



Kansas NARFE News

From Your Federation Officers

June 2011 through August 2011

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The convention is behind us and the executive board is poised to conduct the business of the Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters. First I want to thank all of you for electing me to the position of President. As those that have gone before me know, this position comes with major expectations. The membership looks toward the Executive Board to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. This means not only making sound business decisions, but spending the money of the Federation wisely. One of my goals while President is to try and make process improvements wherever possible so that the membership benefits from the experience of the board members.

The convention was well organized and Junction City #0383 should be commended for assisting the Federation in conducting its annual business. The Marriott was a beautiful facility and it was evident the host chapter had worked hard to assure arrangements were the best possible.

Members of Osage City and Topeka chapters and I attended the official signing by Governor Brownback of a proclamation designating the week of May 1st thru 7th as Public Service Recognition Week in the Governor's office.

I attended the 50th Anniversary of Ottawa Chapter #0785 May 17th. I was delighted to meet the members and enjoyed listening to the stories of how they became associated with our organization. There were two members in attendance that are spousal annuitants – and this just points out that we need to think out of the box in order to attract and retain members.

The recent weather disasters in Reading, Kansas, Joplin, Missouri and Oklahoma remind us how lucky we are to have missed the worst of the storms. If you know of a member in one of the stricken areas, please remind them that they can apply for disaster relief from National headquarters. We should all remember that there are several opportunities for assistance besides just your home owners insurance.

I will be attending the Federation President's meeting in Reno NV this year and am looking forward to meeting the other presidents. I hope to gather knowledge/ideas that I can use to assist our state increase membership and bring interest to our 2012 Kansas convention. I would welcome any suggestions of how to increase the membership attendance at the State convention in Salina in April 2012.

Although I am still a current Federal employee, if your chapter is planning a special celebration please do not hesitate to send me an invitation or drop me a line. I am in the delightful category of 'use-or-lose' and you all remember what that is – and will most certainly attend if possible.

Once again, thank you for electing me as your Federation President. I am still in 'training' and welcome all kind words and assistance.



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Hello Everyone!

Since the convention, Nancy Wiehl prepared the final convention budget and presented it to the Old Trooper Chapter #383 Executive Board for approval. On 1 June 2011 at the Federation meeting in McPherson, I gave the final budget to the Federation Executive Board members. Changes were made by the Board and as soon as completed will be sent to President Cindy Blythe for ratification.

I attended Old Trooper Chapter #383 potluck on 9 June, which commences the summer hiatus. There are plans to have a NARFE table at the Geary County Fair in July. The next Chapter meeting will be in September. Have a safe summer and will see everyone in the fall!



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I am the new 2nd vice president of Kansas NARFE. I look forward to supporting NARFE by being active in the organization.

My service to the federal government was spent as an Education Counselor for soldiers and their families at the Army Education Center in Fort Riley, Kansas. It was a great career and I take pride in having been a "government" worker.

I would like to visit some of the Kansas NARFE chapters and look for ways to enhance the NARFE experience for our members. These are interesting times in which we must educate ourselves and our fellow citizens about the issues that affect us. I appreciate the information provided to our memberships by the national office. The image of the federal worker must not be undermined. Much of our quality of life depends on the service of the federal workforce.



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Since the last issue of the newsletter, my efforts were primarily concentrated on the NARFE convention. Before the NARFE convention, I reviewed all the forms that were sent to me as Federation Secretary, compiling a list of all the deceased members by chapter to be read at the convention. This included comparing the names submitted against M-112 reports for discrepancies. Another major task was compiling a list of Delegates, Delegates at Large, etc who would be attending the convention, comparing against those who had sent in registrations, and from the list compiling the official Credentials registration information. And then I reviewed the submission of the form Request to Serve on Committees. Based on this information, members were assigned to committees as requested, and if no committee was identified, members were asked what committee they would like to serve on. With the help of President Carol Ek, letters were sent to the committee chairmen, as well as letters to those participating on the various committees with instructions as to time and location of the meetings.

