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NARFE Tri-River Chapter No. 2098 meets the second Tuesday of each month at rotating sites with a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. in January and February and dinner meetings at 6:00 p.m. the remaining months. The newsletter is published monthly.

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**April Meeting** - Met at the United Methodist Church in Osawatomie with 37 in attendance which included Shirley Durland and Melody Smith daughters of the Durlands, and Carolyn Jennings, daughter of Elsa Hale. Our guest speaker was Margaret Hays who gave a review on the book "The Know It All" by A. J. Jacobs. We paid out \$55 for our four delegates and one delegate-at-large to attend the NARFE Convention in Topeka April 25-27. This leaves us a balance of \$375.23. The effect from health care legislation signed on March 30 is nothing changes for retirees under FEHBP until 2014. For those affected by that the excise tax is postponed from 2013 to 2018 and provides a \$250 rebate for those affected. On that program Medicare part D allows for drugs up to a certain level. Another level is all in your pocket and beyond that the Government pays it all. The on line comprehensive talking points has 12-14 pages of questions and answers.

**Special Recognition** - Members who were at least 85 years of age and been a NARFE member for 20 or more years were honored with Distinguished Membership certificates, cards and pins that were issued by the National NARFE Headquarters in Washington, D.C. They were - Oscar Durland, and Norman Minden of Paola, Clarence Whitaker of Louisburg, Elsa Hale of Spring Hill, and Ruth Buchanan of Osawatomie. Thanks to Mary Ann Maisch for the beautiful decorated cake with the NARFE emblem.

**Sympathy** - We extend our sympathy to the family of William Guilfoyle who passed away in Topeka on the day of our April meeting. He was one of our members who was at least 85 years of age and been a NARFE member for 20 or more years. We thank Norman Minden for presenting his certificate and pin to his family.

**Sunshine** - Max McCready recently had heart surgery and all went well.

**Legislation** - Enclosed in this newsletter is a sheet regarding "Bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform met April 27. The 3-hour program is archived on the C-SPAN.org web site. Instructions to immediately

launch a proactive campaign to educate Members of Congress and congressional candidates in anticipation of the Commission's report in early December has been sent out.

NARFE President Baptiste urges each NARFE member eager to save his or her retirement benefit to use the Legislative Action Center on the NARFE web site to send a new message to your Representative and two Senators. The specific URL is:  
<http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/alert/?alertid=14982226>.

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**NARFE-PAC** - If you haven't received you will soon be receiving NARFE President Baptiste's letter thanking those who have contributed to NARFE-PAC and urges those who have not contributed to do so. She is asking us to feature NARFE-PAC at every chapter meeting and spring conventions. Those contributing \$20 or more will receive a lapel pin.

**Alzheimer's** - A picture of the quilt to be raffled off at the convention was shown by Helen Morrison. Profits go to Alzheimer's. The live auction for Alzheimer's Research held at the convention brought in \$1,685. It plus the silent auction totaled \$3,270. The goal for 2011 is \$5.50 per member. We were third highest in the state for 2010 having brought in \$15.83 per member. Let's see if we can't top that for 2011.

**2010 Convention** - There were 153 in attendance at the recent convention. Region V Vice-President, Richard Thissen, spoke at the banquet and informed those present that the health care insurance premiums will definitely go up in the coming years but our COLA's will not.

**2011 Convention** - The 2011 convention will be hosted by the Junction City chapter April 10-12.

**Next Meeting** - Will meet at the Lutheran Church in Paola at 6:00 p.m. on May11. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Norman Minden, 913-294-3139, by Saturday, May 8. Be sure to make a reservation if you plan to attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be expected to pay for the meal.