



**NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2007.** President, Elizabeth Bornman; 1st Vice President, Flo Biehl; 2nd Vice President, Clara Smith; Secretary, Wayne Smutz; Treasurer, Bob Steinert; Service Officer, Howard Zion; new Executive Board members, Lorna Larson and Tom Raby.



**NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENT ELIZABETH BORNMAN WISHES YOU:** Happy New Year to you all. I hope you added to your New Year's resolutions list to get move involved with

NARFE this year. The chapter needs to have you at the meetings. We want to know your opinions and how you see the chapter helping you. Our meetings are for the members. We need to know who or what you want us to do for program suggestions. We still need an in-

dividual to volunteer to be Program Chair. We need ideas and people to help with recruitment. The board members can't do everything. We are the largest chapter in the state however; the attendance at the meeting doesn't even represent 5 % of the total membership. I now there are individuals out there that can contribute in some matter. If the meeting time and date doesn't work for you but you want to get involved give me a call (913) 268-8526 or email me bornmane@aol.com. I want to here from you. Looking forward to this month's meeting and seeing new faces. •

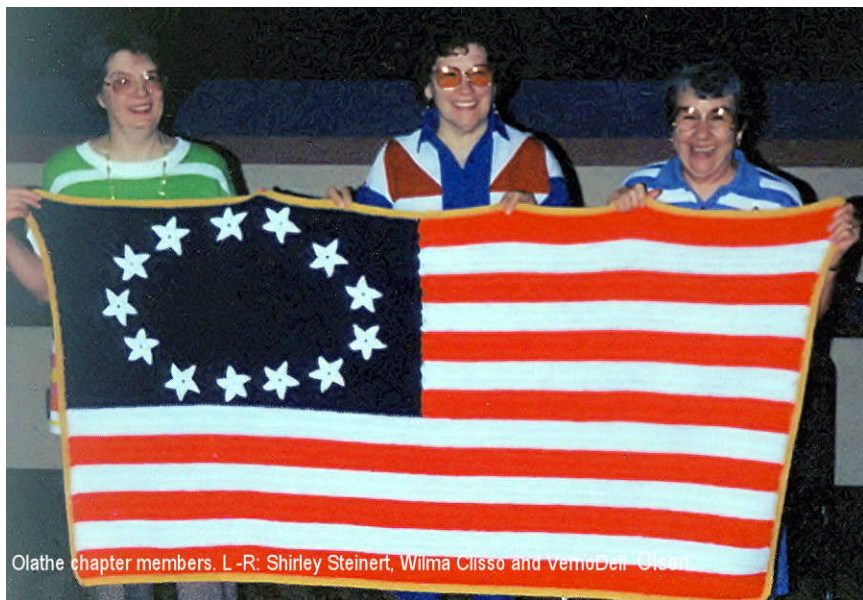
**Regular Chapter Meeting January 23, 2007.** It's a business meeting with refreshments, of course, for all our members. Please come a few minutes early to ensure a good seat because our meeting room at the church hall is limited to 200 occupants. Our new chapter president will discuss

our goals for 2007. And it's time for our treasurer to give the end-of-year financial report. We'll have reports from committee members also. Place: Overland Park Lutheran Church on 79th Street at 1:30 pm. •

**IN MEMORIUM - WILMA CLISO**

Wilma N. Clisso, of Olathe, Kansas., passed away on Friday, December 29, 2006. She had been an active member of Olathe Chapter of NARFE until the chapter was closed.

She worked for the Federal Government as a switchboard operator at the Olathe Naval Air Station and was the last civilian employee there when the base closed. She transferred to Richards-Gebaur



Air Force Base in Belton, Mo., and held the position of Chief Operator there. Again, she was the last civilian employee working when that base closed. She retired with over 29 years of federal service in 1988.

After retiring, she turned to volunteer work with Olathe Hospice for over 15 years, leaving there in October 2005.

She was dedicated to helping others in their time of need.

Crocheting and knitting was a lifelong passion of hers. She made hundreds of slippers for hospice patients, lap covers for nursing home residents, hats and mittens for needy children and

these were just a few of her craft projects. One of her projects shown here is the 13-star "The Betsy Ross 1776 Flag" that she crocheted and used to raise money for Alzheimer's at the Olathe Federation convention. She is pictured here in the center holding the flag flanked by Shirley Steinert (L) and Verna Dell Olson (R) of the Olathe chapter. The NARFE Olathe chapter closed January 2005, and its members transferred to our Shawnee Mission chapter. We regret her passing.