Since the convention ended, I have been working on preparing the minutes from all the various meetings, including the Pre-Convention and Post-Convention Executive Board meetings, in addition to the Federation Convention meetings beginning with the Opening session on Sunday evening, and concluding with the Tuesday session that included many reports from the various committees. In addition, this included updating the Federation Bylaws and Policies and Procedures based on changes voted on during the meetings held. Hopefully, by the time you read this article, you will have received a copy of the minutes from the Convention.

The next major task that will be upcoming will be the June 1st Federation Executive Board meeting. Upon completion of this meeting, I will once again be preparing minutes that will be distributed to the Federation Executive Board and all chapter Presidents and Secretaries. For those individuals who have provided us with e-mail addresses, I am planning to transmit the board meeting minutes via e-mail. And for those who have dial up internet access, a link to the website will be provided to allow you to view the minutes rather than trying to download the minutes as that may take a long time for you. For those who do not have internet access, a hard copy of the minutes will be mailed to you. And anyone who can't access the attachments, or would prefer I mail a hard copy, just let me know, and I will gladly mail a hard copy.

By transmitting the minutes to many of you via e-mail, we will be able to save money on postage and supplies, i.e., large envelopes, copy paper, and toner for the printer. And with reduced usage of the printer, hopefully that will extend the life of the printer. And another benefit will be that with an electronic copy, this document can be easily transmitted to others in your chapter who may have e-mail, thus allowing for more individuals to have access to the information. I hope you'll be patient as we work thru the first few mailings.



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I want to thank all the delegates of the 2011 Federation Convention that allowed me to serve as s Federation Treasurer for another year.

Our Federation finances continue to follow normal patterns. The \$ 3000 that we started in June of 2010 rolled over this year to \$3041.74.

I am happy to report that every chapter treasurer filed a 990-N or had someone with internet access file for them. This electronic filing began in 2008 and each calendar year requires a filing by the following May 15.

I continue to get reports from Chapters where the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are not combined that the Treasurer does not get to see the Kansas NARFE News. I hope that each President and Secretary will share each issue with the Chapter membership.



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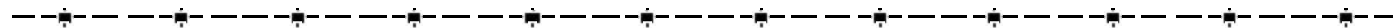
I started the visitation to the chapters. Topeka had an interesting speaker, Representative Lynn Jenkins was there. She promised that her vote would be supportive of federal workers both active and retired. That was good to hear.

I have made calendar dates with some other chapters. We also talked about program ideas.

Shawnee Mission chapter lost two members that were very active working for NARFE. Howard Zion had been service officer for many years. Harold Donnell had worked tirelessly for Alzheimer's until his health made that impossible. They will be missed.

Shawnee Mission is making plans for the Federation Convention two years away. They are looking forward to this event. They are having an August breakfast meeting at the hotel where it will be and also will look at the rooms. This meeting will be on a Saturday so active employees can attend.

I got my tomato plants planted and they are doing well.





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Hello from Northeast Kansas. What a beautiful spring—when the magnolias bloom instead of freezing, it's wonderful.

Congratulations to Carol Ek for becoming the new Region V Vice President and to Cindy Renee Blythe for becoming the new Kansas Federation President. Also, congrats to Ann Murphy from Manhattan, who has replaced Cindy as Second Vice President and membership chair; Lorene Mumm from Atchison, who is the Convention Liaison Secretary; and Bob Cranmer from Ness City, who is the Area 6 Vice President. Thanks to Junction City for hosting a wonderful convention. Everything seemed to go smoothly, the facility worked well, and the meals were really good. All chapters should try to send someone as a delegate. Those of us who attend can let the chapters who send a proxy know what happened, but it would be better for those chapters to actually have someone who is a member of the chapter attend and vote. Even NARFE members who are visitors can benefit. Convention gives those attending a chance to meet other members from neighboring towns and across the state, discuss ideas concerning chapters, and just get pumped up about NARFE.

