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PRESIDENT/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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As your Federation President, we held our first Board Meeting at Emporia on June 7th. The meeting was very active with a lot of discussion on issues facing NARFE this coming year. We agreed to three basic goals for the first year of my presidency. They are as follows:

1. We need more members. We have approximately 23,000 Federal Retirees and 35,000 active Federal Employees in our State. Of that number, only 5,000 are NARFE members. If we are going to protect our benefits and get our priority legislation passed, we need to increase our membership. Our challenge to all of our Chapters is to work this year to enroll new members. Tom Raby, your 2nd Vice-President and Membership Chair made an excellent presentation at our meeting on how to increase membership. Please contact your Area Vice-President or Mr. Raby for more details.

2. We agreed to become more active at contacting our elected Senators and Representatives in order to solicit their support to pass into law our priority legislation. To remind you, we would like to pass Premium Conversion and GPO/WEP Repeal. Premium Conversion would add on average \$400 to your disposable income each year. GPO/WEP Repeal would eliminate reductions in your Social Security benefits because you also receive a Federal Annuity. How our elected officials support this legislation is as follows:

GPO/WEP Repeal	S619		HR147	
Premium Con.		S484		HR994
Senator Brownback	NO	YES		
Senator Roberts	NO	YES		
Rep. Moore			YES	YES
Rep. Moran			YES	YES
Rep. Ryun			NO	YES
Rep. Tiaht			NO	NO

This data is good as of July 10, 2006. Since this is an election year, you need to contact those officials voting NO and ask them what they will do, if re-elected, in the new Congress.

3. Raise more and more money for Alzheimer's Research. This is an insidious disease and needs to be eliminated. We (you) have done a lot. We ask you to continue to do more.

I am also concerned that members feel compelled to vote a certain way with their proxy votes. Remember this country and NARFE are democracies. This means your Chapter can vote any way you want as long as the majority rules. Every member has a vote as long as they exercise that right.

Finally, remember NARFE is non-partisan. This means that we must be un-biased when we deal with elected officials and candidates. Don't invite one side to attend a meeting without also extending that right to the other side. This will mean that all of our members will be represented and have a say. This is the American Way.

I have had a good two months since my election in April. I promise all of you that I will continue to learn and will do my best to represent your interests. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PAC COORDINATOR

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Wow, I can't believe how fast time is going by. I have read that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. By the time you receive this I should be in Las Vegas. My wife and I will be attending the National Association of Postal Supervisors National Convention. This will be our first visit there. That convention does not shape up to be nearly as contentious as the NARFE Convention. I will attend that one in September.

The reports for the Sixth Quarter of the 2005-06 NARFE-PAC cycle are in. The bad news is that Kansas is still in 22nd place Nationally in NARFE-PAC contributions. The good news is that we haven't slipped any lower. We were in 22nd place at the end of Quarter 5. In Region 5 we maintained our place as third in the Region. With some important elections coming up this Fall, we MUST continue to contribute to NARFE-PAC to keep NARFE a recognized body on Capitol Hill.

Sometimes we get miffed because of something

NARFE Headquarters does or doesn't do but withholding our PAC support will only hurt the entire body in the long run. As I have repeatedly said, 'In ADDITION to contributing to NARFE-PAC, become active in the campaign of anyone you believe in. At this time, President Surritte is communicating with Headquarters in an attempt to get the Political Action Committee to reconsider a financial contribution to a candidate. This is good and the proper way for the membership to inform Headquarters of our feelings. Whether they reverse their decision or not, they are the ones we elected to make these decisions. We owe them either support or to get them replaced.

Hope you all have a great Summer.

THE LATEST PAC REPORTS ARE ON PAGES 7 & 8.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP

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Well, it's summer in Kansas. The thermometer on my porch reads 105 degrees. Now is the time to pursue politicians, prospective members and Alzheimer's contributors because none of them will run away in this weather.

Seriously, now is the time to review the National Convention book with the By-laws and general Resolutions in it. We need to be prepared before we go to Albuquerque (I spelled it without looking and I can also spell Schenectady). Some of our summer has been spent dealing with NARFE-PAC money for a 2nd district candidate. If there's no other mention about the subject in this newsletter, your Area VP, or other Federation Officer will be happy to fill you in.

