



# National Association of Retired Federal Employees

## Lawrence, KS Chapter 378

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### From The PRESIDENT

The call to be a candidate for President of the local Chapter was unexpected. I have been a member for awhile but not a participant beyond reading the news magazine about the way NARFE is meeting the challenges that will always be a part of our security as retirees. The Lawrence Chapter is an important part of the support needed to meet these ongoing challenges. I agreed to be a candidate to step up and do my part for the local Chapter. After attending a few local Chapter meetings I am convinced we have a congenial group and officers committed to their responsibilities as well. Through the able leadership of Past President John Surritte he has passed on a healthy organization. We should thank him for his service and dedication to our Chapter.

I left federal service in 1997 with an early retirement opportunity from the USGS after 25 years. My assignments with the USGS took me to Oklahoma, Louisiana, Nebraska and Kansas. After federal retirement I worked for the Kansas Division of Water Resources as a state employee for 8 years. I then worked for a consulting firm for two years and now have my own water resource consulting firm. I have a contract to coordinate the water quality protection program in the Wakarusa watershed that supplies runoff to Clinton Lake. It is a part time responsibility which gives me a way to transition into full retirement.

I have lived in Lawrence for 25 years this month with my wife Pat. We have twin daughters that live in Mission, Kansas and work in the Johnson County metro area. My pass times now are bicycling, sailing, and kayaking. You know us boomers must stay in shape to show that the "60 somethings" are the new "40 somethings". It's a tough commitment sometimes but I really enjoy fresh air and sunshine. I plan to resume my vegetable gardening now that I have more time. The new green lifestyle suits me very well too.

I look forward to getting to know you all. We have an important mission and a friendly atmosphere each month at the Chapter luncheon meetings. Hope to see you there during the coming year.

Tom Huntzinger  
Chapter President

### Officers for Calendar Year 2009

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### Meetings and Programs

#### **You're Invited!**

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Conroy's Pub, 3115 W6th St., Lawrence, KS. They begin at noon with program followed by lunch at 12:30 and last until approximately 2:00pm. A small charge of \$9 is required for lunch. Future meeting dates and programs are listed below.

#### **Mark your calendar now and join us.**

- February 18 – John Connolly income tax changes
- March 18 – Stan Ring Being Environmentally Friendly
- April 15 -
- May 20 -
- June 17 –
- July 15 –
- August 19 –
- September 16 –
- October 21 –
- November 18 –
- December 16 – Holiday Party

### Alzheimer's Research Contributions

Members of the NARFE organization are proud supporters of Alzheimer's Research. In calendar year 2008, Chapter 378 members contributed a total of \$1,163.70 that computes to \$11 per member. Thank you!

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