Membership has decreased since the dues increased. Northeast Kansas has done well in not losing members, but even one member lost is too many. If every NARFE member could get one new member, think how strong and vital NARFE could become. Those of us who are retired could benefit from new members who are still in the Federal work force. They bring new ideas for making NARFE more dynamic. Get your spouse interested in membership. He or she benefits from NARFE just as you do. Do not give up. Sometimes it may take several conversations before you can convince someone to give NARFE a try. Now, when Federal employee has almost become a dirty word, more Feds should see a need in joining NARFE if you explain the benefits to them. Also, check your meeting time and place. Maybe moving your meeting to a different location would encourage more members to come. Changing the meeting time or having an evening meeting occasionally might encourage members who are still working to come.

Recently the Atchison chapter has asked other chapters to join them for a special program or party. We have not done a very good job of getting the word out early, but even so we had eight visitors at our April meeting to hear a presentation by Teddy Stillwell on the local Presidents of the United States. Teddy owns a bookstore in Independence, MO, and writes a column for Gatehouse Media, owner of the *Leavenworth Times* and other newspapers. Presidents he discussed included David Rice Atchison (look him up), Lincoln (began his Presidential campaign in Northeast Kansas), Truman, and Eisenhower. Another chapter in Area 1A is possibly planning a potluck and inviting a special speaker and other neighboring chapters. Members get to see what other chapters are doing and take ideas home to their own chapters. Several chapter presidents have also tried to get together for lunch and brainstorm (the original meeting had to be cancelled but we are going to try again). New ideas help bring new interest.

Thank you for electing me the Area 1A VP again. I will try to do my best. Please let me know what I can do to assist you—that is my job.



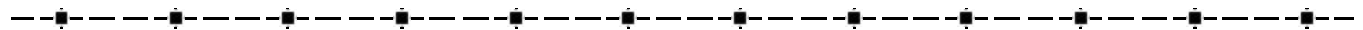
Pictured left to right, Bernadine Wright, Hazel Meerpohl, Dora Slavin, Jesse Hobbs, and Leonard Puvogel

At the May meeting of Brown County NARFE #2164, the local chapter recognized four of their members with the Distinguished Member Award given by the National NARFE organization. Criteria for this award was being an active member for 20 years and being 85 years of age. The Award consisted of a framed certificate, a business size identification card identifying them as a Distinguished Member and a Distinguished Member Award lapel pin. Vice president Daryl Monaghan gave a description of what each has done for the local NARFE organization and President Leonard Puvogel presented the awards to Bernadine Wright, Hazel Meerpohl, Dora Slavin and Jesse Hobbs.

NARFE is an organization of National Active and Retired Federal Employees, looking after their earned benefits as Federal Employees. Brown County NARFE Chapter # 2164 meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in the community room of the East Maple Grove Complex at 11:30 a.m. Any and all active and/or retired employees are invited to join our organization.

Officers for Brown County NARFE #2164 are Leonard Puvogel, President; Daryl Monaghan, Vice President; Dorothy Wright & Sharon Waser, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dorothy Wright, membership chairman.

Guests at our May meeting included Ed Wright, son of Bernadine Wright, and Judy Etter, Area 1A Vice President of the Kansas NARFE Organization.



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Area two (2) which includes five chapters has had limited activity since the Kansas Convention at Junction City.

Chapter 785, the Ottawa Chapter celebrated their 50th Anniversary. "Congratulations to Ottawa" Not many chapters reach that goal. Thanks to Carolina Coleman, chapter president for working with her chapter membership in reaching that goal. It takes the cooperation of many chapter members over many, many years to accomplish such a goal as "50 Years". It does not "just happen".