Thank you, to all chapters that have sent me their newsletters. I'm up to two from Tri-River and Buffalo Bill. I'm even offering a "dropped member" from my chapter the possibility of transferring to Leavenworth if he doesn't want to stay in Ch. 1162. We need to be flexible in order to retain members.

The M-112 reports for 6/1 to 6/30 have some interesting items. At least 3 chapters have members shown as dropped, and re-instated, on the same report. Chapter 138 has 132 new prospective members on the current report. It would be nice if they all join us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The names in Chapter 138 came from names submitted to Headquarters as a result of names garnered at a retirement seminar and those names registered for a free membership.

SECRETARY

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National Convention and voting rights are the crux of this article. For many of you who have not attended the National Convention, it's possible that you are not aware that every Chapter in the United States **does have it's recognized vote only** if a delegate from that Chapter, or a Proxy has been assigned to cast that vote. This is the reason it is so important for the Chapter President and Chapter Secretary send the form with a delegate, or Proxy assigned, to cast that vote for their Chapter. If this isn't done by the deadline – the loser is your Chapter because your wishes are not recognized.

When the C/06-2 is signed and sent to me for assignment of a Proxy, I first make certain that the person assigned is a registered delegate to the convention. I then attempt to assign every person attending an equal number of votes and if possible assign the Chapter votes to a person from that Chapter's area. Many times assigning representatives from your area is not possible because delegate or delegates-at-large can serve as proxy for no more than three (3) Chapters.

When a Proxy has been assigned a letter is mailed to the person serving as Proxy and the Chapter Secretary with a copy of the C/06-2 formally acknowledging this assignment. The letter instructs the Proxy carrier to contact the Chapter prior to attending the convention to determine how that Chapter wishes to have the votes cast.

Several important issues are being voted on during this particular convention. Two – of particular importance are:

1. Whether your dues structure will remain as it presently is established, or if we will once again restructure the dues to an Association dues structure where every member throughout the Nation would pay the same amount.

2. Whether voting would continue in the same structure as it is presently established, or be restructured to one member – one vote.

I do hope this will make some of you look at getting your Proxy assigned important to your members because by not making sure someone will cast that vote for them makes them the losers. The vote may not go the way your Chapter wishes, but that's what a democracy is all about.

“Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.”

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mandatory Chapter Membership will be an issue of contention at the convention. NARFE headquarters is supporting a resolution that would allow members to drop out of chapter after one year.

There are some resolutions which have been sent in concerning term limits for all NARFE National officers, including the National Field Vice Presidents which have also been submitted. We will have to see what comes out of the Bylaws committee before we vote on these two items. (Editor)

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I have revised our Travel Voucher. This will not be harder for you to complete. but will give me more detailed information of my expense reports. Jim Dodd will be putting the voucher on the KS NARFE web page, so you will be able to copy it that way. Of course when you submit a travel voucher I will send you one with your check. I have sent it by e-mail to all of you, so you can access it that way.

A question has been asked about submitting receipts for meals under \$10.00. On your previous voucher no receipts were required. **I ask that receipts be sent with the voucher.** If it is for a chapter visit, training, etc., please submit a/the meal receipt.

A big thanks to Carol Ek for assisting me with getting my Quicken program up and running. Without her I would still be just looking at the computer screen trying to figure out what to do. Remember to submit the vouchers at least quarterly.

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Hope everyone's summer has been as good as mine. I have visited all of my chapters and attended the Federation meeting in Emporia. National Convention is next on my list of things to do. Seems like there is always something going on in NARFE. I will need to find time to attend the Johnson County Fair . That is a must as I grew up going to the fair since I was five years old. See you all in Albuquerque!

EDITOR'S NOTE: CHAPTER 2231: Thank You: The Jefferson County NARFE Chapter would like to thank all the

wonderful, generous members who participated in; our "Basket" project. We hope the lady from Kansas City Kansas Chapter enjoys it as much as we did in putting it together. THANK YOU

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REPORT RECEIVED late, added to the last page of the newsletter.

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Area 2 Chapters have moved into the hot summer mode. Ottawa Chapter #785, Iola Chapter #2077 and Tri-River Chapter #2098 continue to meet monthly during the summer months, feeling that monthly meetings help to keep their members better informed on key issues even though attendance may be down. Emporia Chapter #384 meets during odd numbered months through out the year, while Osage City Chapter #2099 skips the three summer months and December.

