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June 16th MEETING INFORMATION

Conroy's Pub. The program begins at noon, lunch (\$9) at 12:30, followed by a business meeting. Lunch is on the Chapter if it is your first visit.

The month of June brings us Chad Tenpenny, aide to Senator Roberts. He will talk about the Senator's heritage in this part of Kansas. There may also be a chance for Q & A's addressing our concerns.

In July, our own Betty Scribner, Membership Chair, will present the Chapter's recruiting tools for review and comment. Maybe there'll be popcorn! **Please join us.**

KUDOS & THANK YOU'S TO:

- Chapter 378 for receiving an award at the Kansas Federation Convention for Alzheimer's contributions exceeding \$8/person!
 - Betty Scribner for her continuing recruiting efforts. She recently recruited her husband!
 - Committee investigating development of a Chapter website for recruiting purposes: Roger Lemmons, Wanda Lyons, Betty Scribner, Dianne Throop, Jim Turrentine, and Wendy Hambly.
 - Dianne Throop, Roger Lemmons, and Linda Surritte who donated items for the Alzheimer's auctions at the KS Federation Convention.
- Report deserving members to Wendy Hambly---

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Betty Scribner

WELCOME to our new members Cheryl Bowman, Sandy Jamison, Lew Ruona, Lloyd Stullken; and to our transfers Beverly Kipp, from Valley Falls, Paul Jordan, from KC, and Thomas and Margaret Raby.

The following items were suggested in the Membership Committee meeting at the April KS Federation Convention in Topica: 1) contact members before a meeting [☺ **we do this**], 2) increase email list [☺ **in progress**], 3) everyone recruit one new member, 4) publicity via articles and letters in newspapers [☺ **some, could use more**].

Work continues on the recruiting PowerPoint presentation and ideas for a Chapter website. The PowerPoint presentation will serve as a recruiting tool for each of us to share with potential new members.

Recruitment by each of us is important! To protect our benefits, NARFE needs a strong membership, because our organization is only as strong as its members. Numbers count, and Lawrence NARFE Chapter activity is essential in protecting our benefits. Thank you to each of you who have invited new members to join NARFE. elisabethscribner@yahoo.com

LEGISLATIVE John Surritte

John reported at the May meeting, that Lynn Jenkins confused NARFE's message with Social Security; he passed that information on to National.

John continues to encourage each of us to look for opportunities to get to know the candidates. Watch for open forums, announcements in the newspapers, and share meeting times and places with other members. It is also important to send your Senator and Representatives emails. **Remember, our retirement benefits are NOT entitlements. We earned them.**

At the request of the KS Federation, Chapter 378's President, Tom Huntzinger, is researching the feasibility of Lawrence Chapter 378 hosting a "Meet and Greet the Candidates." The possible location is the Clinton Parkway Church. More information will follow at future meetings and in newsletters.

NARFE KNOWLEDGE

- 1) The first national convention was held in what year and where?
- 2) In what year was the FEHBP and FEGLI passed?
- 3) In what year were Civil Service annuities first authorized?

NARFE Press Release May 26, 2010**NARFE Urges Senators to Oppose Federal Worker Pay Freeze**

Margaret L. Baptiste, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), today urged senators to oppose an amendment to a supplemental spending bill (H.R. 4899) that would deny federal workers a modest pay raise in 2011. The sponsors of the amendment (#4231), Senators Tom Coburn, R-OK, and John McCain, R-AZ, say the salary freeze, combined with other spending cuts in the proposal, would help to pay for emergency spending in the bill for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as disaster relief.

“We believe it is wrong to single out federal workers for cuts that others serving our country are not being asked to make,” Baptiste said. “More specifically, why would the Congress take a punitive action against the thousands of federal civilian employees who are working alongside their uniformed colleagues in Iraq and Afghanistan by requiring them to forgo a small salary increase to partially pay for the wars they are helping to win?”

President Obama proposed in his fiscal year 2011 budget that federal civilian workers and military personnel receive a 1.4-percent pay raise next year.

Last week, in a related move, House Minority Leader Eric Cantor, R-VA, proposed cutting federal employee pay on his Web site “You Cut,” <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut/>, a contest to encourage visitors to vote on specific proposals to reduce federal spending.

In response, Baptiste cited a February 10 Boston Globe op-ed by Harvard Kennedy School of Government Professor Linda Bilmes and Partnership for Public Service President Max Stier in which they wrote: “the fundamental mistake” that some lawmakers make “is to think of the federal workforce as a cost rather than as a resource that delivers specific benefits to the nation.” They add, “Failure to invest in this resource will have dire consequences.”

“Civil service pay and benefits have been a perennial target of budgeters, and ‘bureaucrats’ have long been an easy ‘whipping boy’ for voters,” the NARFE President said. “If we are to make wise choices about putting our fiscal house in order, members of Congress and the public need to be

educated about the invaluable contributions made to our country by Americans who devote their careers to public service.”