## Congressman Dennis Moore on President Bush's Troop Escalation.

I recently issued the following statement, in response to President Bush's announcement of his new strategy in Iraq, including an increase of more than 20,000 American troops deployed to Iraq. I thought you might be interested in reading it.

"The President's troop escalation plan will not create a stable Iraq. I was hopeful that President Bush would understand that the American people are ready for a new direction with our involvement in Iraq. Unfortunately, the Presi-

dent's new strategy is more of the same. Ultimately, there has to be a political solution by Iraq and the Iraqi people if they are to stand on their own.

"I am disappointed that the President has ignored major issues raised by the Iraq Study Group, myself and others. We need an honest discussion about all options regarding the United States' presence in Iraq, including full, aggressive congressional oversight of the appropriate troop strength and the Administration's overall Iraq policy. This should not be about Democrats or Republicans, but deciding what is in the best interest of the American people.

"We saved the Iraqi people from Saddam Hussein, but we cannot

save the Iraqi people from the Iraqi people if they will not put aside centuries of religious and political differences and support their new government.

"Another troop escalation in Iraq will put a serious strain on our military resources. Instead of the same open-ended strategy to stay in Iraq, we need to consider options put forth by the Iraq Study Group, including a shift of security responsibility to the Iraqis and implementing an aggressive international diplomatic strategy to assist Iraq."

January 12th, E-mail from U.S. Congressman Dennis Moore's, "Moore on the Hill"

## HR 32 Repeal of Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision Re-Introduced in Congress

Legislation to entirely repeal both the Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) already introduced in the House now has a Senate companion. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduced S. 206 on January 9 with three cosponsors, Sens. Collins (R-ME), Snowe (R-ME) and Lautenberg (D-NJ). On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA) introduced H.R. 82, the House GPO/WEP Repeal bill with 103 original cosponsors including Rep. Buck McKeon (R-CA) the lead sponsor during the 109th Congress (2005-2006). NARFE members and allied groups recruited 327 cosponsors during the 109th Congress.

**Congressman Dennis Moore (D,3rd) and Jerry Moran (R,1st) are cosponsors of Bill HR 32.**



Olathe Cheers! Dennis Moore helps celebrate the opening of the new 127th Street overpass in Olathe. This overpass, built using federal transportation money secured by Moore, is expected to save Olathe residents 10-15 minutes in driving time per day (at least during rush hour.)