I have always felt that monthly meetings are best; however whatever your chapter members feel fits their niche for chapter meetings is acceptable; that is, provided the membership then follows through and attends the chapter meetings. Why attend? To keep informed on NARFE issues, to have an opportunity to visit with other NARFE members as a family and to provide guidance to the chapter officers on key issues that need to be addressed by the membership, like Membership, Legislation, Alzheimer's, PAC Funding and Service Officer items that need attention.

Chapter meetings provide a place and time for communications between members and chapter officers and committees. For example, the NARFE National Convention will be in September. Your chapter officers have received a book of resolutions covering some 200 pages that must be address at the Convention: Your chapter should provide guidance on the resolutions as to how you want your delegates to vote on the various resolutions, and if no members plan to attend, then provide guidance to whoever will carry your chapter's Proxy vote. If you have questions on any of the resolutions contact your Area Vice President about the issue or issues. If your membership does not want to address

the issues, perhaps have a committee review the resolutions and provide guidance to those who will represent you.

Those chapters who do not have members attending but will be represented at the convention by proxies will be notified as to who will carry your proxy. You can then pass on your wishes to the proxy carrier as to how you want them to vote. (A further comment, since there are resolutions that are similar, various committees at the convention will consolidate such like resolutions before they are presented to the delegates, and they may also be amended on the floor before being voted on.)

Remember anyone who attends as a delegate and/or carries proxies will be giving at least a week of their retirement years to this convention, plus considerable out of pocket costs, which include costs for hotel, meals, travel, registration and some miscellaneous items. So your chapter may want to consider making a contribution to whoever will be representing your chapter and this also applies to a delegate you have representing your chapter.

Chapter visitations; I have visited the Emporia chapter recently and have provided all chapters with some information by email and mail on various NARFE Membership and Legislative issues. Wishing you all a good summer.

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I visited with you in the last newsletter about membership and what NARFE has done for both retired and active federal employees over their 85 years of activity. This time I want to stress how we can be effective in gaining and holding members for our chapters.

Maintaining members is very important in each chapter. Once a person becomes a member, it is vitally important that members be recognized by the president and by other members and be made to feel they are needed and important to the chapter. One of the best ways to hold members and keep them interested in the chapter is to involve them in committees and/or activities of the chapter.

Before a person is considered for one of the "larger offices" in the chapter, they should be involved in committee work where they learn about how the

chapter operates. It is a big help for them to attend one or more of our training sessions, whether it be one the Kansas Federation holds in different parts of the state, or training provided at our Federation conventions.

Potential officers should be strongly encouraged to attend and participate in our Kansas Federation annual conventions. This helps gets them exposed to the larger reach of NARFE and helps give them a picture of how NARFE operates overall in helping us as members protect our earned benefits. Once a person realizes that NARFE is there to help them protect their benefits, that individual has a much better outlook and willingness to serve on committees and/or become a officer in a chapter or serve as a Kansas Federation officer.

As you work to recruit new members, ask them, ask them again and than ask them again until they join! Help them to understand that becoming a member will be for their own benefits!

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Most of our chapters turned in their proxies to Carol Ek as requested. The Tri County Chapter, Herrington mailed theirs off Friday. The secretary of the Abilene Chapter is moving to Salina according to Bill Foerschler. Sending in the proxy was over looked in the move. Bill will follow up and see if he can send it in soon.

The Salina Chapter held a summer picnic June 16. Potential members were invited to join in the fun. Twenty eight members and guests attended. Bob Scuitte, assisted by Ed Jilka, grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs. Covered dishes were brought by members. It was windy that evening which limited communication to those next to you. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

The Junction City Chapter held their annual picnic. About 100 members and guests attended. Thanks for the example.

It is time for our members to focus on political issues now. We need representatives who will protect our interests. Lets be vocal where ever we can.

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Area 4 is one of the areas that does not entirely take off the summer months. With the temperatures exceeding 100 in mid July, this takes real dedication.

