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**John Surritte, President and National Legislative Coordinator:** Are you ready for this year's convention? Carol Ek, Federation Secretary, recently sent the convention package to every chapter January 4, 2008. I sincerely hope your chapter is planning to attend.

A serious issue we're going to discuss and vote on is an increase to chapter per capita dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per chapter member. These funds are used by the Federation to support and strengthen our chapters. I have been told our per capita dues have remained at \$1.00 since 2001. Since 2001 we have all received annual COLA increases which have increased the value of our annuities. I would hope you investigate this proposed increase and vote affirmatively for the increase. Our Area 2A VP, Jim Gaskell, will present this resolution and the reason it is needed. I have spoken to our Regional VP, Dick Thissen, and have found that Kansas's per capita dues are the lowest in the Region.

If we do not support the per capita dues increase, I'm sure the Federation will adjust. What this means is that many of the activities we do to support our chapters will have to be scaled back. In the world we live in today, I'm not sure this would be the right approach; however, our members' decision will be implemented. In our last newsletter I listed the activities the Federation has pursued to support you. It's up to you to determine if these activities add value. I think they do.

I would now like to give you an update on our progress this past year. If you remember we had three goals we wanted to attain in 2007. They are as follows; meet our Alzheimer's contribution goal, get more of our Senators and Representatives to support our priority legislation and increase our membership statewide. We have accomplished two of our three goals.

We raised \$24,803.12 or \$4.97 per member in 2007 for Alzheimer's Research. Our goal was \$4.00 per member so you should be proud. A special thanks to Junction City who raised \$7,850.85 or \$34.13 per member. We would not have made our goal without their tremendous effort. THANKS JUNCTION CITY.

Another goal we accomplished was getting more of our Senators and Representatives to support our priority legislation. Three of our four Representatives; Boyda, Moore and Moran support both our Premium Conversion and GPO/WEP legislation. Senators Brownback and Roberts support Premium Conversion. In the four years I have been Federal Legislative Chair this is the best support we have had. Only Representative Tiahrt remains a non-supporter. I appreciate all you have done to make this happen. I also appreciate the PAC contributions you have made this year. Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP and PAC Chair, Gary Townson, works hard on this. These funds also allow us to support those elected officials who support us.

Finally, membership remains an area of concern. As of 12-26-07, our membership has declined over 100 since the end of 2006. We, you and I, need to do better. We all know folks who retired from the Federal Government. We, you and I, need to ask them to join NARFE. As far as I know NARFE is the only organization in the United States that is protecting our retirement benefits. I ask that we all work with the new Federation President to improve and grow our membership. If we do this we are protecting our retirement.

In closing, I want you to come to the convention in Hutchinson. Every Chapter needs to be represented as we vote on a per capita dues increase. I also want to thank you for your support in achieving the positive gains we mentioned above. Finally, I have enjoyed being your President these past two years.

See you in Hutchinson!

**Gary Townson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** WOW! Here we are already in a New Year. Is it as difficult for the rest of you to write 2008 as it is for me? By the time I get comfortable writing it, they'll change the numbers again. I hope everyone is looking forward to the Federation Convention April 27-29 in Hutchinson. The Salt City Chapter, with the help of President Surritte and Area IV Vice President John Lancaster have been as busy as an anthill getting things lined

out for a smooth, informative and enjoyable Convention. Don't forget to send your proxy form to Federation Secretary Carol Ek if you are not sending any delegates to the Convention. That way, your voice can be heard even if you cannot attend. I hope everyone also has on their calendar the

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your voice can be heard even if you cannot attend. I hope everyone also has on their calendar the dates of March 7 and March 14. Your Federation training team will be conducting 'Back to Basics' training those days. March 7 we will be in Hays KS and March 14 we will be in Wichita. If you missed the other training sessions (or if you enjoyed it so much you want to hear it again) you are welcome to attend either or both of these sessions. If you are in Western KS or around Wichita, you probably have received information on these sessions. If you are interested and need more information, contact me or any member of the Federation Board and we will provide it to you.