*There's a person holding a horse in the lower right corner in the picture.*

The Shawnee Signal

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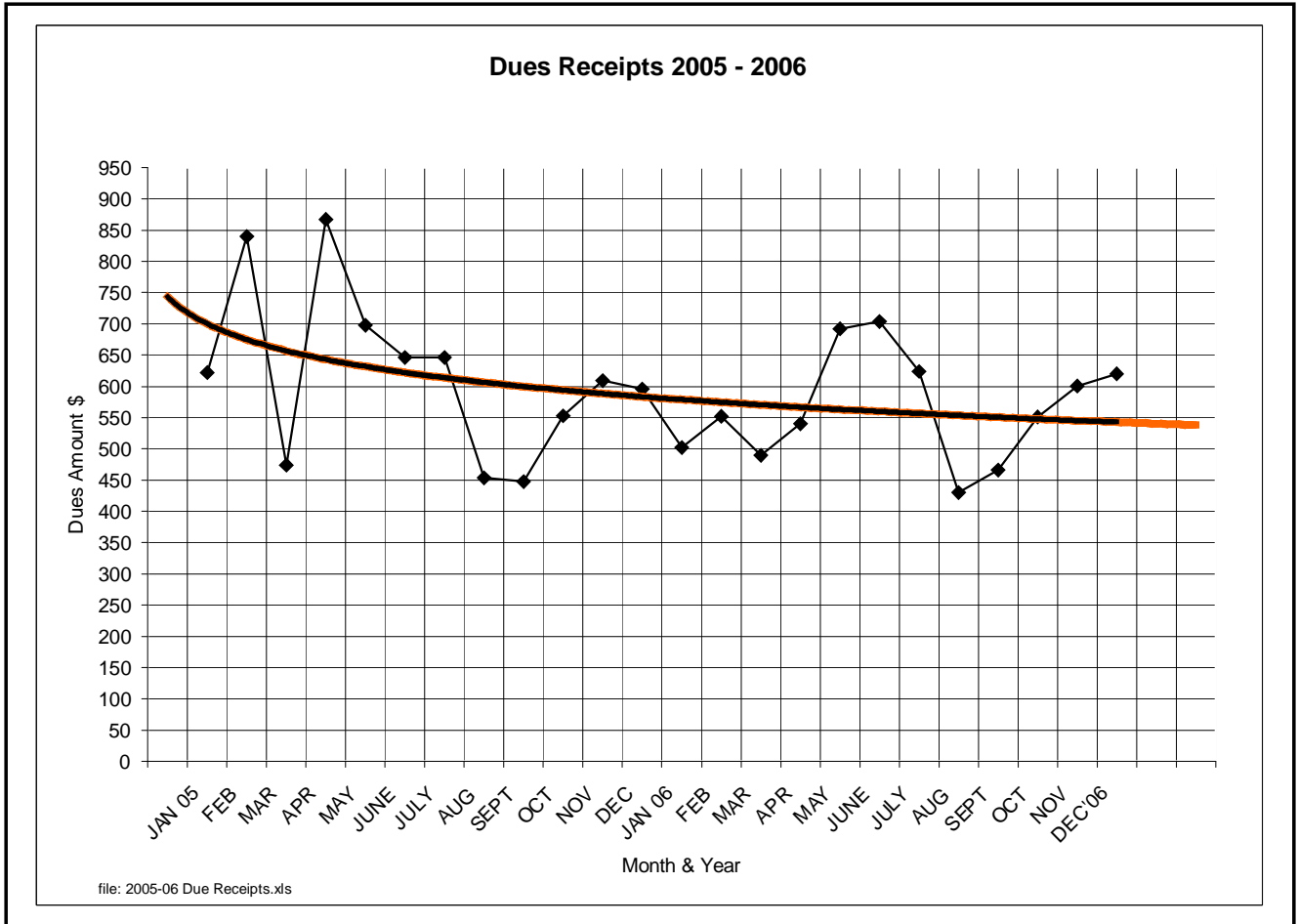
- Financial Report, Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
- Chart, Dues Receipts Trend for Years 2005 – 2006
- Chart, Membership Trend for Years 20005 – 2006.
- Chart, Distribution of Members in Dues Categories.

## TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 2006

<b>STATEMENTS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<b>YEAR 2006</b>		
<b>January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006</b>		
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
Dues	\$6,773	
Interest	134	
Miscellaneous	<u>4</u>	
Total Receipts		<b>\$6,911</b>
<b><u>DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>		
Newsletter & Web Site		
• Newsletter	2,624	
• Internet Web Site	<u>124</u>	
		2,748
Meetings:		
• Chapter	370	
• Federation	800	
• National	2,240	
• Parties	199	
• Executive board	<u>29</u>	
		3,638
Officers		68
Committees		183
Kansas Federation Tax		815
Donations		100
Admin. Services		<u>68</u>
Total Disbursements		<b>7,620</b>
Cash Increase (Decrease)		(709)
Beginning Cash in Bank		<u>8,816</u>
Ending Cash in Bank		<b><u>\$8,107</u></b>
Notes: All cash is deposited in checking and money market accounts. All financial transactions are documented in a journal and cash flow reports, which support this end of year statement.		

See following charts that are relevant to financial state of the chapter.

TREASURER'S REPORT – CHAPTER 1162 DUES RECEIPTS



Amount of receipts from chapter dues is a downward trend as chapter membership declines in numbers. See members chart for same period.