Each chapter will be represented by either delegates or proxy carriers at the National convention in Albuquerque. Chapter 138 will have 3 delegates and Chapter 1794 will have Carol Ek attending, and the rest will be represented by proxy. I will have a report to the chapters after the convention so they will be up to date on what happened.

Each year, however, there is a GEMS message from Headquarters that is sent out to those on the GEMS message net at headquarters. Please look for it in your email to see what happened each day. As Secretary Ek has in her article, there will be plenty of exciting items to discuss this year. We need to be legislatively active to protect our benefits. *This is the main purpose of NARFE!*

I look forward to visiting the rest of the Area IV chapters by October. By then, we will be in planning for the next Federation Convention which will be in Junction City.

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Area V will not have any NARFE members attending the 29th NARFE National Convention September 10-14, 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. However, each chapter in Area V will be represented by proxy.

Chapter 2085, Stockton held their annual summer cook-out meeting at Chapter president Mike Gawith and wife Bernita's home July 19, 2006. Good food, fun, fellowship and information were enjoyed by all attending.

The weather forecast for Northwest Kansas is very hot. We agree three digit temperature is hot which makes us anxious for the next season of the coolness of fall.

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No news is good news !

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It is Summer time! With the temp. Above 100 degrees for a week it is nice to live in Western Kansas where the humidity is less than 20 percent. With summer most of the Chapters in Area 6 are idle. I did miss visiting Ulysses Chapter 2086, this week, due to illness in the family. Carla's mother is very bad. She is 92. Also I will be out of touch for another two months because of scheduled knee surgery on August 15.

There is a lot of talk going around about **One Member-One Vote**. Our Nation's Government is a Republic form of Government. It is not a Democratic form of Government. We elect our legislatures who votes how we wish or we can vote them out of office. We do not get to vote on every law that is passed. Enough Said.

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Greetings from your State Service Officer:

Summer is here, although the calendar says we just passed spring. We appreciated the rain that we had earlier this month. I know not all areas have had sufficient rain to date, but we hope you will still receive sufficient rain.

I am still helping folks, answering questions about insurance, benefits and submitting death claims. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

One of the main thrusts at present is Premium Conversion. Each and everyone of us needs to contact our Congressmen, requesting that they vote for this bill as it will allow us to pay for our health insurance with pre-tax dollars. This will put additional money in our pocket and provide us the same benefits that employed people receive. The House bill is HR994 and the Senate bill is S454. Remember you can contact your Senator and Representative on the internet, by phone or by post card. Only through your voice will they know of your desires.

This is a short article and I would like to close with, "It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives."

KANSAS ALZHEIMER'S CHAIR

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Through the end of June, the Kansas chapters have collected \$12,817.31 which computes to \$2.51 per member. At the state convention in April the Alzheimer's Committee voted on a \$3.30 per member goal for calendar year 2006. We are on our way to making that goal. Thank you.

Madelyn Brown and June Buckles of Old Trooper Chapter 383 have done it again! They worked with their local Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary who contributed a check for \$4,352.26 for Alzheimer's Research via NARFE. Partial proceeds from three nights of Bingo plus a donation from the Eagles were combined to make up this total. Madelyn and June worked very hard during those Bingo nights and we applaud their efforts and the results!

For those of you with internet access, the regular monthly contribution submission form is available on the KS NARFE website (ksnarfe.org) as option # 32. If you need an original of this form and do not have internet access, just contact me and I will send one to you.

Options for fundraising at the state convention are currently being discussed by the federation executive board. Negative comments have been received about the 'flea market' quality of some of the items donated and also that many very nice articles bring in very little money. If you have any comments or suggestions about future convention fundraising activities, please get back to me. Your input is appreciated.

Quotation:

If you are a senior citizen, you might think that a 'web site' is that corner in your kitchen near the ceiling...

--Anonymous

NARFE NETTER / HISTORIAN

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Many thanks to all of the Chapter and Federation members who have sent me changes/additions to the KSNARFE net e-mail list. This really helps in keeping the list current.

On the KSNARFE.org web site, at item #40, the KS Forms page, the new KS Federation Expense voucher has been added. Both this voucher and the Alzheimer's Contribution form are now both in PDF and MS Word format. If you have a version of MS word that accepts the "editable" form, it is best if you save a

copy to a floppy disc or your hard drive before you make entries rather than doing it on line.