**Now for some impressive information.**

Kansas continues to climb in the National rankings for contributions to NARFE-PAC. As of the close of 2007 which represented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of this Congressional Cycle, Kansas is in 9<sup>th</sup> place Nationally! That means only 8 states have given more to NARFE-PAC than Kansas has. WAY TO GO! These are your contributions/investments in protecting your earned benefits.

Kansas continues to lead Region V, outgiving the other 6 States in this region. This is even with several Chapters not contributing anything in the entire year. We are only behind Arizona by \$446.10. If each Chapter in Kansas contributed \$1.00 more, we would have been in 8<sup>th</sup> place. Isn't the protection of your earned benefits worth that? A contribution of \$20.00 or more entitles you to receive and proudly wear a NARFE-PAC pin. Please consider what your benefits are worth to you. May GOD Bless You and Yours,

See you at the Federation Convention (if not before.)

**Elizabeth Bornman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** In November, I visited the Fort Scott Chapter to help them with their recruitment plan. I am available to chapters to visit. Just give me a call. The numbers are down for the state of Kansas; however, Region V is growing. We just need to recruit the active work force and work on the retention of the current membership within the chapters. Work on getting members to sign up for Dues Withholding. It's a great tool to hold membership .The NARFE headquarters has announced a rewards program for the chapter A special rewards program is being tested and set to begin January 1, 2008 and end on June 30, 2008.Cash prizes will be awarded in two categories—new member recruitment and member retention. Each category will include two contests. One will be based on gross numbers and the other will be based on percentages to level the playing field between small and large chapters. There will be a total of 12 winners.

**Here are the rewards:**

- First place winner will receive \$500.
- Second place will receive \$300.
- And the third place winner will receive \$200.

That means there is a total of \$4000 available in prize money! The NARFE chapter winners will be given special recognition and a check at the 2008 NARFE National Convention. NARFE headquarters will monitor the results on a quarterly basis and publish them in the Recruiter's Journal & Quarterly.

If this program proves to stimulate chapter recruitment and retention, it will be repeated annually. Historically, chapters and individuals have accounted for 30% of NARFE new recruits. It's fallen recently to 20% so we're hoping a dose of healthy competition will bring it back.

Good luck and let's focus on our recruiting and retention efforts at the chapter level.

I will be awarding certificate to those chapters and members who have work hard this year in recurring. Remember to left me know of recurring effort your chapter may have done and recruited a significant number of people. Awards will be given out at the state convention.

I will be training on Membership at the 7 March and 14 March Back to Basics training. Remind your members to attend. It is open to all members of the chapters.

**Carol Ek, Secretary: Resolutions to Kansas Bylaws**

Submitting resolutions to correct the Bylaws on something you believe is inequitable is the right of any member in good standing. The chapter secretary shall forward the proposed

amendment to the Federation Secretary regardless of whether the chapter agrees or disagrees with the member's proposal. It is important for the Chapter Secretary to advise the Federation Secretary whether this proposal was submitted to the Chapter for adoption to allow the Bylaws committee important insight on whether the proposal is supported by the chapter members.

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Having said that, it is important to once again return to the path any resolution must follow.

Every Federation Executive Board Member, Chapter President and Chapter Secretary was notified by letter that any resolution must be properly filed by February 19, 2008, to allow the Federation Secretary sufficient time to copy this resolution and mail hard copies to every EB member, Chapter President, Chapter Secretary and the Chair of the Current Bylaws Committee, provided there is 60 days advance notice available.

All proposed resolutions are then presented to the Bylaws Committee at the annual convention. After reviewing the proposed resolution for applicability, clarity, and that it does not conflict with National Bylaws; the Bylaws committee will present the proposed bylaw to the convention delegates for vote. The Bylaws committee may recommend adoption, that it not be adopted, or that an amended proposal be submitted. If you would like to be on this committee, ask your Secretary to put your name on the Committee Assignment Listing which is mailed to the Federation Secretary by April 1, 2008.

Amendments to the Bylaws of this Federation shall be amended or adopted by a two-thirds vote of the convention provided that sixty days advance written notice has been given to all chapters. All amendments are subject to approval of National Headquarters.

