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ANNUAL CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 13TH



The NARFE Chapter Christmas Party Committee invites you to join us for the Annual Chapter Christmas luncheon and Installation of Officers. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13th beginning at **11:30 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn located at 8787 Reeder in Overland Park. (Just east of 87th & I-35).

In addition to the luncheon and installation of officers, the Christmas party committee is excited to report that entertainment will be presented by Reggie Gray, a magician, with the theme "Discover the Magic in You." You won't want to miss this. And in keeping with tradition, there will be door prizes given away as well.

Menu Choices:

Chicken Marsala or **Classic Crock Pot Roast**, *slow roasted beef with Wild Rice Pilaf*
carrots, onions, celery, served with Roasted new Potatoes, Green beans
Special House Gravy

All meals include Tossed Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter
 Dessert: Decadent Chocolate Cake or Carrot Cake
 Beverages: coffee, tea, water.

The cost is **\$14.00** per person and includes dinner and gratuity. Make checks payable to "NARFE Chapter 1162" and **write on your check in lower left corner "beef" or "chicken"**. To make a reservation, you can pay at the November 22rd Chapter meeting, or send your check by December 7th to: Mary Haswell, 2308 N. 114th St. Kansas City, KS 66109. Contact Mary with any questions at 913-400-7303.

From Louis Bornman, 2nd Vice President and Legislative Chair

For several months now I have been trying to put together a coalition of Kansas and Missouri NARFE Chapters who will donate money toward running several radio ads in the local Kansas City area radio market for two purposes: 1. to generate some positive feedback to area congressional members from area employees and the public on federal employee and retiree pay and benefits and; 2. to let local and surrounding county federal employees and retirees know about NARFE and try to recruit new members. Of the some 52,000 plus federal employees and retirees in the Kansas City metropolitan area and surrounding counties I figure only about 10 percent know about NARFE and/or are members. If we could reach just another 10 percent of those people we have the opportunity to double the membership of our area chapters. I have been able to get commitments from area chapters for \$700 and have been approved by National HQ Public Relations for \$700 in matching funds. I have contacted KMBZ News Radio 980AM/98.1FM and hope to be able to run the ads starting the week of November 14th. This timing is critical as the Supercommittee on the debt is scheduled to release their debt reduction recommendations by November 23rd. We need to have a response that supports maintaining federal employee and retiree pay and benefits. Please listen for the ads in the afternoon between 4PM and 6PM. ALSO, you need to take action NOW and call, write, and email our Congressman and both Senators through the NARFE "Protect America's Heartbeat" program and let them know to not support cuts to federal employee and retiree pay and benefits! Make your voices heard!

Future Meeting Dates/Activities:

November 22nd, Chapter Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Overland Park Lutheran Church, 79th and Lowell. **Program:** Speaker from local office of the Alzheimer's Association.

December 2nd, Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 95th and I-35 exit, Lenexa.

December 13th, Chapter Christmas Party/Luncheon and Installation of Officers, Noon at the Holiday Inn, 87th & Reeder, Overland Park.

January 6th, Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 95th and I-35 Exit, Lenexa

January 11th, Social Luncheon at Hometown Buffet, 1:00 p.m. RSVP Agnes Shellhammer, 913-432-0091

January 24th, Chapter meeting, 1:30 p.m. Overland park Lutheran Church, 79th and Lowell.

February 3rd, Executive Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 95th and I-35 Exit, Lenexa

February 8th, Social Luncheon at Hometown Buffet, 1:00 p.m. RSVP Agnes Shellhammer, 913-432-0091

February 28th, Chapter meeting, 1:30 p.m. Overland park Lutheran Church, 79th and Lowell.

Note: Meeting Cancellation Policy for Chapter Meetings: A chapter monthly meeting will be canceled if Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes due to inclement weather. This policy **does not** apply to the December 13th luncheon as we will be under contract for the number of meals we turn in, unless possibly a blizzard were to occur and the hotel staff are not able to work. If this were to happen we will contact those who planned to attend.

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In Memoriam!

Lucille Raines

Sunshine Committee

Be sure to contact Don Faidley if you know of any members who may be sick or in the hospital
913-671-7368

Reminder: Don't forget to bring your egg cartons & plastic grocery bags to meetings for donation to the Community Service Center of Shawnee, Inc.

Note: No newsletter will be published in December.

President's News, Louise Lloyd

As I begin to write this article, we are moving into time of year where the weather can be very unpredictable. Similarly, the political climate that we are presently facing is unpredictable. There is no doubt that we are facing a "turbulent" political climate based on congressional committee recommendations submitted to the "Supercommittee" of 12 individuals who have been charged to present recommendations to cut the national deficit by Thanksgiving. Never in our history have 12 people had so much power to affect our lives.

