

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
IOLA NARFE CHAPTER #2077, ORGANIZED JULY 1985 AT IOLA, KANSAS 66749  
@YOUR IOLA NARFE CHAPTER 2077 WAS 25 YEARS OLD THIS PAST JULY@

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Next Chapter meeting, Monday, November 1, New Greenery, 11:30 AM; Iola, Kansas.  
Speaker will be an Alzheimer speaker; December 6th speaker will be Pam Maxwell of Blue Cross Blue Shield who will give an update on Health Insurance for the year 2011. Both of these meeting will be well worth your time. MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALANDER and plan to attend and learn more about Alzheimer; & your Health Insurance Program. (Note) NARFE Chapter members in nearby chapters are also invited to attend.

(Larry and Glenna Wilson have moved to Florida and we will miss them at NARFE Chapter meetings. They have left us their mailing address and phone number, so we can continue to keep in touch with them. Upon their departure they left a jar of pennies for Alzheimer and the following quote. "Come See us" "Wishing them the best." (Wanda Shaw reports that Marilyn and Willard Weide of Newton, Ks. formerly of Yates Center have now moved to the Presbyterian Manor at Newton, Ks.. Marilyn had back surgery twice. Wishing Marilyn a speedy recovery & keep in touch. John Fursman has moved to Iola to the same facility where Fayette Walters and Melva Lee live. . \_

HAVE YOU READ YOUR NARFE MAGAZINE LATELY? Articles in the September and October will provide you with the latest happenings and issues that could affect your retirement.

ALZHEIMER: Mary Ellen Geist an Award-Winning Journalist spoke at the NARFE National Convention, how Alzheimer Disease changed her career. She left her radio job and returned home to take care of her father, Woody Geist who had Alzheimer. During her caring for him she noted the role music played in her ability to communicate with him when nothing else worked. She said there is research being done now to try to ascertain the role that music can play in the lives of Alzheimer's victims and their caregivers. The story (book) she has written is, "MEASURE OF THE HEART": a father's Alzheimer, a daughter's return. She said, the return home to care for him was the best thing she had ever done. He died March 10, 2010.

NARFE Members have raised \$8,787,824 to date, with a goal of \$9 million by years end. All monies collected by NARFE goes for research. At the Convention in Grand Rapids Michigan last month, Four new Research Projects were approved to fund for a total of \$560,000. Forty-Nine (49) projects have been approved to date for funding.. This year marks 25 years that NARFE has worked with the Alzheimer Association. Before NARFE joined the Alzheimer Assn. very few funds were available for research. "Kansas is one of the leading states in making contributions to Alzheimer."

NARFE DUES INCREASE: Delegates at the NARFE National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan last month voted to increase membership dues affective January 1, 2011. Dues will increase from \$33.00 plus chapter dues per year to \$40.00 plus chapter dues per year. There has been no increase in NARFE dues since 2002. Cost of Living Adjustments for members increased, 2.1% in 2003, 2.7% in 2004; 4.1% in 2005; 3.3% in 2006; 2.3% in 2007 and 5.3% in 2008, with no increase in 2009 and none anticipated for 2010. Members on Dues Withholding will have an increase in dues rate also; however they will continue to receive a discount for participating in "Dues Withholding" thus sharing the saving made by payment of dues by this method. When on "Dues Withholding" Dues are paid monthly, thus a saving to the member and to NARFE. No payment of dues for the full year in advance..

PAPERLESS COMMUNICATIONS: Starting in January 2011, NARFE will initiate a paperless communication, which means all chapter reports will be secured from the NARFE web site by the chapter each month.. This is being done as a cost saving factor. With over 1200 Chapter Membership monthly reports mailed each month, reporting membership changes to chapters, thus a Cost saving plus "going green".

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NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS, JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010.

KANSAS has 43 NARFE Chapters, that have members who have contributed to NARFE PAC during this year. Total contributed, \$22,466 by 1,093 Contributors. The Iola Chapter 2077 had 27 contributions for the sum \$585, thus ranking 8<sup>th</sup> among 43 chapters in amount given to the PAC fund. Report submitted by Don Cooper, Area 3, Vice President and Kansas PAC Coordinator for Kansas. Thanks to Don for monitoring the Kansas Contributions.

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NARFE NET: BY, James Dodd: NARFE Headquarters has added a new mailing in addition to the hotline message. They are called "NARFE News Watch" These bulletins are being sent to everyone on the HQ e-mail list. The bulletins have a lot of good information for NARFE Members. The bulletins are sent from the e-mail address: narfe@multibriefs.com Some of the internet servers may consider this address as a "spam" address and send the message to your spam file. The "files"are not spam." so if the above happens to you, just click that this is not spam so it will show up in your regular e-mail list. When the file opens there is a link on the top of the page that takes you to the regular NARFE.org Headquarters pages.

All NARFE members are urged to check the e-mail address you have listed on the Headquarters Web site to be sure the correct current address is in the system so you will receive all NARFE HQ's mailings. Note by following the above instructions, all correspondence will come to you.

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FROM Jim Miller-State Legislative Chair. Efforts through the years since the benefit(State Income Tax exclusion) was passed have been made to "lift" federal retirees "ONLY" out of the Exclusion, with the state income tax benefit. Other retired employee groups with the benefit are KS Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS): KS. Police & Firemen's Retirement System; KS Teachers Retirement; KS Highway Patrol; KS Justices & Judges Retirement; Washburn University, Railroad Retirement; and several other categories. The ENTIRE benefit could be under fire for "ALL Organizations". "That should be all the incentive we need to work for a stronger NARFE in KANSAS and in Washington D.C.

"NARFE IS WORKING FOR YOU.-- ARE YOU WORKING FOR NARFE???"