Two proposed resolutions have been submitted for your review. **It is very important that you review these proposals with all of your members, determine how you want your delegates to cast your vote at convention, and attend the convention to cast your vote.**

**Once the proposed amendment has been handed to the Chapter Secretary, this is the path that must be taken whether we agree with it or not. When it is presented at Convention, 2/3 of the delegates will determine the outcome unless it is in conflict with National Bylaws.**

**I do hope this will alleviate some of the concerns regarding proposed resolutions. It is a good system allowing the majority of the Federation members the right to determine our path into the future.**

**Dates to Remember:**

**April 1, 2008** Mail your Convention Delegate List, Committee Assignment, and Awards List to the Federation Secretary.

**April 7, 2008** Mail your convention registration to Clyde Woolfolk, 3706 B Asbury Drive, Hutchinson, KS 67502-2260. Your chapter Secretary has sufficient copies of this form to allow each delegate a copy.

Make your hotel reservations by calling the Grand Prairie Hotel, 1-800-362-5018 or 1-620-669-9311.

**April 17, 2008** Mail the listing of deceased members since April 10, 2007, or members who you failed to list for names to be read at the Memorial Service.

**Officers from All Chapters**

I will be mailing a listing of all Kansas officers as soon as I receive all of the F-7's "Chapter Officer Roster. I am still awaiting three (3) chapters.


*Be what you wish others to become.*

**Madelyn Brown, Federation Treasurer:** There has been some response on the Chapter Donations. Out of 45 chapters 24 chapters have sent in a donation for a total of \$650.00. There are 11 chapters that have not paid their Per Capita or donation. So as of January 23, 2008 the breakdown is as follows. Per Capita Received is \$3,800.00 and the donation received is \$650.00.

**Donald Cooper, Immediate Past President/Public Relations:** Our National NARFE President, Margaret Baptiste is very strong on **PR**. Yes, **PR** - Public Relations. She points out that we all should be Public Relation oriented. Each and every one of us should make certain

that the people around us have an opportunity to know about NARFE. We NARFE members of Kansas, all 5,124 of us, have 50,000 NARFE eligible members to tell our story to. Telling NARFE's story doesn't always occur automatically. We often need to be reminded - over and over, to exercise our **PR** responsibilities. How sad it is to learn that a very eligible civilian federal employee "didn't know" about NARFE!

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**TIME FOR A  
LAUGH!  
Man robs a bank and**

Think of NARFE information as **good news**. That's much better than **bad news** - like Congress withheld our COLA for January and February, to save money (to pay some other bills!). Or, Congress has reduced their amount of our health insurance premium (to give to someone else). Now, that kind of news would certainly get the attention of federal annuitants! *Remember, our earned benefits are not set in concrete.* NARFE's Team of Legislative people keep a very close watch on what Congress does to negatively impact the federal worker's **earned** benefits. We can rely on the National NARFE legislative team to make our Congressional people aware of NARFE. Now, how well can our National NARFE legislative team rely upon us? We must keep in mind the point, that we **all** have PR responsibilities.

Does your Chapter have a designated Public Relations Officer? Does your Chapter Public Relations Officer have a current FH-9 (10/05) Public Relations Handbook? *There's some good stuff in that handbook!*

How does your NARFE Chapter make your community (particularly prospective NARFE members) know about the protection of earned benefits?

Have you selected your Chapter delegates to the April 27-29 Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters Annual Convention?

I'll see you at Hutchinson.

**Gale D. Beck, Advisory Officer and AREA 2 Vice-President: Membership:** What would happen to our Kansas Membership, if every member "Recruited" just one member??????

That potential member can be a Federal Retiree, and/or the spouse, a Federal Employee. This is a new year. Just ask and "yes" re-ask if necessary. Partially prepare that membership application in advance and give them a NARFE Magazine to read and hi-light specific articles you think they would be interested in reading.

