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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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October Meeting - Met at the Beagle United Methodist Church with 32 attending including Gale Beck and his wife. Gale gave a report on the National Convention held in Louisville, KY. Our State President is now Robert Cranmer. The first one resigned because of health problems and the second one because of family health problems. Kansas was represented by 20 attending. Had a memorial service. In two years Region V has lost 1,667 members. Have raised \$7,590,279 for Alzheimer's. Have allocated \$919,000 for five more research projects. New goal is \$9 million by end of century. Of the 340,000 NARFE members only 22,000 have entered their email address in NARFE headquarters personnel file. Some proposals - give all spouses a free membership; reinstate \$28 membership dues; one dues structure; provide every small chapter a free NARFE banner; serve NARFE members electronically. NARFE cannot eliminate these, they have to go to the committee. Adopted proposal to modify Honorary Membership Program. Current ones not affected. As they reach 85 years of age and 20 years of membership will receive a pin and special identification card and will continue to pay dues. Selected Grand Rapids, Michigan, as meeting site in 2010 and the Nugget in Reno, Nevada, in 2012. Approved proposal to allow NARFE National Executive Board to select future convention site instead of vote by delegates at convention. NARFE legislative program approved for next two years. Voted to equalize salaries for National Secretary and National Treasurer. Apply for scholarships by region and encourage high school students to apply. Premium Conversion is very costly and will cost over \$80 billion over a 10-year period. Recommended telephone trees be established within the chapter. Voted NARFE Headquarters pursue allowing active federal employees to use dues withholding. It is likely in 2009 Congress could start working on a premium conversion alternative that would extend the health care tax exclusion. We have \$478.18 in our checking account and \$809.05 in savings.

Next Meeting - November 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Paola. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Norman Minden, 913-294-3139, by Saturday, November 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.

Sunshine - Mary Ann Maisch had emergency bypass surgery on October 12. Russell Folken is having a back problem. Linda Polly is doing well following bypass surgery. Mark Peters had a hip replacement on October 22. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy - Just learned that a former member, Dorothy Rarick, lost her life in a car wreck last week and Don Blondell, brother of Mary Boehm, passed away on October 30. Our sympathy is extended to each of these families as well as the family of Ray Eble who passed away on October 7.

Legislation - The CPI-W, 214.935, decreased 0.1% in September. The 2009 COLA for most CSRS annuitants will be 5.8%.

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Alzheimer's - Helen Morrison reported we made \$1,227 at the auction and to date have collected \$1,672 - average per member \$16.55.

Upcoming Events:

- December 9, 2008 - NARFE Chapter Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cadmus Grange Hall
- March 7-10, 2009 - Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.
- April 26-28, 2009 - State Convention, Clarion Hotel, Manhattan, KS
- 2010 - State Convention, Ramada Inn, Topeka

Retirement

Question: How many days in a week?
 Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?
 Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?
 Answer: Only one, but I might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?
 Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?
 Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.