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KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S.

- * Roger Lemmons for the informative speakers he is engaging as we head toward elections.
- * Tom Huntzinger fro the newsletter articles last month on the Kansas Federation April Convention and NARFE PAC.

ALZHEIMER'S JOHN SCOTT

June donations: \$16. Year to date: \$213

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| CHAPTER 378 ALZHEIMER'S DONATION | |
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ALZHEIMER'S WALK WEBINAR

NARFE is now a proud National Team for the *Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's*.

The Alzheimer's Association will present a 2nd webinar on **Friday, July 15**, 11 am-noon. Includes how to register and get involved in your local Walk

NARFE WALK TO END

ALZHEIMER'S WEBINAR #2

Friday, July 15, 11 a.m.—Noon CT

Join the meeting: <https://join.me/jkaplanalz>

By phone: 1.860.970.0010

Access Code: 378-736-660#

To learn more about the NARFE National Team, please visit alz.org/narfewalks.

JULY 20TH MEETING

Roger Lemmons

NARFE Chapter 378 will meet Wednesday, July 20, 2016, in the south room of Conroy's.

The program begins at noon, lunch (choose from 3 entrées) and coffee or tea for \$10 is at 12:30, and a brief meeting follows the lunch. Please note that lunch is optional.

The speaker for July's meeting is Jamie Shew, Douglas County Clerk. The County Clerk's Office is responsible for all national, state ad local elections conducted in Douglas County.

Mr. Shew will speak about:

- How the election process works at the county level.
- Problems encounter.
- Latest position of the Attorney General and/or Supreme Court on citizenship verification to vote.
- More about his office's responsibility for the election process.

JUNE 15TH MEETING RECAP

June's speaker, Patrick R. Miller, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Kansas gave an interesting, informative, and impressive presentation...all without notes!

Patrick Miller opened with the following remarks concerning Donald Trump:

- Trump has an unorthodox and unusual style.
- Narcissism is not a mental illness
- He is a good salesperson
- He is successful because he knew his audience. He ran his campaign for the primaries. Those who vote in the primaries are at the ends of the bell curve, the extremes of both the right and the left. Those who vote in November are moderate.

Miller thought when Trump got in the primary race, he would make it. Clinton ran a very good behind the scenes campaign, therefore, not surprising she will most likely be the Democratic candidate..

Republicans had 17 candidates. Polls showed only 4 had name recognition of over 20%. Voters knew Bush, Santorum, and Trump (*didn't catch 4th*). Trump had good name recognition because of television. He also had good advisors. To his credit, he talked about immigration issue and sending signals to voters that Republicans are much more distrustful of government. Public understands

Trump's different style, plain spoken. He has flip-flopped over time, but Republican primary voters look at what he is saying now--they ignored the flip-flopping. It is not a surprise he won the primaries. He campaigned to the primary voters; Republicans are saddled with him unless he backs out.

He is an unusual candidate. Trump is the most disliked. In comparison, after a long campaign Americans like candidates less and less. The negatives are about 20% more than Clinton's [as of the date of the presentation]. The older "Dole and Reagan Republicans" have either died out or left the Republican Party. We will have an election with 2 disliked candidates.

Clinton does have help, as Obama now has high approval marks. Usually presidents are 10-15 points [*the difference between favorable percentage and unfavorable percentage*] underwater at end of their terms. Obama's ratings are 5-11 points to the good, so he is not a big drag on Clinton. Voters seem to be neutral for a Clinton 3rd term of the party. The Electoral College favors Democrats. It is an issue of diversification; swing states such as Virginia could go Democratic. There are some advantages for Clinton, Trump is one of those advantages because he is disliked.

Johnson County is typically Republican. Residents have high incomes, somewhat conservative, suburban, and educated. Trump's rating with them is 35% dislike. Kansas will probably go Republican, but he [Trump] has big obstacle with the party base.

Questions from floor; Answers Patrick Miller:

Q-Does he (Patrick Miller) worry about some of the things Trump says?

A-Yes. Banning Muslims is a concern...most Christian Arabs have Arabic names.

Q-Have we ever had a candidate making such ration statements?

A-Even George Wallace was more tactful. Founding Fathers wrote letters about the same things. Compared to the rest of public, Republicans have diverted from everyone else. A decade ago Democrats did not divert. Republicans believe whites are discriminated against as are Christians.

The Country is becoming less religious, as far as commitment to religious organizations. We are becoming more spiritual. Democrats and Republicans perceive the world very differently. Examples:

Gun violence prompts Democrats to want fewer

guns vs. Republicans who want more "good guys" with guns.

Muslims? Democrats 35% like, Republicans only 5% like. Before Sept 11, terrorism was never coupled with Muslims.

Q: Koch Brothers--what are they thinking?

A: Charles said they haven't been treated very well. One year ago they were willing to spend \$970 million to support Walker, Bush, and Rubio. Their candidates were down in primaries. They have talked about funding Gary Johnson as creative spoiler. They are funneling money into Senate elections. They also fund state level elections. They are advancing a lot of policies. Blow-backs – Brownback's "Great Experiment" in Kansas came out of the "Kock Think Tank." He doesn't think they are evil, they have money and donate and expect a return.

Fracking companies have given money to universities to investigate the effects of fracking. If results are unfavorable, the companies pull their money.

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Note: Patrick Miller was a guest of Steve Kraske,, Host of Up To Date, on NPR (KCUR 89.3) June 30, 2016. You can listen to the All Things Considered broadcast of "The Role of Populism in 2016 Politics" with guests Burdett Loomis and Patrick Miller.

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| NARFE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE | 7/8/16 |
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NARFE Opposes House Draft Postal Reform Bill

because it would force current postal retirees, their spouses and survivors to enroll in Medicare or forfeit the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) coverage that they earned as a benefit of years of employment. For those not already enrolled, this would cost an additional \$121.80 per month (or more) in Medicare Part B premiums.

In the comments submitted, NARFE argued that it is unfair to remove an individual's choice to enroll in Medicare and that this changes the bargain for postal employees after they've retired. NARFE has proposed, as a compromise, allowing for postal retirees automatically enrolled in Medicare coverage to opt out during a special opt-out period.

*For more information go to **NARFE.org website.***