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**KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S**

- Roger Lemmons for getting Margie Wakefield to speak at Chapter 378's January 2014 meeting.
- Beverly Kipp for manning the welcome table at the January Special Event Meeting.
- John and Linda Surritte for meeting with Margie Wakefield prior to the January meeting to explain NARFE's concerns and positions to her.

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

A get well card was sent to Val Romero who fell on his way to his truck following the NARFE Christmas party. Sympathy cards were sent to Betty Scribner, whose mother, Doris Rule, passed away Sunday night, December 28, 2013, to the family of Thomas Waner, who passed away in early January 2014, and to Marie Galuzzi-Potter, for the loss of her husband, Mr. Don Potter.

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING LEMMONS**

Conroy's meeting room at noon for the program. Lunch follows the program at approximately 12:30 p.m. February's program will be a surprise. A short business meeting follows the program and lunch.

**RECAP JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Margie Wakefield, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives, District 2, who is running against incumbent, Lynn Jenkins, covered the following points in her presentation:

- ☞ Wakefield would work with people on opposite sides of the table. She has had experience doing this in her family law practice.
- ☞ She advocates compromise
- ☞ Service is in her genes, Union Army General Craig, her great-great-great-great-grandfather served in the Kansas legislature and advocated that people of goodwill need to step up to serve.

- ☞ Congress is broken; representatives need to work across the table to develop practical solutions. Sequestration hasn't worked, and shutting down the government didn't work.
- ☞ Jenkins record shows she voted NO to the farm bill, to jobs, and to federal employees. Our country wasn't founded n saying "No." It was founded on big ideas. Such as Henry Ford paying employees high enough wages for them to be able to afford an automobile.
- ☞ A strong middle class made America strong, along with EEO and a safety network for seniors.
- ☞ Education is the key to growth and competing on an international level. We need more tech programs.
- ☞ We need to keep promises such as Social Security.
- ☞ She opposes changing the current the COLA calculation and believes workers who earned benefits, annuities, and health benefits should retain them.
- ☞ We should be concentrating on job creation. Raising the minimum wage and supporting small entrepreneurs would help.

Questions and answers:

Q-Lynn Jenkins has not done anything to support women's interests. What's your position?

A-Compared to men, women earn \$0.78 on the dollar. Women comprise 51% of the population. She supports equal pay.

Q-What ideas do you have to address unemployment and the underemployed?

A-We need to support home grown entrepreneurs, pursue new green energy such as wind and solar, and commercialize research development.

Q-What can we (people) do to resist the restrictive voter registration law?

A-Write letters to the editor, support women's rights, support local parties, and energize students. There are 2 lawsuits pending.

Q-What is your position on illegal aliens and their rights?

A-We can't send back millions of people with families here. We need to create new, improved immigration laws with a conditional path to citizenship. Meat packing companies enticed aliens to come to the US and Kansas with the promise of jobs.

Q-If elected, what committee would you want to be

on?

A-Education.

Q- How do you feel about Common Core Standards (CCS)?

A-Many are misinformed about CCS. The CCS were developed by the education association and business. They are guidelines created to provide a level of fairness for those who move from one school to another, but there should be some “wiggle-room” – we need a balanced approach.

Q-Raising the minimum wage?

A-Many say that if you raise the minimum wage, everything will go up. I ask you when the minimum wage was last increased and have prices gone up anyway?

Q-Why do we give foreign aid to non-allies instead of paying our bills?

A-Margie is a pragmatist. She will do her homework and find out how foreign aid affects national security, if it is for humanitarian needs, or is it just done for years without investigating its effects.

In closing, Margie Wakefield announced that on January 14, 2014, MSNBC.com revealed a list of 36 “Women to Watch in 2014.” Margie Wakefield is on the list! <http://newsbusters.org/blogs/jeffrey-meyer/2014/01/13/msnbc-com-hypes-women-watch-2014-32-36-are-democrats>.

Ms. Wakefield was candid, informative, and has a sense of humor.

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>Betty Scribner</b>
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We extend an official welcome to our new NARFE member, Mary Theresa Battese, active federal employee at Haskell Indian Nations University.