Now back to basic issues. You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about our Kansas Federation Convention, to be held at Hutchinson, Kansas, "the salt city". Make plans to attend on April 27-29, 2008. Read the Presidents article for more details as to who the NARFE Speaker will be. Plan to go early and visit the newly opened Museum in the Salt mine at Hutchinson. Chapter Presidents pass this information on to your membership. Chapters consider paying some of the costs for your members to attend, maybe the registration fee or even more if your chapter can afford it. After all members who go, do represent "your" chapter and the chapter should consider paying some of the costs.

**Upcoming Training.** Let's call it a Seminar. Chapter officers and members should always be interested in learning, to expand our horizons, whether it is for NARFE, some other organization or to exercise our brain. Area 5 and 6 Seminar will be at Hays, Kansas, Friday, March 7 and Area 4, Friday, March 14 at Wichita, Ks. NOTE: Chapter Officers, members, and yes none members are invited to come to these seminars and learn more about NARFE. Give one day of your "Retirement Years" and learn how you can help to better protect your promised earned "retirement benefits". (Don't leave it all up to someone else, after all that "someone else" is giving up one day of their life to learn to.

Message to Area 2 Chapters. We have started on the year 2008. Please contact me and let me know when you would like for me to visit your chapter and what topics you might want to have discussed.

**\*\*NOTE:** While the above comments have been directed to Retirees, Federal Employees and spouses should also be included in the convention and seminars.

**Thomas E. Raby, Area 1 Vice-President:** The Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza, winter solstice and New Year's are starting to fade from our memories. Area 1 elected officers for the next year and I visited all chapters, except Jefferson County, during the holiday season. Jane and I were invited to the Leavenworth Christmas Party and we had a great visit there. December is an extremely busy month for us, but I saw our President, John Surritte, at

most of these gatherings and I'm sure he and Linda attended many others around the state. No matter how busy you think you are, there's someone busier. Jane and I are rewarding ourselves with a trip down south for most of February. It's also an early celebration of our thirty years of marriage. Down south as in cities named Melbourne, Cairns, Sydney, Queenstown, Christchurch, etc. This will give me material for the next newsletter article.

The NARFE GEMS messages have been very informative lately, especially for those that don't use the website or track the legislative activities by any other method. I hope most of you know

takes hostages.

He asks the first hostage if he saw him rob the bank.

Hostage answers yes.

Robber shoots him in the head.

Asks second hostage if he saw him rob the bank.

Hostage answers no, but my wife did.

use the website, or track the legislative activities by any other method. I hope most of you know that the TV news is lacking in detail and in perspective. Most newspapers write lots of opinions and call it news.

Some of the media's output is not as up-to-date as the old Movietone News reels we saw on Saturday when we were kids. Visit the National and the Federation websites often to stay informed. My chapter, 1162, has a site that was set up by Bob Steinert. I haven't seen another chapter site in the country that approaches it in quality or quantity. Check it out at this address: [www.narfe-chapter1162.org](http://www.narfe-chapter1162.org). Also, don't forget [www.ksnarfe.org](http://www.ksnarfe.org). Jim Dodd has links to everything that you might need from NARFE and other sites.

This year is a double convention year. First we go to Hutchinson to get ourselves primed and fired up at the Federation Convention. Then we go to Louisville for our bi-annual National Convention. I look forward to these and usually have a good time with active NARFE members. I also enjoy the in-fighting and those folks that take themselves way too seriously. Most of us are not going to get an obituary in the NARFE magazine, and even if we do we won't care. The people, i.e., members make NARFE. We do need to work on lots of things, but we need to keep in mind that no one is going to follow up on your concerns exactly as you want them to. Unless, you can get yourself cloned before you go. All our parts are equally important to membership, as a whole. Our legislative activities, our community activities and our Alzheimer's works each have appeals to different members. Let's not cut off any of these noses to spite our face.

I hope to see all of you at Hutchinson in April.

**Jim Gaskell, Area 2A Vice-President:** One of the priorities we have in NARFE is to get as many members as possible to convert to Dues Withholding. In this message, I want to help others in know how to help members who are under dues w/h but have lost their spouse who was the federal employee.

