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KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S

- ☞ Those who will step up to the plate and serve the chapter in 2015.
- ☞ John and Linda Surritte, who **are again matching Chapter 378 members' donations to Alzheimer's research during the months of August, September, and October.**

YOUR NARFE CHAPTER 378 John Surritte

NARFE Chapter 378 Officer elections are held at the November meeting. As Past President, it is my duty to prepare the ballot for those elections. The chapter needs people to fill elected and appointed positions. Please consider serving your chapter and contact either Tom Huntzinger or me if you would like to continue or begin to serve. Nominations should be sent by October 15th.

We will elect officers in November and install them in December. The President will announce appointed chairs in December.

John Surritte
Past Chapter President

ALZHEIMERS John Scott

2014 CHAPTER 378 DONATIONS

Month	Chapter Donations	YTD Total
July	\$113	\$368*
August		
September	\$85	

Remember John and Linda Surritte are still matching Alzheimer's donations for October. Last chance to make John open his wallet!

If you wish to receive The Alzheimer's Association e-news, sign up at:
http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_narfe_email.asp

OCTOBER 15TH MEETING Roger Lemmons

The October 15, 2014 meeting of the NARFE Chapter 378 will meet in Conroy's meeting room. The program begins at noon. Check with Roger about the program.

SEPTEMBER 17TH MEETING RECAP

The 3rd annual "indoor picnic" was held at the Chipperfield Club House. With the BBQ beef brisket and pulled pork sandwiches and sides of baked beans and creamy corn from Frenzel's, homemade potato salad provided by Dianne Throop, and cookies made by Trish Hahn. No one went away hungry and it was all yummy! This event is always fun and there is a little more time to socialize.

Mike Amyx, Mayor of Lawrence, gave a brief and interesting overview of infrastructure projects in Lawrence. Some have reached completion, some are in the planning stage, while some are looking for funding.

- >Kasold redone last year
- >Waukarusa part redone
- >23rd & Iowa was the most unsafe intersection in Lawrence. The city never owned 23rd St. and has traded KDOT maintenance of K10 for Lawrence maintaining 23rd St.
- >Interchange at K10 and 6th St
- >Bob Billings & K10 is the gateway to KU. The state city and county will work together on the project (projection for use are 5000 cars/24hrs)
- >Propose water reclamation facility for \$62 million. The current treatment facility is almost at maximum. 100,000 people are served on a daily basis (90,000 population and 10,000 guest. The facility treats a lot of water coming from home sump pumps connected to the sewer system. Currently checking lines. Have a program in place that will help homeowners cover cost to correct.
- >New library open
- >Rock Chalk Park
- >Land use: new shopping center on South Iowa St.
- >New police station at McDonald Dr. and K10 would provide access to north Lawrence. Proposed sales tax of 0.2 of 1% to fund new station. He believes the sales tax is the way to fund it, because 1/3 of those taxes come from out-of-towners. The police station has been doing tours. To see U2 video to: LAWRENCEKS.org.

- >Ice Skating Rink
- >\$7 million on fill for area which floods south of Waukarusa River 1 mile east of high school
- >Need to consider silt removal in Lake Clinton
- >Long range plans due for update. The process will involve public input. High-speed internet (fiberoptics) and food hubs are not in the current plan.

Question/Answer: why recycling by out of town companies? Lawrence opted not to get involved. Mandatory charge of \$2.80/mo. for 2 pick ups. Biggest complaint is where to keep receptacle. No sorting. Can call solid waste of city if you have problems.

Q/A: Crosswalk at Lawrence and 31st St. needs a light. Call Diane Stoddard at city offices to request intersection be checked for safety.

Q/A: Is there more money for round-about? Only if rebuilding road.

LEGISLATIVE **John Surritte**

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CPI-W		Monthly % Change	% Toward 2014 COLA
Mon/yr.	Figure		
3 rd qrt 2013	*230.327		
June 2014	234.702	0.21	1.90
July 2014	*234.525	-0.08	1.82
Aug 2014	*234.030	-0.21	1.61
Sept 2014	*		
3 rd qrt 2014	*		

*To trigger a COLA for 2015, the **average CPI-W of July, August, and September of 2014** needs to rise above the 2013-3rd quarter average (230.327).