We wish to express condolences to the family of Thomas Waner, who was a long-time member of NARFE Chapter 378.

We also extend condolences to Marie Galuzzi-Potter, member of Chapter 378, on the loss of her husband, Mr. Don Potter.

RENEWAL TIME: There are many NARFE members in our chapter whose membership renewals are due in January/February each year. Thank you to those of you who have made payment for another year. To those of you who reinstated this month, we say a *heartly thank you for taking the time and investing your money this year.*

There are still a number of you who have received a second renewal. Please take the time to

renew your membership right away via a Credit card online at [NARFE.org](http://NARFE.org) OR mail a \$45 check to:

NARFE Membership Services

606 North Washington Street

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**NARFE Gift Membership:** Have you considered a gift of NARFE membership for your Federal family and friends.

Do you have a child or grandchild who is a federal employee but has yet to become a NARFE member? Is there a friend who you have worked to recruit for years but has been reluctant to join? There is no better way to express the benefits of NARFE membership!

Simply download the F-85 Gift Membership form from the NARFE website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), and send it in with your payment. NARFE headquarters will forward a special welcome announcing your gift and provide the information needed for your recipient to enjoy a year-long membership. Once the NARFE magazine begins to arrive at the door and NARFE’s legislative agenda and mission becomes clear via news, information, and action alerts, we are sure to have demonstrated the value of continued membership. **Please consider this option during 2014. Check the information on [narfe.org](http://narfe.org) or ask for assistance by calling 785-865-8235.**

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<b>2014 NARFE NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>
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*NARFE will hold its 33rd Biennial National Convention Aug. 24-28 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The convention theme is "NARFE Is In Your Future: Embrace the mission. Share the vision." In addition to electing a new slate of national officers, delegates will have several training opportunities at "Lunch and Learn" and "Breakfast and Learn" sessions, and the Orlando location promises a variety of interesting and fun activities for convention goers and guests.*

*Visit NARFE's online convention site at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). Just click on the convention logo at left on the Home Page. Members can register online for the convention and banquet, or download the forms and mail them. Click on the **Travel Arrangements tab** to get details on the convention hotel and airline discounts. The January issue of [narfe magazine](#) also features a special section on the convention on pages 41-43. NARFE President Joseph A. Beaudoin believes this convention could be "one of the most important in the Association's*

*history." Make plans now to participate in this key event.*

### **NARFE scholarship competition opens Feb. 1**

The NARFE Scholarship Program, open to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of NARFE members, will run Feb. 1 through April 25. Applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend an accredited college in the fall/winter of 2014. The application is in the February issue of NARFE magazine and will be available on the NARFE website as of Feb. 1 (go to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) and click on the program graphic in the rotating display on the Home Page). Sixty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Winners will be notified in August. Contact [natvp@narfe.org](mailto:natvp@narfe.org) for additional information or [click here](#) to download publication F-105, "A Guide to NARFE's Annual Scholarship Awards Program."

### **FYI: MINIMUM WAGE QUICK FACTS from <http://www.raisetheminimumwage.com/>**

**\$10.74** How much the federal minimum wage would be if it had kept up with inflation over the past 40 years. Instead, it's \$7.25. [Learn More](#)

**\$15,080** The annual income for a full-time employee working the entire year at the federal minimum wage.

**0** The number of states where a minimum wage worker can afford a two-bedroom apartment working a 40-hour week. [Learn More](#)

**3** The number of times Congress passed legislation to increase the minimum wage in the last 30 years.

**19** The number of states (including the District of Columbia) which have raised their minimum wage above the federal level of \$7.25.

**10** The number of states that annually increase their state minimum to keep up with the rising cost of living.

**67** The percentage of Americans that support gradually raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to at least \$10.00 an hour, according to an October 2010 poll.

**64 in 100 vs. 4 in 100** What are the chances an adult minimum wage worker is a woman vs. the chances a Fortune 500 CEO is a woman? [Learn More](#)

**76** The percentage of Missouri voters that voted to increase and index the Missouri minimum wage in the 2006 ballot initiative.

**\$2.13** The federal minimum wage for tipped employees, such as waiters and waitresses, nail salon workers, or parking attendants.