Now for another fifty years! Area (2) two has two chapters of five that have met the 50 year goal. Emporia Chapter #384 celebrated fifty years in 2004 and are working on their second fifty. Records show that (58) fifty-eight chapters have been organized in Kansas since Topeka Chapter #0002 was organized in May 1947. Kansas records show that (45) forty-five chapters remain in Kansas. It takes the contribution of many, many,

NARFE members for 50 Years to reach such a goal. It does not , "just happen". Who will be the next chapter to reach the fifty year mark?

COMMUNICATIONS: Federal employees and Federal retirees have been placed on the "Governments" "Hit list". This is not the first time. We lost cost of living in 1994, 1995 and; yes, the year I retired, in 1985 we lost a "cost of living" adjustment.

NARFE is making every effort to help us protect our retirement benefits, (that we paid for) but without the help of retirees, spouses and working federal employees, we could be the losers once again. It is time every Federal retiree, working Federal employee, and their spouses stood up to be counted. Let your Congressman hear from you, not once, but weekly.

"Remember when your children were growing up, you had to repeat your instructions to them". The same applies to your Congressman, you must repeat and repeat.

What else is new Area two? Chapters visited since the convention, Tri-River Chapter 2098; Ottawa Chapter 785; and, Iola Chapter 2077.

Share the Federation Newsletter, this letter, share key issues with your chapter members. Remember, it is not sent to all Kansas members because of costs.

Reminder #2 JULY NARFE Magazine: Remind your chapter members, if they have not read their July NARFE Magazine; just laid it aside "The magazine has a lot of information that NARFE members should share, and act on.

"NOW" Did you read Page 39. Your Kansas NARFE President got "top billing" Congratulations Cindy.

Supplies - I just received a shipment from NARFE of supplies such as the New Membership applications, and F117; Legislative Accomplishments date 1/11; etc. Now I am wondering how many membership applications we have floating around with the old rates on them. (F-14C, F-53, F-85, H-140A Dues Withholding DW2). With Dues having gone up, this is a good time to promote the use of dues withholding, since you only have to pay a month at a time, hardly noticed.

Have all Area VP's etc, advised their chapters to dispose of the outdated forms? Want to place any bets? Just wondering? I always order one F-18 when I place an order, as it is easier to review than using what shows up on the computer monitor when I order.



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Mark your calendars, Saturday September 17, The Chanute Chapter will host a BIRTHDAY PARTY. They will celebrate the 90th NARFE birthday and the 50th birthday of the Chanute Chapter and the Bourbon County Chapter. From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. an open house will be held at the Otterbein United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 631 West Kansas in Chanute. One may come and go, but there will be presentations at 2:30 p.m. Bring friends to learn what NARFE has done and will do for you in the future. This is for existing members and prospective members. If you are a Federal Employee or a retired person it is for you. All the

2A chapters and the Iola Chapter will CELEBRATE together. Plan to attend.

There is GREAT concern how our benefits may be affected by Congressional decisions. The pay freeze for Federal Employees has already saved the nation \$5 billion. How much more must Federal Employees and Retirees sacrifice? Do we have to endure health insurance and retirement benefits reduction TOO? What about our COLA? In the July issue of the NARFE Magazine they indicated a CPI index increase of 2.90% for April. Retirees could get a COLA if the CPI continues as indicated AND Congress decides NOT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM US.

Have you contacted your Congressperson this week? Or have you let someone else control your future benefits?



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Retirees are supposed to have a lot of free time! Don't believe it!

I did have the privilege of attending the Chapter 739 meeting at Belleville, Kansas, on Saturday May 21st. I have also been in attendance at all of my home Chapter 366 meetings. Both chapters have had excellent programs.

I was in attendance of the Kansas Federation Executive Board meeting in McPherson on June 1. The meeting was a very good one. Much material was covered, under the direction of the new Kansas President Cindy Renee` Blythe. The new Region V Vice President, Carol Ek provided some very timely direction to our NARFE program.

