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☞ Elaine Seeman for arranging meeting lunches and handling meal choices each month.

KANSAS FEDERATION CONVENTION

APRIL 28-30, 2013

THE HOLIDAY INN & SUITES OVERLAND

PARK WEST

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OVERLAND PARK, KS 66214

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Reservations: Call hotel directly by April 12, 2013 for the guaranteed rate of \$104.71, which includes breakfast and all taxes. Indicate you are attending the NARFE Convention. Or register online at holidayinn.com/overlandpark-w. Provide the group code *NAR* to get the group rate. There is a special drawing for those who register to stay at least 1 night at the Holiday Inn.

Door Prizes: We invite each chapter to bring a wrapped door prize (\$10-15) for door prize drawings. Held throughout the convention.

Alzheimer's Auctions (Live and Silent) Items

Needed: Please provide items to be auctioned at each. These items should be "new" or of "antique" quality and have a minimum value of \$5.

Convention Registration Deadline is April 5th

Registration form is attached to newsletter email as a pdf file.

More information about meals and cost at:

<http://www.narfe-chapter1162.org/conv13.html>

Chapter 378 needs delegates to represent the chapter. Please contact Tom Huntzinger or Diane Throop if interested.

MARCH 20TH

Roger Lemmons

The meeting is at Conroy's Pub. The program begins at noon with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by a brief meeting.

The March meeting is Nancy Thellman, recently re-elected Douglas County Commissioner. She will discuss what is going on in Douglas county government.

The topic of April's program is WATER...our concerns, is there a continued unlimited supply, and quality. We searched no further than our own ranks to cover this topic. Tom Huntzinger can provide us with background and issues surrounding water availability. Tom has worked for the USGS for many years and is well versed on the subject of water in Kansas.

FEBRUARY 20TH

MEETING RECAP

Diane Stoddard, Lawrence Assistant City Manager, distributed a brochure entitled *City of Lawrence Budget in Brief 2013*. She then presented information about Lawrence's economic development, infra-structure, the proposed Recreation Center, and recycling.

Lawrence is trying to develop an inventory of "business ready" building sites. The East Hills area has 200 acres available after the cleanup process is complete. Fifteenth and Wakarusa is another area for business site expansion. In the Downtown at 9th and New Hampshire a new hotel and apartments are planned. Ground breaking should be soon. There is a growth area on Pennsylvania and Delaware in the 8th and 9th blocks, where a building is being transformed into affordable housing and a few market rate apartments. Brick is being replaced on Pennsylvania, and the old Cider Building is being restored. Lawrence continues to work with KU and Douglas County to develop a Bio-Science and Technology Center on the west KU campus. There are a number of spin-off companies from KU research that the city and county are trying to help grow.

Under infra-structure, a number of intersections are under construction or in the planning stages: at 6th & Iowa St. a new left turn lane for those approaching from the east, (they'll be asking for your patience when that construction begins!), reconstruction at Iowa St. & 15th intersection, and Bob Billings & Wakarusa repairs include bumps smoothed, and replacement of deteriorating curbs.

Under utility infrastructure, the master plan includes water and wastewater treatment. It is a pricey investment. They are dealing with waterlines that are 100 years old. A new wastewater plant is a Big-Ticket item. The current plant is almost at capacity. The price tag for a new one with expansion possible is \$60,000,000. Building a recycling plant is being investigated.

The Quality of Life City Commission is behind the Rec Center at Rock Chalk Park with a 4-1 vote. The issue is complicated because a number of parties are involved. Therefore, there are a number of complex aspects. There would be shared parking, and the complex would have unique features such as a walking path along Baldwin Creek (a beautiful area). It would involve a new track and field area and soccer field at 6th and George William; The Rec Center would have 9 gyms, 8 full size basketball courts, 16 volleyball courts, and an indoor soccer field. These facilities would accommodate tournaments. Currently, Lawrence is unable to host a tournament. A 4 lane indoor walking area is included in the plans.

Questions from the floor covered recycling. The city must comply with a recent law that requires an 18 month lead- time before the city can proceed with recycling plans. The city has filed the necessary paperwork, so the waiting period has begun. Diane Stoddard stated that Lawrence’s outlook position is good and Lawrence is poised for great things.

MEMBERSHIP Betty Scribner

In the past, you (as a NARFE member) have heard the promise many times that joining would give you peace of mind. NARFE is the *only* membership organization solely dedicated to protecting and preserving your benefits. Thank you to NARFE’s national legislative program that keeps our interests on the radar screen of Congress. But, have you taken advantage of the Financial Services available to you as a NARFE member?

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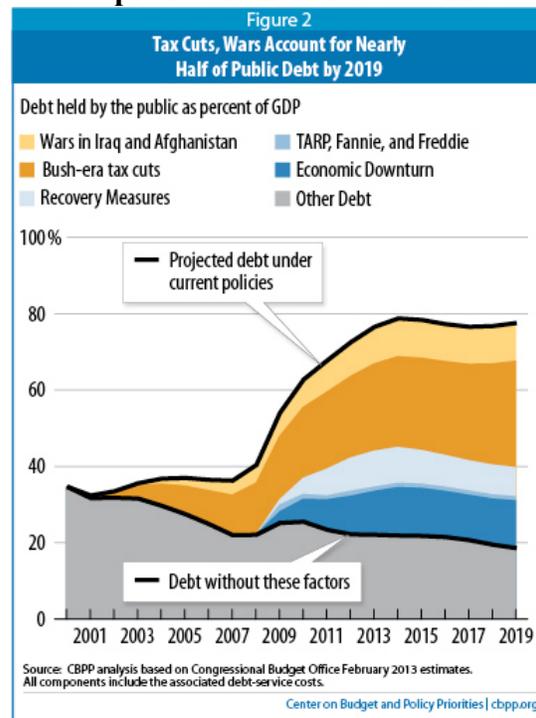
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