I received a call from a long time member who had lost her husband this past summer who had been a retired federal employee. She could not understand why she got a dues notice since both of them had been on dues withholding for many years. I had not run into this problem before but a call to headquarters explained the reason as follows: OPM cannot continue to deduct money for NARFE dues for a spouse who was the dependant of a federal retiree after his death. When OPM received a death notice, they stop the dues withholding for both the deceased and the spouse. She can (and will) renew her membership and go back onto dues withholding by filing a new d/w request using her own SS number and CSA or CAF so funds can be deduced from her annuity.

I hope each of you will be alert to this situation and offer assistance soon after a NARFE member passes to assist the spouse make this transition if needed before he or she is converted to A-1 (annual renewal). Some may decide not to renew if not helped or encouraged to continue with dues withholding. We need all our members.

**John Lancaster, Area 4 Vice-President:** Now that we are in the new year, NARFE Activities are really picking up. By now each chapter should have their "call to convention" from Secretary Ek. Please read it carefully to be sure all the deadlines are met. That keeps her off of my (and your back) about them. It sure makes it easier for her for them to be on time.

Hutchinson is getting items done each week to be sure that we have a good convention starting April 27. The City Council even gave more funding to the Salt Museum. I am not sure if it was because we were coming, however. President Surritte, I am sure, has in his column that we are disappointed that National President Baptiste will not be here for the convention. Public Relations Director Chuck Timanus will be here. I have heard Chuck speak before and he does a

commendable presentation. We will also be honored to have National Field Vice President Thissen, and National Alzheimer's Chair Barb Pretzer there for the convention.

Each chapter in Area IV has received the flyer advertising "Back to Basics" training to be held in Wichita on March 14. It will be held at the Faith Christian Church, at 2110 W 45th Street South (45<sup>th</sup> South and Meridian) in Wichita. If anybody from another area missed the one that was held there, drop us an email, call or something and let us know you would like to come. **Cost is only \$6.00 for meal, drinks, and training material and to meet the Federation Officers, NFVP Thissen and fellow NARFE members.** For those outside Area IV who want to attend, my phone number is 316 721 0606 and we need the reservations by March 5th. Area IV Chapters have a



#### IRISH JOKES:

Definition of an Irish husband:  
He hasn't kissed his wife for twenty years, but he will kill any man who does.

Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink. Quinn thinks he's very lucky because his own wife makes him walk.

The late Bishop Sheen stated that the reason the Irish fight so often among themselves is that they're always assured of having a worthy opponent.

An American lawyer asked, "Paddy, why is it that whenever you ask an Irishman a question, he answers with another question?" "Who told you that?" asked Paddy.

Question - Why are Irish jokes so simple?

registration roster.

*Ignis aurum probat, miseria fortes viros. (Fire tests gold; adversity (tests)strong men)*

**Ron Katt, Area 5 Vice-President:** Chapter members in Area V and VI are invited to "Back to Basics and You" training seminar to be held March 7, 2008 in the DSNWK building, Suite #3 at 2703 Hall Street, Hays, KS. Federation officers, committee chairs and Region V, NFVP Richard G. Thissen will conduct the training. The training will be from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. with registration starting at 8:45 a.m. A registration fee of \$8.00 per attendee will include morning coffee, tea, water, pastries, lunch, training material plus spending an informative and fun day with NARFE friends. Hays Chapter 2050 is doing a good job in assuring that attendees will be well fed and comfortable during the training seminar.

Hope all NARFE members had a happy holiday season and are looking forward to a successful 2008 year.

**Robert Cranmer, Area 6 Vice-President:** Carla and I celebrated our BIG 50th Anniversary this last December 20th, 2007, with a trip to San Antonio along with our family. All eleven of us.

December was stormy and no chapter met. I visited Chapter 1873, Dodge City on Jan. 9th, and Chapter 1709 on Jan. 10.

Area's V and VI will be holding a joint "Back to Training and You" training seminar in Hays on March 7, 2008. It will be in the DSNWK building, Suite 3 at 2703 Hall Street. Registration fee is \$8.00. I hope to see everyone there.

