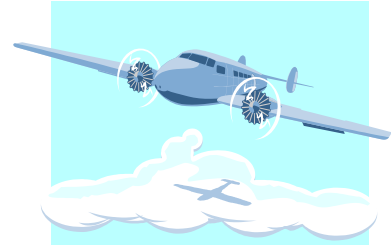




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January through April Meetings

- January 21—Chris Harmon, hearing instrument specialist
- February 18—John Rodgers, Kansas Federation second vice president and public relations chairperson
- March 18—Judy Etter, bassoonist
- April 15—To be determined

All meetings are held at KFC/Taco Bell, 1400 Skyway, at 11:30, unless otherwise noted.

Distinguished Members

At our meeting on December 17 at Paolucci's, we presented our distinguished members with certificates and special membership cards and treated them to lunch. A distinguished member has belonged to NARFE for 20 or more years. The certificates were signed by Joseph Beaudoin, National President, and Elaine Hughes, National Secretary. Those who attended were G. R. Kautz and wife JoAnn, Dorothy McDermed, Venita Jo Rader, and Ruth Ann Sinclair. The other four distinguished members are E. Jeanne Daniels, Norman Ellis, Vincent Tharp, and Ernest Wilson. We are glad they have believed in NARFE's mission for all those years and hope they continue to believe and belong.

COLA'S and Taxes

You should have received a 1.5 percent cost of living increase unless you have been retired for less than a year or are under retirement age. If you invested in a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) and your money is still in the TSP, you do not have to pay Kansas state income tax on the interest. Rep. Melanie Meier, Dem, 40th District, sent Judy a copy of a letter from the state treasurer stating that he had determined the interest is part of the retirement annuity and therefore not taxable. A little good news for retirees for now.

Election of Officers

The chapter held election of officers at the November meeting. All elected officers were re-elected. Changes to appointed positions are as follows:

Roger Mumm is the new PAC and legislative chair. He replaces Eugene Harter. Eugene and Sally have moved to Westmoreland.

Pam Oswald is now the Alzheimer's chair. She replaces Venita Jo Rader, who asked to retire. Both Eugene and Venita Jo were exceptional chairs, but Roger and Pam are up to the challenges of continuing the good work of the two they replaced.

Alzheimer's Research

Amelia Earhart Chapter 621 contributed \$468.50 in 2013 toward Alzheimer's research, according to the preliminary report sent by Janice Neuschafer, Kansas Alzheimer's Research chairperson. That is an average of \$16.73 per member and is the fifth highest average in the state. **Good Work!** That money comes from monthly donations to the Alzheimer's can at our meetings, money donated in memory of members, and money earned for Alzheimer's research at the live and silent auctions held during the state convention each April. If you wish to add to the amount donated for 2014, you can send a check made out to Alzheimer's Research to Pam Oswald, 5174 Decatur Road, Effingham, KS 66023-4103. You could also donate items for the live and silent auctions. Items should be in new condition and something you would pay at least \$5 for. Items that are the most valuable (a quilt brought about \$900 two years ago) are sold at the live auction with a real auctioneer. These items can be store-bought or handmade. Homemade baked goods and candies also sell well as do food items not found in all areas of Kansas (Schlaegel's popcorn comes to mind). If you are interested in donating items for the auction, contact Judy or Pam.

Remember: Dues withholding saves you and NARFE money. You will not lose your membership renewal notice and you will not miss the less than \$4 a month deducted from your annuity. It's a win-win situation.

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