TREASURER'S REPORT – CHAPTER 1162 MEMBERSHIP

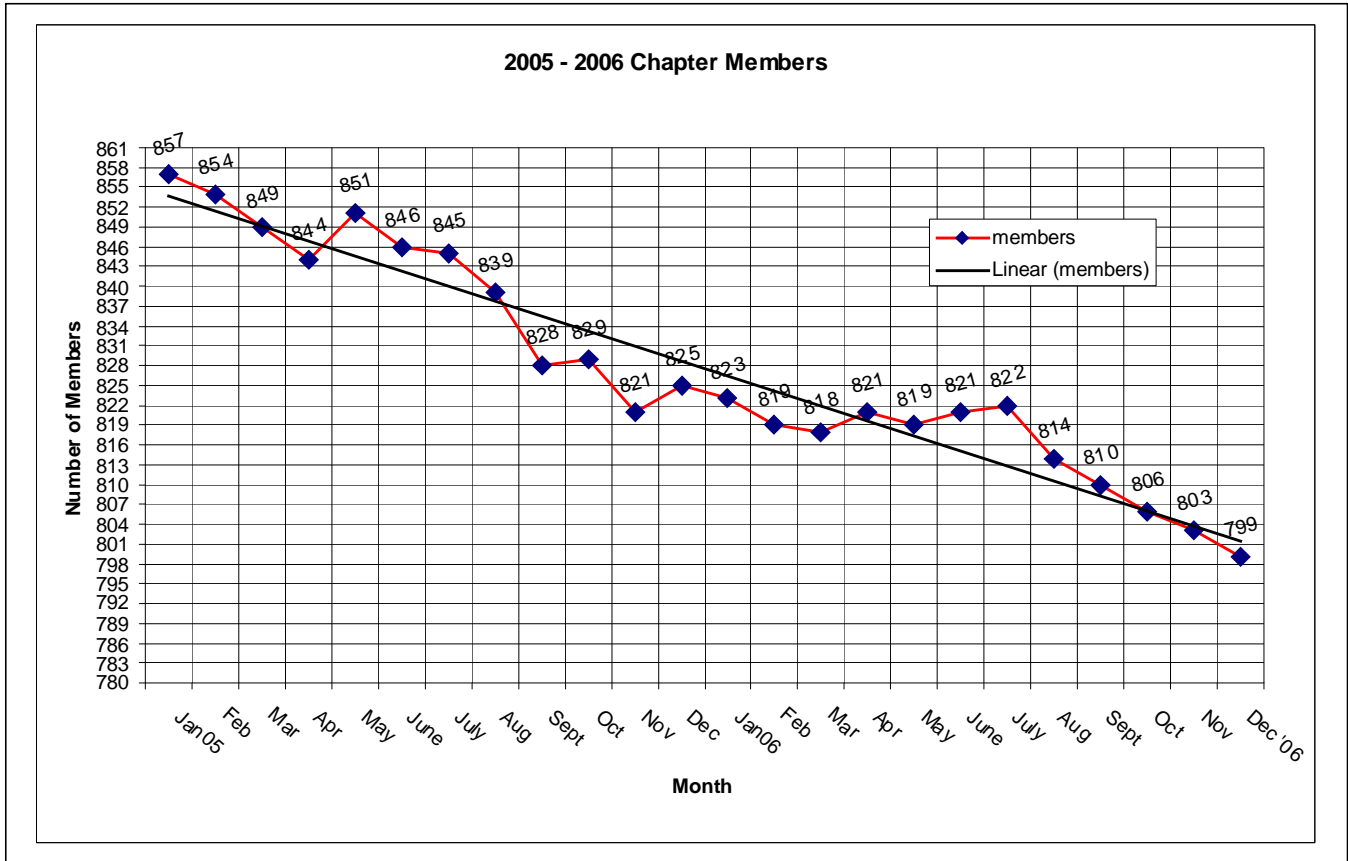
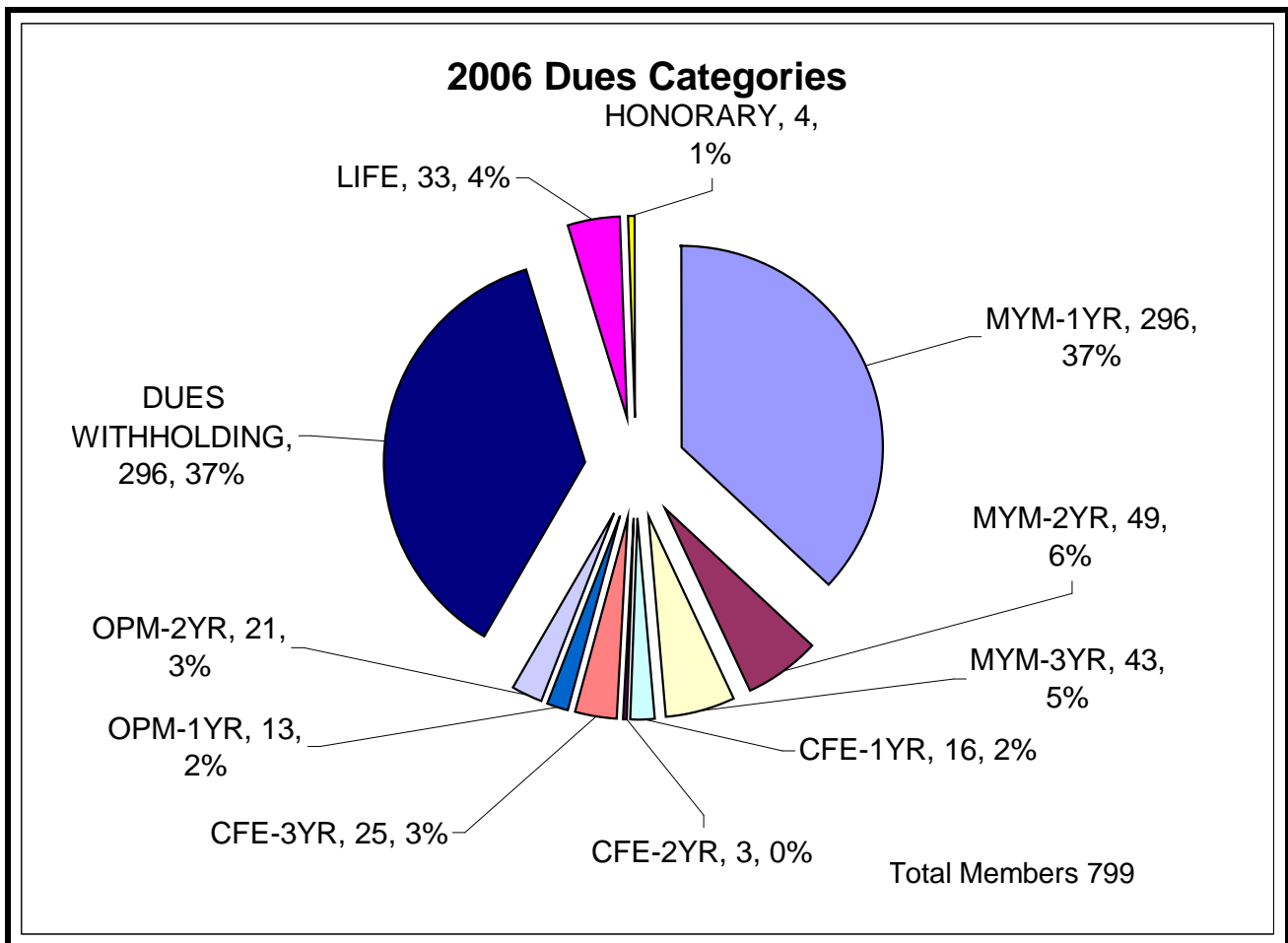