Carol Ek urged members to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the 2011 Region V NARFE College of NARFE, being held August 29-31 at South Sioux City, Nebraska. This is an experience well worth our time to attend. The information for enrollment has been sent to all of the Chapters. I urge you to take this opportunity (and tell your fellow NARFE members).

Repeat the NARFE PAC Creed again and again: "of the donors, by the members, for the good of all members and survivors"

If you don't have your new 2011-2012 NARFE PAC pin, now is the time to make your donation to NARFE PAC and receive your very own, to proudly wear. A minimum of \$20 will qualify you to be given a new NARFE-PAC Pin!!

May I repeat the old saying " it doesn't just cost - **It Pays**" to be a member of **NARFE**. No other organization can do for the Federal worker/retiree, what **NARFE** can do. I again urge all NARFE members to contribute to NARFE-PAC.

Restating the NARFE Annual Meeting Collection of \$1,997. Since then, \$265, \$90 and \$80 has been mailed to National NARFE-PAC for a known Kansas contributions of \$2,432 total for this year. I sure hope the Chapters are still keeping NARFE-PAC contribution opportunities in mind.

See you in South Sioux City, Nebraska!





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TOWN HALL MEETINGS!

Prior to you attending a Town Hall Meeting, the very thought of it may seem scary. *What do I do? What do I say? I'm afraid I'll make a fool out of myself! etc. etc.*

The First thing to remember is if you attend a Town Hall meeting for someone you are eligible to vote for (or against) YOU are that person's employer. He/or she can vote on things that have a direct impact on you and your way of life BUT . . . you have the power to Fire them at their next election. They know this and will do everything they can to keep you from getting upset with them. For this reason, you should not have any anxiety attending a Town Hall meeting. You will probably have between 35 and 100 other citizens in the audience with you. You will see people with an infatuation with the microphone that will want to make a speech or take exception to the answer to their question(s) and will want to keep talking. You will see folks that are angry and sometimes even resort to threats. An accomplished politician will have experience in defusing situations like that. Most attendees, however, simply have a question or a statement to convey. The NARFE website has good 'talking points' posted as does the new Protect America's Heartbeat site. The format at most Town Halls is the same. The Legislator will welcome everyone, spend a few minutes making comments and then open the microphones up to take questions. A good way for a novice to start out is with simply a short written statement, read from the mike. One I copied off the NARFE website and just modified to fit the occasion is as follows;

Federal employees ensure our food is safe and our air is healthy. Some spend their days fighting the spread of infectious disease, while others raise the alarm whenever a storm is coming.

We depend on federal workers in all 50 states to keep America strong. And they've already sacrificed pay and benefits to help solve our nation's budget woes, even though they didn't cause our economic crisis.

Yet according to recent reports, the federal worker retirement system "has emerged as a key target" in negotiations about our national debt. It's not right – and we need YOU, Congressman Pompeo, to stand up in our defense. Please don't let Congress further penalize those that gave their professional careers Serving this country!'

If you read any statement, make sure it is brief and Practice reading it before you go to the meeting. When you are at the microphone, speak loud enough to be heard and plain enough to be understood. If you feel like you need to introduce yourself prior to speaking simply say "My name is ----- I am a member of National Active and Retired Federal Employees and a constituent of yours." Do NOT abbreviate and just use the letters NARFE!

Once again, going to the NARFE Website, go to the Legislative Department. If you scroll down a little, you can find the 'Talking Points [CLICK HERE](#)' link. Currently the following topics are listed there;

Federal Employees Are Paid Less Than Their Private-Sector Counterparts
Federal Employees/Annuitants and Their Benefits Are Being Targeted

HOW THE NEW HEALTH CARE REFORM LAWS AFFECT FEDERAL WORKERS AND ANNUITANTS
PROTECT THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (FEHBP) IN FINAL

HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION
PREMIUM CONVERSION TO EASE THE HIGH COST OF HEALTH CARE FOR FEDERAL ANNUITANTS AND
MILITARY RETIREES

RETIREMENT EQUITY FOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN WORKERS AND RETIREES

Clicking on any topic takes you to the 'position paper.' Any one of these talking points would be good to copy, print out and hand to the Legislator or their Aide. This would be done after the meeting, while the Legislator is shaking hands with the attendees. Remember, they want our input and if they don't hear from us, they assume everything is going OK or we don't care.