**Betty Born, Legislative (State):** The Kansas Legislature began its annual session on January 14. As reported by the Topeka Capital-Journal on January 13, issues to be considered will be dominated by health care and education, and will also include disaster aid, energy, immigration, abortion and the budget.

Health care will include two proposals by the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA). The first would raise the state cigarette tax by 50 cents per pack to finance health programs. This agency has also recommended a statewide smoking ban for indoor public spaces. And funding will be sought by lawmakers to reduce the number of Kansans without health insurance, currently about 300,000 persons.

For Education, state boards will seek an approximately 18% (\$150 million dollars) increase in appropriations to fix campus buildings, deal with inflation and invest in new academic programs. Under consideration will be a request by the Kansas State Board of Education for \$15 million to phase in all-day kindergarten across the state.

Disaster aid is expected to generate debate about millions of dollars in state aid to spur housing construction and business investment in the areas of Coffeyville and Greensburg, which Kansas communities were devastated by flooding and a tornado in 2007.

The topic of Energy is sure to cause large controversy as a result of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius having endorsed action by state regulators to deny a permit for the \$3.5 billion expansion of a coal-fired plant in Holcomb. The denial was based upon the belief that this action would cause deleterious emissions of greenhouse gasses.

Matters due to illegal immigration include the possibility of penalizing employers caught hiring undocumented workers; allowing local police to take a larger role in the enforcement of federal immigration law; and possible repeal of a state law allowing some undocumented college

students to pay in-state tuition rates.

Of course, most of these issues, and past tax proposals, will inevitably impact the budget in presently unknown ways. There have not so far been made public any proposals that will affect retired federal employees directly.

As we are preparing our 2007 income tax reports, it will be well to remember that while we are not required to pay Kansas income tax on our annuities, we are required to pay such tax on all distributions from our federal 401(K) plans. Because this question has arisen among some of our members, an inquiry was made to the Kansas Department of Revenue for clarification. The response, dated November 27, 2007, by an attorney tax-specialist, stated that the Kansas statutes

Answer -  
So the English  
can understand  
them.

Reilly went to trial for  
armed robbery  
The jury foreman  
came out and  
announced, "Not  
guilty."  
"That's grand!"  
shouted Reilly.  
"Does that mean I  
can keep the  
money?"

Irish lass customer:  
"Could I be trying on  
that dress in the  
window?"  
Shopkeeper: "I'd  
prefer that you use  
the dressing  
room."



governing the matter are K.S.A. 79-32,110, K.S.A. 79-32, 116 and K.S.A. 79-32,117, which altogether mean that "those items which are subject to federal tax will be subject to Kansas tax, and those items which are exempt from federal tax will be exempt from Kansas tax. Since Kansas law does not provide a specific modification for withdrawals from Thrift Savings Plans, these withdrawals would be accorded the same treatment for Kansas income tax purposes as they are for federal income tax purposes."

**Mary Fritzson Service Officer:** Inquiries have been almost non-existent in recent weeks. Perhaps that's normal for this time of year. The ice storm in December slowed us to a snail's pace as Harold and I lacked our usual electricity for almost a week (shy by 12 hours). We managed well with our generator and will no longer question why we invested in one a number of years ago. We were warm but did not have all of our usual modern conveniences. We appreciate our modern conveniences more than ever these days.

My chapter was honored in December when John and Linda Surritte visited our chapter so John could install our 2008 chapter officers, assist in the presentation of several certificates of appreciation and make some comments to our group, It was a great meeting!

We've made our reservations at Hutchinson for the April 2008 State Convention. I'm looking forward seeing many familiar faces there.

**Linda Surritte, Alzheimer's (State):** WOW! As of this date, the Kansas chapters have collected \$24,803.12 which computes to \$4.97 per member for calendar year 2007. Our goal was \$4.00 per member. You've surpassed that goal! THANK YOU. These are still Preliminary numbers and, I will send the Final 2007 totals to Chapter Alzheimer's Chairs in early April, after final reconciliation with the Alzheimer's Association data.

