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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 First Presbyterian Church in Osawatomie. There were 28 in attendance. Our guest speaker was Joshua Weber, a Kansas State Trooper, who told about his duties as a trooper. We have a balance of \$531.42 in the Treasury.

Next Meeting - November 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m., at the First Lutheran Church, 401 E. Pankishaw, Paola.
Calling list members: please report to Norman Minden, 913-294-3139, by Saturday, October 6, the number on your list who plan to attend. 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 - Darline Laws recently had an automobile accident and received injuries that required some surgery. She is now home recovering and appears to be doing very well. We also need to remember Eva Frazee who was recently hospitalized. Andy Anderson is dealing with heart failure and is feeling some better. Oscar Durland is feeling some better but can't get out at night because he can't see well.

Legislation - Margaret Baptiste is asking all NARFE members to urge their members of Congress to include retired public service employees in any legislation offering a \$250 payment to older Americans. Nancy Pelosi, House Speaker, announced that when Congress reconvenes for a "lame duck" session after the elections, the House of Representatives will consider legislation that would provide a \$250 payment to Social Security recipients, veterans and individuals with disabilities. Pelosi proposed the payment in anticipation of the October 15 announcement by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, confirming there will be no cost-of-living adjustment in the three federally administered retirement programs - Social Security, military retirement and federal civil service retirement. While it is clear that Social Security beneficiaries would receive the \$250 payment under the House legislative proposal, it is not clear whether relief would be offered to the more than one million federal, state and local government

retirees who are not eligible to receive Social Security benefits. NARFE fears federal, state and local government retirees may not receive equivalent relief under the House legislation. In the past Congress has added retired public employees to such a payment. Retired public employees were initially excluded from a \$250 payment to Social Security recipients but through NARFE's efforts a \$250 refundable tax credit for public service employees was included in the legislation that became law. NARFE is asking all NARFE members, including those who are eligible for Social Security benefits, to contact their members of Congress immediately through the Action Alert on the NARFE Legislative Action Center or call your representative and two senators (866-220-0044). Tell your congressional delegation that you urge them to include federal, state and local government retirees who are not eligible for Social Security in any legislation offering a \$250 payment to seniors. The average increase in health insurance premiums is 7.3% which is a little less than the 8.8% increase in 2010. President Baptiste is concerned that this will present a hardship for retirees since we don't get a COLA. Blue Cross/Blue Shield will rise 6.9 percent for self and 7.6 percent for family. Open season is November 8 - December 13. A continuing resolution was signed to provide funding through December 3.

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Membership - We currently have 101 members. Several have been sent renewal notices and some have already paid up.

Alzheimer's - We had receipts of \$629.25 from the auction and emailed donations of \$335.00 for a total of \$964.25. Have collected an additional \$35.75. The state auction had \$258 - \$13.10 per member. Our goal is \$5.50. From last July 1 through June 30 we collected \$740.74. Kansas ranked third in the nation - \$29,194.00.

Dues - President Darrell Williams reported on the new dues schedule. National dues are \$40 for one year, \$72 for two years, and \$102 for three years. Dues withholding would be \$34 per year. Because of the big debt in January and February will still pay 2010 rate because they can't get it in the computer. March 1 pay \$40. Our chapter dues are \$5.00 and national is \$40.00.

Nominating Committee - Mark Peters is chairman and Sterling Hornbuckle and Glenn Alpert are assisting him. Let them know if you would like to become an officer.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING