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KUDOS & THANK YOU'S TO:

- ★ **Betty Scribner for receiving the Citation for Distinguished Service at the Kansas Federation Convention**
- ★ **Dianne Throop for assisting Betty with recruiting at the VA**
- ★ **Chapter 378 for being recognized at Kansas Federation Convention for \$21.08/per capita Alzheimer's donations in 2010.**

---Report deserving members to Wendy Hambly---

KANSAS FEDERATION CONVENTION

Chapter 378 was recognized at The Kansas Federation Convention held in Junction City, KS April 10-12, 2011. Betty Scribner, Chapter 378's Membership Chair, was awarded a *Citation for Distinguished Service* for her recruiting efforts (pictured below), and the Chapter was recognized for Alzheimer's contributions of \$21.08/member in 2010.



Photo provided by Wanda Lyons.

MAY 18th MEETING INFORMATION

Meet at Conroy's Pub. Program begins at noon, lunch at 12:30. Choose from 3 menu items. Iced tea and coffee, gratuity and tax are included for \$10.00. A business meeting follows lunch. May's program is John Glassman of the Lawrence Senior Center.

APRIL 20th MEETING RECAP

Sherry Hamilton, Director of Development and George Norton, Corporate Development Director of Kansas Public Radio (KPR) provided April's program.

KPR began broadcasting from the "mud hut" (a temporary location) on September 15, 1952 with donated equipment, and only to the KU campus. In 2003, KPR moved into a new, state-of-the-art facility after the wiring in their "temporary" housing did not meet fire codes.

KPR has received the Peabody Award, the Non-Commercial Station of the Year by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters for 12 out of 14 years, and the Gold Award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The 81,900 weekly listeners enjoy classical, jazz, and folk/bluegrass music, and NPR news. NPR provides Morning Edition, All Things Considered, A Prairie Home Companion, This American Life, and What Da Ya Know? KPR also provides locally produced programming including bad weather warnings, cancellation during severe weather, and provides Audio Reader to western Missouri and all over Kansas. KPR's broadcast footprint includes Lawrence (91.5), Atchison (89.9), Manhattan (98.3), Emporia (98.7), Junction City (99.5), and recently Chanute.

The 6000 members average donation is \$120. Listeners provided \$600,000 in 2010. KPR's annual budget is 2.3 million. Governments provide 38.5% of the funding (KU 21%, federal 12%, state 5.5%), while the private sector provides 61.5%. The new general manager is pushing to rely more on private contributions. In lieu of the political climate of cuts to balance the budgets, that is good strategy. KPR uses volunteers and interns to answer phones and does not have "gifts" for contributors during fund raising campaigns. Basic membership is \$60 per year (\$20 for students), but they except any donations. For more information check out their website at Kansaspublicradio.org.

CORRECTION: Concerning the March Chapter

meeting program, John Jewel works at the Watkins Community Museum of History. The Spencer Art museum is on campus, as well as the Spencer Research Library. Thank you to Mary Margaret Rowen for the clarification.

MEMBERSHIP Betty Scribner

This month's report contains three more members who were sent second renewal notices, and two members who have made payment before their expiration. There are a number of memberships that will expire during April and May. If you are one of those, it would be great if you could take care of it ahead of the headquarters notice – which will save paper, stamps, etc. Our report shows no new members but 3 new members have been added to NARFE as a result of Roger Lemmon's recruiting. Our recruiting has been focused in agencies outside of Lawrence and members will join the chapter closest to where they live.

Chuck Timanus, Director of NARFE Public Relations, was a speaker at the Kansas Federation Convention. One of the membership items he mentioned was Chapter 2363 (E-Chapter) chartered by NARFE Headquarters with the intent to attract those members who will not join because they do not want to attend chapter meetings or be affiliated with a chapter (but are willing to pay dues and communicate entirely via the computer). E-Chapters are a way that NARFE can meet the needs of those Active Federal Employees (AFE) and recent retirees who are willing to join NARFE as long as they can do business electronically.

Dianne Throop and I visited the VA canteen in Leavenworth, along with Diane Hall, President of the Leavenworth Chapter, to share information with active employees. Good contacts were made and thanks goes to Dianne for her work in coordinating not only this event but the successful presentation for the retirement seminar also held at the VA last week.

Wendy Hambly and I will attend two National Archives health fairs, the first at the Lenexa Facility on May 16th and the second at the Lee's Summit facility on May 19th.

I am still soliciting assistance from anyone who is willing to help me reach employees of your agencies. Please contact me for information on how you can help. Thank you.