We are starting to make plans for the Federation Convention to be held April 27-29, 2008 in Hutchinson. Our 2008 goal will be established by the Alzheimer's Committee at that convention. We will again have both the Live and Silent auctions during the convention. Remind your chapter members to start thinking about items they may be willing to donate. The success of these fundraisers depends on the quantity and quality of these items. This year, we are requesting that donated items be new, 'like new', or 'antique quality'. The Convention Committee is also requesting that items have an estimated auction value of \$5 or more. As usual, crafted and/or homemade items are especially appreciated. Remember that tracking credit for auction items goes to the donating chapter.

**If you are coming to the convention, be sure to bring your checkbook or cash since we are not able to take credit cards for payment for auction items.** Checks are preferable for ease of handling and if you want to receive an acknowledgement tax receipt letter from the Alzheimer's Association. I would appreciate if you would spread the word about this to your members at your next chapter meeting.

Reminder: All personal and chapter checks submitted to me should be made out to "**NARFE/Alzheimer's Research**". Contributions should be consolidated by your chapter Alzheimer's Chair and submitted with the Contribution Submission Form previously provided to him/her.

**Jim Dodd, NARFE NETTER/Historian:** Several pages have been added to the KSNARFE.org web site.

A link to a US Post Office page of information for Federal retirees was added at item #1.

The latest Kansas Federation executive board minutes from Federation Secretary, Carol EK has been added at item #6B. Future executive board minutes will be added to this page.

The tentative program schedule for the KS Federation 2008 convention in Hutchinson KS has been added at item #13A. As other information for the convention is received they will be posted to this page.

I have been adding more chapter newsletters and other information to the KS NARFE.org web site as historical records.

Please let us know if there is any other information or KS NARFE historical data that you feel should be added to the web site.

**Dixie Thomas, Editor:** Two years ago, when John Surritte asked me to be State

Editor, I told him I would be editor as long as he was President. The upcoming State convention in Hutchinson will be the starting of a new President and at least a new editor. I've enjoyed meeting and working with all of you and maybe in the future, I'll be back in a different capacity. Right now I will concentrate on being Chapter 383 Old Trooper President and chapter newsletter editor. Good Luck to the new 2008 Executive Board members.

**NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS Period 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2007-4<sup>th</sup> QTR**

LOCATION	CHAPTER	CONTRIBUTORS	AMOUNT
TOPEKA	2	21	\$ 495.00
BUFFALO BILL	27	20	\$ 417.80
WICHITA	138	94	\$ 519.50
SALINA	280	2	\$ 40.00
KAW - BLUE	366	21	\$ 395.00
LAWRENCE	378	3	\$ 70.00
<b>OLD TROOPER</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
EMPORIA	384	2	\$ 75.00
HUTCHINSON	537	13	\$ 260.00
PITTSBURG	550	0	\$ -
ATCHINSON	621	0	\$ -
CROSSROADS	739	3	\$ 70.00
COWLEY COUNTY KS	757	1	\$ 20.00
OTTOWA	785	3	\$ 60.00
BOURBON COUNTY	792	2	\$ 70.00
CHANUTE	799	4	\$ 80.00
SUNFLOWER	1160	3	\$ 50.00
SHAWNEE MISSION	1162	18	\$ 480.00
GOLDEN BELT	1709	0	\$ -
INDEPENDENCE KS	1763	1	\$ 25.00
HEART OF AMERICA	1794	5	\$ 125.00
HIGH PLAINS	1873	1	\$ 20.00
TRI-COUNTY	1933	0	\$ -
NINESCAH VALLEY	1939	0	\$ -
BLACK SQUIRREL	1947	0	\$ -
PONY EXPRESS	1948	0	\$ -
GOODLAND	1991	0	\$ -
GARDEN CITY	1995	0	\$ -
SCOTT CITY	1996	0	\$ -
CLAY CENTER	1998	1	\$ 20.00
LOGAN COUNTY	2032	2	\$ 70.00
CUSTER 7TH CAVALRY	2050	0	\$ -
OBERLIN KS	2053	0	\$ -
IOLA	2077	2	\$ 50.00
SOLOMON VALLEY	2085	0	\$ -
ULYSSES	2086	1	\$ 100.00
TRI-RIVER	2098	1	\$ 20.00
OSAGE CITY KS	2099	0	\$ -
FREDONIA	2100	0	\$ -