FEATURED MEMBER

June’s featured member is Clara Arnold, who is a surviving spouse member. Her husband, Milton, retired from Haskell in 1982.



Milton began his federal service with the FBI after Pearl Harbor. He classified fingerprints during his 4½ years with the FBI in Washington, D.C. Prior to federal service, he taught in the public school in Ada, OK. Clara and Milton met in high school. Clara thought it was OK to reveal now that she was a student, he a teacher. They married in 1943.

Milton left federal service and returned to teaching in Ada, OK. He earned his Master’s degree going to school during the summers. In 1962, he applied and was selected to teach accounting at Haskell, and Clara and Milton moved to Lawrence.

Milton also taught night school for adult continuing education for 3 years. Clara worked at Weaver’s on the 2nd floor in ladies clothing for 15 years, so she knows a lot of people in Lawrence. Both Clara and Milton volunteered. Milton helped seniors with income tax. Clara volunteered in the PTA and at church.

Clara has 3 children, 1 son and 2 daughters. She has 4 grandchildren, 2 girls and 2 boys; and 2 great-grandchildren. Fortunately for her, her family is close. Two families live in Lawrence and 1 in Topeka.

She used to release her creativity through sewing. She now enjoys her family.

Milton was a NARFE member, Milton passed away in 2001. In 2003, Mary Margaret Rowen saw Clara at church and invited her to join NARFE as a surviving spouse. Clara is currently in her 4th year of serving as NARFE Chapter 378’s treasurer.

Clara would like to see the Lawrence Chapter get more publicity to make people aware of NARFE and its goals. She enjoys the members and the meetings.



SERVICE OFFICER Wanda Lyon

The Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) continues to inch toward a positive number. April's =213.96, a 0.2% increase from March. The percent toward COLA increased from -0.9 to -0.7. This percentage must be a positive (+) number for a COLA in 2011.

Contact me if you want the latest version of "Be Prepared for Life's Events" (F-100), which provides surviving family members with all the information they will need to know, including the location of important documents, financial assets and retirement accounts. It also lists whom to contact in the event of the death of a federal employee, retiree or survivor annuitant.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mary Margaret Rowen announced that the Lions Club is sponsoring a Poker Night on Saturday, June 26th at Conroy's Pub. It is a Lions' fundraiser for eyeglasses.

SUNSHINE CHAIR Reba Bryant

Please let me know about illness, special birthdays, celebrations, or honors our members receive, so I can send an appropriate card.

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[Answers to NARFE KNOWLEDGE:

- 1) 1950 in Washington D.C.
- 2) 1959
- 3) 1922]

ALZHEIMER'S John Scott

Chapter 378 received an award for having donations exceeding \$8/person during 2009!

The Chapter also did well at the KS Federation 2010 Convention's silent and live auctions in April with a total of **\$125**. Auction items were donated by Dianne Throop, Roger Lemmons, and Linda Surritte. It isn't too early to start thinking about what you might donate for next year's Alzheimer's auction. Linda Surritte has volunteered to collect items you have to donate throughout the year, store them in her basement, and deliver them to the Kansas Federation 2011 Convention. So keep an eye out for items to donate that are new or "like new" with an auction value of at least \$5.

The goal for NARFE donations at the end of this year is \$9,000,000. To date, NARFE has contributed 8.5 million dollars to Alzheimer's and ALL of the money is directed to research!

MAY PROGRAM RECAP

Sara Hill-Nelson, presented the history, operation, and plans for expansion of the Bowersock Dam located on the KAW in Lawrence. The dam is family owned and operated. She is an "electrified" speaker full of energy!

Orland Darling began work on the dam in 1872. Following several floods and a bankruptcy, Justin Dewitt Bowersock became owner in 1878. Initially, the dam produced mechanical power distributed to Lawrence businesses via a belt and pulley system. The first generator was DC and installed in 1886. After a flood the dam was rebuilt in 1903, and converted to AC in 1920. Today, 150 feet of flashboards are used to control the level of the upstream water. The south side is automated, while the north side flashboards are wood and are put up manually. The flashboards are designed to fall if the water level gets too high. They want to replace the wooden flashboards with steel. There are 7 turbines on the south and 4 on the north.

Currently, the owners are in the process of trying to expand to increase electricity production. This involves an environmental impact study, licensing from the Federal Energy Commission, and (the most difficult step) finding customers for the electricity. They would like to sell electricity directly to small towns. The company attributes the cooperation it is receiving from Lawrence to the company's transparency with its expansion plans. Sara feels the expansion project was achievable money that may become available from the energy bill. The new powerhouse would require a hole 40' deep for the foundation.

Sara praised the company's staff saying they are skilled individuals who are very innovative. They fabricate many of the parts they need.

Lawrence maintains the structural integrity of the dam, and the city relies on the dams for the city's water treatment plant.

She emphasized that hydropower is clean energy, but is only part of the solution to decreasing dependency on carbon based fuels. "There is no silver bullet, only silver buckshot."

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

Chief Seattle