Go After Federal Retirement Benefits, Too**

GovExec

--**OPM previews FEHBP self-plus-one option**

Washington Post

--**Rep. Chaffetz to try again to fire tax delinquent feds**

Federal News Radio

--**No furloughs, but IRS faces hard road ahead**

Federal News Radio, Similar story in GovExec.

--**Legislation Would Ban Bonuses for Some Federal Employees**

FedSmith

--**Why Congress Should Act Like a Board of Directors**

GovExec

--**DoD chief: Pay cuts possible if sequestration continues**

Federal Times

--**9 bills every federal employee should watch in 2015**

Federal Times

--**Overpaid feds, really?**

Federal News Radio

If you would like to receive this email directly, please send an email request to cdorf@narfe.org.

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CHAMPSS, The Douglas County meals program for seniors, next orientation meeting is May 4th at the Library. Details were printed in the February and March Chapter 378 Newsletters.

KANSAS FEDERATION CONVENTION

Delegates to represent Chapter 378 are needed for the

**61st Annual KS Federation Convention
April 26-28, 2015**

Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th St, Topeka, KS

Sponsored by NARFE Chapter 0002, Topeka

LEGISLATIVE CONTINUED**JOHN SURRITTE**

FYI: SOCIAL SECURITY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Date: Thu, 5 Feb 2015 14:21:44 -0500

From: michael.phelan@socialsecurityworks.org

To: jfsurritte@hotmail.com

Subject: The first shot against Social Security

We've known that this is coming. The GOP-controlled House of Representatives changed the rules on day one to force a crisis around Social Security funding. We've seen heartless comments from Senator Rand Paul and new House Budget chairman Tom Price, signaling an intent to dismantle Social Security through privatization and benefit cuts.

Next week, the Senate Budget committee is holding its first hearing on Social Security benefits. This hearing marks the starting point in the Republican plan to cut our earned benefits.

Social Security is a universal system based on the principle that we are stronger together. But Republicans and their Wall Street funders are seeking to divide Americans over who should receive Social Security. They are pitting young against old and retirees against disabled workers by manufacturing a phony Social Security crisis.

We need to beat the GOP to the punch. Before they fire the starting gun, we need to make our voices heard to expand, not cut Social Security.

Republicans are offering the American people a false choice. They claim that the only way to avoid future Social Security cuts is to cut benefits now.

But the American people know the real story about Social Security. Social Security is not going broke. That it has a \$1.7 trillion surplus, can pay out every benefit owed to every eligible American for the next 18 years and 80 percent of benefits owed after that, and when we finally ask the very wealthy to start paying their fair share, we can not only extend the life of the Social Security trust fund, we can afford to expand benefits for the majority of Americans.

We need to send our representatives in

Congress a message they can't ignore: The American people want our Social Security system EXPANDED, not cut.

Stand with Social Security Works in demanding that Republicans in Washington drop their manufactured crisis and work across the aisle to protect and expand Social Security.

We will not stand by as Wall Street and Washington politicians attempt to dismantle Social Security brick by brick. Our voices are growing in the halls of Congress and across the country. Stand with us today!

Thank you.

Michael Phelan

Social Security Works

FROM NARFE LEGISLATIVE NEWS APRIL 8, 2015

Dear NARFE Officers,

Just how bad is the proposed FY16 budget for federal employees and retirees? What is next in the process? What is budget reconciliation, and why should you be worried about it? How can you prepare your fellow chapter and federation NARFE members for a long fight on the budget? Join NARFE's Deputy Legislative Director John Hatton on the April Legislative Training webinar to get the answers to these and many more questions. Please feel free to forward this email to NARFE leaders who may not have received it and would be interested in participating in the webinar.

The webinar will be hosted twice to provide you two opportunities to join us: Tuesday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. EDT and Thursday, April 16 at 2 p.m. EDT.

*NARFE uses GoToWebinar for our webinar presentations. If you would like to participate, please RSVP using one of these links: To RSVP for Tuesday's webinar, click **HERE**. To RSVP for Thursday's webinar, click **HERE**. You will be asked for your name and email address. Once you submit your information, you will receive a unique log-in from GoToWebinar.*

Approximately 60 minutes before the webinar, you will receive a reminder email with your unique log-in information. The log-in information may recommend a microphone hook-up. However, we will take questions at the end of the webinar via a chat box, so you will not need a microphone hook-up.

Please feel free to contact the Legislative Department at leg@narfe.org with any questions.