Get out there & meet and speak to your Congressman and Senators! We NEED YOU!

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Congratulations Federation Officers, who were elected, reelected and committee chairs appointed at the 57th Annual Federation of Chapters Convention held April 10-12, 2011, in Junction City. These officers took over their position, duties and responsibilities May 15 to serve the Kansas Chapters through the 2011-12 year.

Congratulations to Carol Ek appointed to the position of Region V Vice President serving out the vacated term of now National Treasurer Richard Thissen. NARFE members are proud of Ms. Ek's past service to Kansas Federation as Secretary and President. Ms. Ek took over her position, duties and responsibilities April 15, 2011.

Congratulations Chapter 2032 Logan County for exceeding the Federation contribution goal in 2010 of \$5.50 per chapter member to Alzheimer's research. Chapter 2032's contribution for 2010 was \$8.69 per member.

Thank you to all NARFE members who have and are participating in the "Protect America's Heartbeat" campaign. The dedication of NARFE members to do all we can to protect Federal employees and retirees earned benefits are serving the purpose of our Association

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Chapter of the Quarter.

Chapter 1709, Golden Plains, Great Bend, has 61 members with usually 20 in monthly attendance. President Derinda Bussman conducts a proper and well run meeting. Program Chair Charles Waknitz has a very good monthly program of local interest. Most Committee Chairs have been appointed and are serving. Congratulations, Chapter 1709.

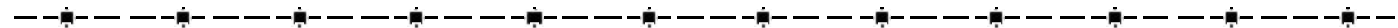
I would like to ask for the E-mail address of all members of Area 6. If I get them I can E-mail the Federation newsletter to everyone when it is available.

This has been an unusual spring and summer. There has been tornadoes state wide, flooding, drought, and hail. Ness City received hail as large as 5 inches. Thank goodness it didn't hail long. Last October we had to replace several roofs. May 6th hail took one of the new roofs and had to be replaced. I have never seen such large hail stones in my life.

This is the last call for Region V- College of NARFE Knowledge. August 29-31, 2011. Hotel Reservation Deadline is August 1, 2011.

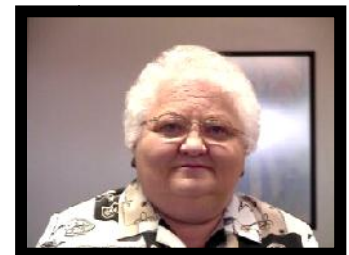
The 2012 Federation Convention will be in Salina, April 22-24, 2012. The Nomination Committee will meet on Sunday afternoon at 4:15 PM.

The month of May was not very kind to me. I had a heart cauterization and a new 3 wire pacemaker instilled in Wichita. I am feeling very good now.



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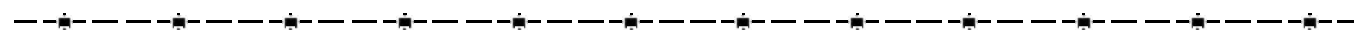


As of May 31, 2011, Kansas chapters have collected \$11,202.16 which averages to \$2.50 per member. The 2011 goal is \$5.50 per member.

At the convention April 10-12 in Junction City, the live auction made \$1,365.50 and the silent auction \$2,860.00 for total proceeds of \$4,225.50. Individual chapter credits will be sent out in the Alzheimer's newsletter in early July.

Chapter 550, Pittsburg, recently had 29 memorials for a total of \$492.00. Chapter 2053, Oberlin, had a garage sale in May for Alzheimer's Research which brought in \$762.00. Chapter 383, Old Trooper, Junction City, received \$2,000.00 from the Eagles Auxiliary Bingo Fund. Two Junction City NARFE members work bingo every Friday night.