Chart depicts a continuous downward trend in chapter membership.  
 Chart starts in January 2005, the time when members of Olathe chapter were transferred to our Shawnee Mission chapter.

TREASURER'S REPORT- DUES CATEGORIES

DISTRIBUTION OF CHAPTER MEMBERS IN DUES CATEGORIES FOR YEAR ENDING 2006



Key:

MYM -- Multi-Year Membership: 1 year, 2 year, 3 year.

CFE -- Current Federal Employee: 1 year, 2 year, 3 year.

OPM -- Specials: 1 year, 2 year. Blind mailings from Office Personnel Management.

Example:

MYM-1YR, 296, 37%

Multi-Year Membership for 1 year, 296 members, 37 percent of total membership.

## Chapter Bulletin Board

### Regular Chapter Meeting January 23.

Place: Overland Park Lutheran Church on 79th Street at 1:30 pm.

**Looking ahead.** Meetings: Kansas Federation Convention at Junction City , April 27 -May 1,2007; NARFE Legislative Training Conference , Washington DC, March 3-6, 2007; College of Knowledge, South Sioux City, August 2007.

<b>Regular Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Monthly Social Meeting</b>	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>
4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM at Overland Park Lutheran Church, 79th and Lowell, Overland Park. Features: chapter business, refreshments and entertainment. No meetings July, August, December.	2nd Wednesday of the month at the Hometown Buffet, 73rd and Quivira at 1:15 PM. Call Clyde Shellhammer (913 432-0091) for reservations. Luncheon cafeteria-style food service.	1st Friday of the month. Breakfast at 9:00 AM, meeting 9:30 AM. Location Denny's Restaurant, 95th and I-35 exit, Lenexa - adjacent to La Quinta Motel.

### Chapter Officer & Committees

Elizabeth Bornman	President	913 432-0091	Florence Roy	NARFE-ALZ.	913 663-1987
Flo Biehl	1st Vice President	913 631-5559	Tom Raby	Membership	913 829-6025
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Howard Zion	Service Officer	913 236-8131	Bob Steinert	Editor	913 764-7456

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