For more information about the CPI-W go to: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpifaq.htm>

2nd Gubernatorial Debate

Johnson County local chambers of commerce hosted event. Watch the debate here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=No1iU3WtCyQ&feature=player>

To view the debate between Margie Wakefield and Lynn Jenkins, held September 28th in Eudora, go to:

<http://cardinalonline.eudoraschools.org/cardinal-live/>

Be sure to check out the article in the October issue of the *NARFE Magazine* article on page 29 listing the voting records for our Senators and Representatives. Lynn Jenkins has not supported NARFE with her voting record. NARFE released its analysis one month ahead of November's elections, breaking down how each member of the 113th Congress voted. Out of 535 members of Congress, 207 voted 100 percent of the time in accordance with NARFE on key bills.

Roger says Vote and get someone to go vote with you. Chapter President Tom Huntzinger reminded us that [this is a high stakes election](#).

MEMBERSHIP **Dianne Throop**

Welcome to new members John and Martha Rowe have transferred to Chapter 378 from Kirksville, MO chapter.

A sympathy card and memorial were sent to the Crider family.

Chapter President recognized 1st VP, Roger Lemmons, and Newsletter Editor, Wendy Hambly, for their longtime service to NARFE Chapter 378.

Dianne Throop, email: d.throop@sbcglobal.net

It appears there will not be a health fair at Haskell this year.

Roberta Crider Remembered

Chapter 378 lost a longtime member, Roberta Crider, who died September 12, 2014, at age 87. Roberta, the daughter of Marion and Katherine (Burns) DeMint, was born October 31, 1926, in Raymond, KS.

She graduated from Adela Hale Business College in Hutchinson, KS. Roberta was a Harvey girl at the Harvey House in Hutchinson during WWII. Following that, she worked 10 years in private industry, 20 years in the Social Security Administration, and was Secretary for the ROTC program at the University of Kansas.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Welcome Club, Red Hat Club, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), and multiple Bridge Clubs. She enjoyed playing bridge and scrabble, and excelled at both.

On December 31, 1947, Roberta married Jere Crider. He preceded her in death on December 27, 2003.

Survivors include her daughter, Dr. Kay L. Crider (Bill), Lawrence, KS; two sons, Paul Crider,

John M. Crider (Mayomi), all of Lawrence, KS; sister, Marguerite Riedy, Hope, KS; one brother, Bill DeMint, Albuquerque, New Mexico; nine grandchildren, Dr. Jennifer Weiford (Brian), Sarah Blettner (Todd), Erin Leuschke (Patric), Brian Pipkin, Keith Pipkin, Yoshika Crider, Marika Crider, Alyssa Crider, Lauren Crider and nine great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Dr. Susan Crider Pipkin, one brother, Tom DeMint and one sister, Virginia Price.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Douglas County Visiting Nurses or Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment Association-Palliative Care.

September issue of the *NARFE Magazine* article covering the NARFE National Convention held in August and the major organizational changes to NARFE, with a shift from membership service to lobbying congress for NARFE. Moving from 4 officers to 2 by eliminating the VP and combining the secretary and treasure positions.

Dick Theisen, formerly Region 5's VP, is the new National President.

Step up to the Plate - Service the Chapter in 2015

It is that time of year again. Time to name candidates for Chapter Officer and Chair positions for 2015. If you are presently serving and would like to continue in 2015, please let me and Chapter President, Tom Huntzinger, know by Wednesday, October 15, 2014, our Chapter meeting date. If you are not presently serving and would like to, please also let Tom and me know by October 15th. Our officer election will be held at our November meeting, and 2015 officers will be sworn in and 2015 chairs will be recognized at our December meeting.

**GET INFORMED
and VOTE**

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

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- 1st Vice President
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Thanks for your help and cooperation,
John Surrutte, Past Chapter President

CHAPTER PRESIDENT Tom Huntzinger

Reported on NARFE National Convention in Florida in August, 2014.

Be sure to check out the Article in the