On October 14th, NARFE President Joe Beaudoin released the following statement: "We are very concerned about the reckless plans submitted to the supercommittee this week that will impact the future of our nation's federal workforce." The plans referred to by President Beaudoin are those contained in recommendation letters from both the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chaired by Rep. Darrell Issa, and the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee chaired by Senator Joseph Lieberman and Ranking Member Susan Collins. Though the recommendations from the Homeland Security Committee are not as severe, the recommendations in both of these letters single out hardworking federal employees. I encourage all members to read the complete text of all the congressional committee recommendations found on the NARFE website, www.narfe.org.

The annual election of chapter officers will take place at the November Chapter meeting. All existing officers have agreed to submit their names to run for office once again. For the two board of director positions, Pat Daly and Frank McGough have agreed to be candidates. We are grateful that they are willing to be candidates. If you feel you would like to submit your name as a candidate for a chapter office, please do not hesitate to contact Don Faidley at 913-671-7368. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the chapter meeting if the member is present, or has given consents to run for office.

We hoped to present some proposed amendments to the chapter constitution and bylaws at the November meeting. However, more time is needed to work through the process. The committee will continue to work and hopefully have something ready early in the new year to present to the chapter members.

On a lighter note, I hope many of you will join us for our annual Christmas luncheon meeting on December 13th at the Holiday Inn. The hotel is going out of their way to try to make our event an enjoyable one, and you won't want to miss the magician who will entertain us.

As the year draws to an end, I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and hope you have a wonderful and blessed holiday season!

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Senator Pat Roberts – pat_roberts@roberts.senate.gov; Overland Park Office: 913-451-9343. D.C. Office: 202-224-4774.

Congressman Kevin Yoder – Kansas City, KS telephone: 913-621-0832, Washington D.C. Office: 202-225-2865 www.yoder.house.gov. (Visit website to sign up for his newsletter)

Alzheimer's News - Eddie Acosta, 1st VP

I would like to remind you that November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month and we have a speaker, Kelly Jones, from the Alzheimer's Association who will be speaking at our next chapter meeting.

Our program for the January meeting will be on understanding the new health care law, the Affordable Care Act. The speaker will be Amy Smoucha. Most recently, Amy spoke at the St. Louis' chapter meeting.

As an additional way of raising funds for Alzheimer's research, one of our members has generously donated two tickets/vouchers for the American Heartland Theater in Crown Center for a single event of your choice, during the 2012 season beginning in January. The tickets cannot be used on Friday or Saturday evenings without an additional charge. The website for the Theater is www.ahkrc.com and the phone number is 816-842-9999 to find out more about upcoming productions. The names of all those individuals who make a minimum \$5 tax deductible donation for Alzheimer's by the December 13th Christmas party, will be put in a drawing for the theater tickets. For each additional increment of \$5 that is donated, you will get another chance to have your name placed in the drawing. A \$10 gift card to HyVee will be given as a 2nd prize from the drawing. The drawing for the tickets and gift card will be done at the December 13th Christmas luncheon/meeting. However, you do not need to be there physically if that's not feasible. Nevertheless, we encourage you to come join us at the Christmas luncheon. You may submit your donations/checks at the November meeting or December Christmas luncheon, or mail a check made out to NARFE/Alzheimer's Research to me, Eddie Acosta, 5216 Bond, Shawnee, KS 66203. Also, if you have Best Choice UPC codes that you want to send you may do so at the above address.

Service Officer, Elizabeth Bornman

Remember Open Season starts 14 November to 12 December 2011. Your benefits cover your children up to 26 years of age. However, if you have the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance programs it only covers children to age 22. Read your policies. Your FEHB plan may already cover what you need in vision and dental coverage.

Hopefully, we will receive the COLA of 3.6% for CSRS and 2.6% for FERS retirees. You never know what Congress will do these days to your entitlements. It's important that your spouse assume your membership when you pass away. The entitlements are still important to fight for even after your death. My position as service officer is to provide assistance to you as the member and to your spouse after your death. Remember to get a sufficient number of original death certificates. Everyone these days seems to want an original copy. If you are getting Social Security you have to ask for the death benefit of \$250. It is not automatic.

The Legislative Hotline is available to telephone callers (703)-838-7780 and toll free at 1-877-217-8234, posted on the internet at www.narfe.org, made available to NARFE-Net Coordinators, and sent to over 54,000 GEMS e-mail addresses.

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