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DONIPHAN COUNTY	2136	4	\$	60.00
CHISHOLM TRAIL	2137	0	\$	-
BROWN COUNTY	2164	1	\$	20.00
JACKSON COUNTY	2215	7	\$	145.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY	2231	0	\$	-
COFFEYVILLE	2257	0	\$	-
COLBY KS	2291	0	\$	-
Total		246	\$	4,007.30

2007-2008 NARFE-PAC DISBURSEMENTS as of 12/31/07

Senator Roberts	\$1,000.00 primary
Cong. Boyda	\$2,000.00 primary
Cong. Moore	\$1,000.00 primary

**NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS REGIONAL - REGION V – 4<sup>th</sup> QTR**

STATE			# Contributors	AMOUNT
<b>KS</b>			<b>246</b>	<b>\$ 4,007.30</b>
MO			126	\$ 3,447.00
IA			128	\$ 3,110.00
MN			113	\$ 3,011.00
NE			72	\$ 1,476.62
ND			54	\$ 1,260.00
SD			33	\$ 785.00
			772	\$ 17,096.92

**NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS**

**FOURTH QUARTER 2007-2008 CYCLE**

Period 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2007

**NATIONAL**

STATE			# Contributors	AMOUNT
1 CA			757	\$ 21,587.00
2 VA			338	\$ 11,025.90
3 TX			362	\$ 9,267.93
4 FL			279	\$ 7,697.00
5 MD			228	\$ 7,351.00
6 WA			231	\$ 7,180.00
7 PA			256	\$ 5,915.50
8 AZ			163	\$ 4,453.40
9 <b>KS</b>			<b>246</b>	<b>\$ 4,007.30</b>
10 OH			148	\$ 3,891.50
11 NY			170	\$ 3,847.80
12 NC			145	\$ 3,808.68
13 IL			147	\$ 3,807.00
14 GA			166	\$ 3,740.00
15 MO			126	\$ 3,447.00
16 TN			121	\$ 3,284.00
17 IA			128	\$ 3,110.00
18 IN			128	\$ 3,019.15
19 MN			113	\$ 3,011.00

20	MI	100	\$	2,861.00	
21	AL	112	\$	2,538.00	
22	CO	76	\$	2,531.00	
23	NJ	103	\$	2,425.00	
24	OK	104	\$	2,301.00	
25	NV	76	\$	2,045.00	
26	OR	68	\$	2,000.00	
27	MA	85	\$	1,936.80	
28	KY	82	\$	1,886.00	
29	WI	75	\$	1,829.40	
30	WV	60	\$	1,646.25	
31	SC	61	\$	1,620.00	
32	MS	53	\$	1,525.00	
33	ND	72	\$	1,476.62	
34	HI	68	\$	1,465.00	
35	ID	62	\$	1,419.00	
36	NM	63	\$	1,414.00	
37	NE	54	\$	1,260.00	
38	AR	65	\$	1,160.00	
39	LA	49	\$	1,115.00	
40	DC	30	\$	1,081.00	
41	SD	33	\$	785.00	
42	DE	43	\$	733.00	
43	NH	22	\$	535.00	unchanged
44	UT	17	\$	528.00	
45	MT	16	\$	520.00	unchanged
46	CT	14	\$	405.00	
47	ME	15	\$	390.00	unchanged
48	MISC	6	\$	315.00	includes overseas
49	AK	10	\$	300.00	
50	RI	10	\$	225.00	
51	PR	19	\$	208.00	unchanged
52	VT	8	\$	185.00	unchanged
53	WY	4	\$	110.00	unchanged
54	GU	0	\$	-	unchanged
55	JP	0	\$	-	unchanged
56	PI	0	\$	-	unchanged
57	RP	0	\$	-	unchanged
58	VI	0	\$	-	unchanged
	TOTAL	5987	\$	156,225.23	