Consider becoming a National Life Member, a

special category of NARFE membership. By becoming a National Life Member, you affirm your ongoing support of NARFE's mission to serve federal employees and retirees. National Life Members are committed to the future of NARFE as an organization and the well being of its members.

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A membership application is available online at www.narfe.org or contact me at 785/843-7481 or Email: elisabethscribner@yahoo.com.

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SUNSHINE CHAIR Reba Bryant

Welcome back to our Sunshine Chair, Reba Bryant. We hope Cheryl Travis and Linda Surritte are feeling better. Please continue to let Reba know about illness, special birthdays, celebrations, or honors our members receive, so she can send an appropriate card. Email: rebabryant@sbcglobal.net

VISIT NARFE WEBSITE (NARFE.ORG)

You can listen to the NARFE radio ads supporting Protect America's Heartbeat or view the video of Congressman Stey Hoyer speaking in support of federal workers and retirees at the NARFE Legislative Training Conference.

WWII VETERAN VISITS WWII MEMORIAL

Val Romero and his wife, Liz, participated in an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, on April 6th and 7th. The trip was offered through the Honor Flight Network (HFN) with funds provided by Coffee County Community High School (CCCHS) students. They conducted several fundraisers to provide World War II Veterans from Kansas an opportunity to visit the WWII Memorial. Val's granddaughter applied to the HFN and arranged for Val's Honor Flight.

The Honor Flight Network was the brainchild of Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain, who wanted to honor veterans. He realized the trip to the WWII Memorial was financially and/or physically impossible for these senior heroes. In December 2004, he personally flew two WWII veterans to Washington, DC. In February of 2006, the Honor Flight Network was founded. In May of 2008, Southwest Airlines donated thousands of free tickets. The trips are free to the veterans, and veterans have a personal escort on the trip.



Val and Liz flew from KC to Bethesda, MD. An honor guard saw the 47 veterans and their 47 CCCHS student escorts off at the KC airport, and an Army Unit greeted them at Bethesda. They were bused to Washington, DC. Val's escort raised and sold a farm animal to earn money for the trip.

In addition to the WWII Memorial, their bus tour included an overview of Washington, DC, the Navy Memorial on Constitution Avenue, the Ford Theater, Jefferson Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery to see the changing of the Guard, and Lincoln Memorial. Val was thrilled to find his brother's name on the computer site for the WWII Memorial and was impressed with the size of the Lincoln Memorial.

Val also received a certificate from Lynn Jenkins to commemorate the trip.

The veterans represented the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, and Coast Guard. There were 2 women veterans in the group. Val said they all shared stories, and he really enjoyed the adventure.

For more info about the Honor Flight Network, visit their website at www.honorflight.org.

NARFE NEWSWATCH**May 10, 2011**

The federal long term care open season is an opportunity for only CURRENT federal employees to enroll with abbreviated underwriting (there are fewer health questions to answer). The open season began April 4 and runs through June 24, 2011. Federal retirees are eligible to enroll in the FLTCIP program at any time, but they must use the full underwriting application. For more information go to www.ltcfeds.com.

NARFE Legislative Hotline, #756, May 11, 2011

*President Beaudoin urges each NARFE member to send a new message to the Senate. **Featured Action:** The Senate will be voting soon on the House passed Budget Resolution (House Concurrent Resolution 34) which includes \$375 billion in savings over ten years from current and retired federal employees. Visit the newly updated www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org to send a message to your Senators telling them to vote "no." The stakes are high – act now!*

***Toolkit Centralizes Resources:** The Protect America's Heartbeat "toolkit" is now available on the Protect America's Heartbeat website under "Resources". The toolkit will give you the facts about federal worker and retiree compensation and benefits -- and resources to raise your voice in your community. Here is the link: [Protect America's Heartbeat Tool Kit](http://ProtectAmerica'sHeartbeatToolKit).*

***New Congressional Directory:** NARFE's Congressional Directory for the 112th Congress (2011-2012) can be ordered using the form on page 17 of the May issue of NARFE magazine. In addition to 190 pages of maps, photos and listings there are 20 pages specific to the NARFE edition. The cost remains \$20. Chapters and Federations should purchase copies for legislative leaders.*

SPECIAL EVENTS SURVEY

Special Events Committee members, Roger Lemmons (rslemmons@sunflower.com) and Elaine Seeman (eseeman@sunflower.com), are asking for your assistance in determining what interest members have in the Chapter sponsoring a Special Event. To help them plan an event, please complete the survey attached to the email containing this newsletter. Just open the file, click in the grey boxes and type your comments. Save the document and return it as an attachment to an email to Roger or Elaine, print and mail it, or bring it to the meeting.