



MARCH 27 CHAPTER MEETING IN OLATHE



Here's a picture of the Millcreek Center building that houses the Olathe Senior Center at the corner of East Park and North Water streets near downtown Olathe. Our NARFE Chapter 1162 will leave its digs at the Overland Park Lutheran Church and meet at Olathe's Senior Center for its regular meeting on March 27th at 1:30 p.m. for a one-day happening only. Mark this date and location on your calendar. Driving instructions to the Center, see next page.

MEMBERSHIP AND LEGISLATION

By Tom Raby, Chapter Membership Chair

Welcome to new member, Eric Dolard. Also, thanks to those who have been reinstated.

We have scheduled our March meeting at the Olathe Senior Center.

This is due to the Executive Board attempting to make our meetings more available to more members. Also, the City of Olathe is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Johnson County has one of its 50-Plus offices at this location. One of the 50-Plus staff ladies will talk to us about all their programs. I will have a sup-

ply of our brochures, applications and magazines available at this meeting, as well.

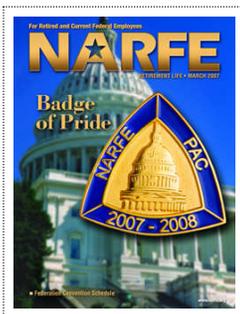
I have been corresponding (by E-mail) with one of our Current Federal Employee members. This member is attempting to get us some exposure at the Bannister Rd. Complex. Remember that we don't have access to the federal work force, like we did in years past. If any of you still have contacts in any federal workplace, please use those contacts to get NARFE'S message and mission to CFE's. If you

can get me the name and address of a contact, I will get that information to them. These contacts may include your children, or grandchildren, that happen to be federal employees.

I just received word that Clarence Suddarth of Gardner passed away last year. He was a long time member. We also recently lost George Berg of Olathe and Norma Reynolds of Overland Park. Our sympathies go out to their families. ●

MARCH IS NARFE-PAC MONTH

By Flo Biehl, Chapter 1st Vice President and NARFE-PAC Chair



We have our own Pac Man in NARFE. He is Gary Townson who is First Vice President of our Federation (that's another way of saying our state association). He says he not selling NARFE-PAC pins but is encouraging us to make our donation to NARFE-PAC and to make sure each chapter is credited properly.

NARFE-PAC is the fund we contribute to help in giving money to candidates who support our objectives. We want our promised and earned benefits restored and premium conversion passed. Locally Dennis Moore has supported us and now, we also have Nancy Boyda who has the counties to our west- which includes the cities of Leavenworth, Manhattan, Topeka, Parsons and Pittsburg.

Monies given to NARFE-PAC must be given by members only. I suggest that you use the coupon in our magazine. I filled it out and sent it with my check to Gary Townson, 212 Brownie Street, Rose Hill, Kansas 67133-9706. If you want a pin, you must send at least \$20. This way Gary can make sure each chapter receives credit for their contributions. He said that you could send it to the address on the coupon and usually no mistake is made in crediting the proper chapter. Occasionally Gary has to trouble shoot a contribution and make sure it is credited to the right chapter.

Remember. March 2007 is NARFE-PAC month, so make your contribution. Read the Retirement Life magazine this month. There is a great article about our NARFE-PAC fund. ●

From the Desk of 2nd Vice President Clara Smith

I know everyone feels the first two months of 2007 have been the 'pits',--bad weather, bad news, both in the newspaper and on TV, our military suffering in the middle East, and they even changed our daylight savings time. I wanted to hibernate like a bear. This week changed all that. I looked out and bluebirds were building their nest in the birdhouse and the birdfeeder had to be filled, and I

thought I saw green blades on the lawn. There's a bible song that says, "This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad. Spring was here!" Let's all think spring and summer, attend a Narfe meeting meet a new friend! Be thankful we have a Narfe organization that works so hard to keep our pension and insurance secure. *Regards to all, Clara.* ●

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Legislative Training Conference

By Elizabeth Bornman, Chapter President

The NARFE Legislative Training Conference was held March 3 - 6, 2007, in Bethesda, MD. It was attended by 300 members across the United States. Various NARFE legislative staff facilitated five workshops, NARFE PAC, Social Security Issues, Health Care Issues, the U.S. Budget, and Contacting Congress. They did an excellent job with the workshops.

The state of Kansas had 7 representatives, representing each of our congressional districts. We visited each district representative's office. The only representative we actually met was the Honorable Dennis Moore who we thanked for his continued support on our issues. We asked him and the others not to vote for the Health Savings Account initiative being proposed by President Bush. It doesn't benefit us in the long run.

We had appointments with Senators Roberts' and Brownback's offices. Senator Sam Brownback spoke with

us. We shared NARFE's positions on the Government Pension Off-Set (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Position (WEP). We also shared our position on Premium Conversion to ease the high cost of health care by extending tax relief to Federal Annuitants and Military retirees.

We need to elect representatives who will support the entitlements we worked for during our careers. The NARFE PAC contributed to all our state representatives in the last election with the exception of Senator Roberts.

I will report out at the March meeting in more detail. Thanks for giving me the opportunity for going and meeting the congressional members and learning more about our issues at the headquarters level. •

Driving to Olathe Senior Center

Directions off I 35 Exit 218 if headed south:

Turn right on Santa Fe to downtown Olathe. (Santa Fe also known as 135th Street)

Two Options:

1. Take Santa Fe to State Street and turn left. Go one block to Park Street and turn right.

Drive to the Senior Center entrance of the Millcreek Center Building located on 311.

E. Park Street.

There is parking across the street from the entrance.

2. Take Santa Fe to Water Street and turn left. Go two blocks to Loula Street and turn left again.

You will be on the back of the building where there also is parking and an entrance.

Problems ? Phone Senior Center (913) 764-1985.

Disturbing news about the newsletter. We put "Return Service Requested" on your copy of The Signal last month, and your mail carriers obliged us by returning 47 newsletters having incorrect addresses.

It's not the editor's fault the addresses were incorrect; it's yours for not informing the chapter and headquarters of your address change. These returns cost the chapter \$40, which is really your money. We all know some members are not interested in belonging to a chapter or are not interested in a chapter newsletter. Your newsletter is sent

as bulk mail and is therefore easily considered part of junk mail and can be easily tossed in the wastepaper basket along with the rest of junk mail.

So lets fess up to reality. If you don't want to receive a newsletter, just be brave and let the editor know. And for you with an Internet connection, read it on our Web site. The current issue is posted on the Web site a week before the chapter meeting. Contact the editor Bob Steinert at phone (913) 765-7456, or e-mail steinert@sbcbglobal.net for making changes.

Looking Ahead — April 24th Chapter Meeting

It's the regular chapter meeting at the Overland Park Lutheran Church. Our guest speaker will be a member of the law firm of Berger & Carmody, P.A., Attorneys At Law, who will speak on the subject of legal issues for seniors. That's for April.

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