As of March 31, 2011, NARFE contributions to Alzheimer's Research reached \$9,136,542.51.





State Legislative

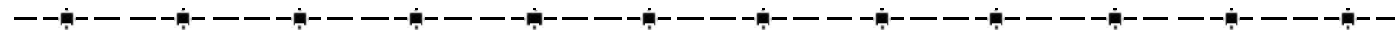
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Considering the turmoil in Washington, DC and the threats from members of Congress, semi-eligible still working (the ACTIVE part of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees) are looking for any reasonable Early Out offers. So far, the Federal Trade Commission; the US Postal Service; the Justice Dept. Anti-Trust Division; and the Smithsonian have offered buyouts. The General Printing Office plans to retire 330; the Dept. of Agriculture 544. We can hope potential retirees will immediately enroll in NARFE, if they aren't members. For the workers left standing, they'll hear the old mantra WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER. For those who have experienced that, simply put, you will work harder because we don't plan to hire replacements!

Members of Congress count the numbers and NARFE's main tasks are Membership recruitment and Retention; and, (2) Legislative - both in Kansas and in Washington, DC.

The noble ALZHEIMERS efforts are positive pluses for several reasons. The disease touches so many friends and family, and also touches the hearts of people who are pleased to know NARFE is helping in the battle to cure ALZHEIMERS.

On the recruitment trail, I spoke to the KS Rural Carriers State Convention on June 6. The convention was held at the Topeka Ramada Inn, and this marks the first time in my memory NARFE has been invited. I distributed about 78 packets of information and personally visited with their officers and members, plus the husband of a NRLCA national officer from Georgia. He asked for a packet, as he is Chapter President for his NARFE chapter at home. There is one huge advantage of NARFE membership! We are nationwide, and our legislative accomplishments are a reflection of that broad coverage.

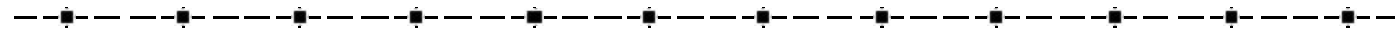


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The only report I have currently is "As State Service Officer, I visited and gave a program on "Duties of Chapter Service Officer" to the Leavenworth Chapter 27 on June 2. Enjoyed visiting Chapter 27 and talking with all the members present,"





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The following items have been updated on the KSNARFE.org web site.

At item #1: The Legislators information has been updated with information from KS Federation Legislative Officer Gary Townson.

At item #2: The new KS federation board listings from KS Federation Secretary Louis Lloyd had been posted.

At item # 14 several newsletters have been update. Currently there are over 260 newsletters carried on the web site as part of the Federation Historical records.

At item #6B, I have added to the link on the KSNARFE.org web site home page that will include all new Kansas NARFE executive board meeting minutes and other reports from the executive board members.

Be sure to update your e-mail address on the NARFE HQ web site to be sure to receive all of the HQ messages. Also would appreciate your sending me a note at jdodd40955@aol.com of any change of your e-mail address.

If there is any information you would like to have on the KSNARFE.org web site please let me know

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2011 Region V College of NARFE Knowledge – Richard Thissen

The dates of the 2011 CONK are August 29-31. It will be held again at the Marina Inn in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Room rates are \$87 per night (double) which includes full buffet breakfast for two people. Room reservations must be made by August 1st directly with the hotel at 1-800-798-7980 (toll free) or 1-402-494-4000. Registration will be \$60; this includes Monday evening sandwich buffet and the Tuesday noon and evening meals. I have been asked what the price is for some one just visiting and not attending the sessions; it is \$60. That is because the registration fee just covers the meal expense; other expenses are covered by the donations from the corporate sponsors. Registration is due by August 15th – late registration fee is \$65.