A couple of problems that sometimes show up with online editable forms is you may get a "frame" asking for a password. No password is required, just click on the X in the frame to remove it. If the form happens to "lock up" your computer, just turn off the computer power and let it reboot to clear up the problem.

If there is any historical information or other records you would like to have on the web site, please send it to me in an e-mail or US mail.

Take care and keep COOL!

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Summertime is here and the Heat's On ! (in more ways than one)

Many Kansas NARFE Chapters do not hold a chapter meeting during the summer months. For many, that tends to put NARFE awareness on holiday. We can't afford to do that -so stop it! I personally feel that the heat's on this coming year for the encroachment upon our earned benefits.

With the recent "quick" responses by Washington to promise financial aid to the victims of those natural disasters, the 110th Congress will be casting around for "easy money" to pay for those promises. Our earned benefits may be tempting to Congress, as a way to dip into for that promised aid (easily forgetting that promises were made to us - that we would have those earned benefits coming our way). So, why do we have NARFE - the basic objective is to protect our earned benefits.

So, Chapter Presidents - please make certain that your Public Relations Committee Chairperson has an opportunity to read this Federation Newsletter.

PR Chairs, have you taken a good look at your NARFE Retirement Life Magazine. Take a look at the recent back issues. i.e., May 2006 issue of NARFE asks the question - "without NARFE, who would stand up for federal retirees?" On page 41, Dan Galvan's, Officers Outlook article calls attention to the fact that NARFE's entire advertisement budget is about the same as AARPs one day budget. So, this would seem that our chapter members have a lot of volunteering public relations to do. A place to start is to re-read that article by Dr. Galvan. Be sure to call this to the attention of your chapter PR Committee. There is a very good

question found in that issue - "what are you doing to shape NARFE's future?" "What's your future - should the effectiveness of NARFE's ability to protect your earned benefits diminish?" Read Chuck Timanus, Director of Public Relations, article on page 49 of the May issue. June 2006 issue has good reading on page 20. The July issue, page 28 has an article entitled, The Desire to Make a Difference.

We can make a difference. Are you sharing your NARFE magazine with others? What are the ways you can share your magazine? Isn't that Public Relations?

One of the ways previously offered is to promote a get-together for coffee - with your NARFE Retirement Life Magazine. discuss the articles and ideas to see how others see the content. As time goes on, an eligible non-member friend may get interested in becoming a NARFE member (if you've invited that person to share the coffee time).

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NARFE PAC REPORTS (See VP Townson's Article)

REGION V

NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS
SIXTH QUARTER 2005-2006 CYCLE
Period 1/1/2005 to 6/30/2006

STATE	Contributors	AMOUNT
MO	1413	\$28,705.75
MN	1107	\$22,104.00
KS	1111	\$19,122.50
IA	926	\$17,252.57
NE	481	\$ 8,647.00
SD	374	\$ 7,233.87
ND	392	\$ 7,075.50
TOTAL	5804	\$110,141.19

NATIONAL STATE

STATE	# Contributors	AMOUNT
1 CA	6609	\$142,230.65
2 VA	3466	\$80,812.22
3 FL	3847	\$76,427.59
4 MD	3383	\$73,968.54
5 PA	3767	\$66,340.49
6 TX	2672	\$56,136.00
7 NY	2582	\$43,683.00
8 WA	1904	\$42,937.16
9 OH	1953	\$35,776.50
10 IL	1786	\$33,765.89
11 NJ	1878	\$31,810.00
12 NC	1461	\$29,153.75
13 MO	1413	\$28,705.75

14 AZ	1368	\$28,466.00
15 GA	1454	\$27,960.50
16 CO	1183	\$26,116.00
17 MA	1486	\$26,085.61
18 MI	1266	\$24,214.50
19 OR	1019	\$23,459.50
20 MN	1107	\$22,104.00
21 TN	920	\$19,776.00
22 KS	1111	\$19,122.50
23 WI	994	\$19,109.10
24 AL	951	\$18,275.05
25 IN	951	\$17,575.60
26 IA	926	\$17,252.57
27 HI	783	\$14,778.00
28 KY	779	\$14,471.50
29 OK	710	\$13,448.95
30 SC	652	\$12,482.00
31 LA	574	\$11,099.00
32 NM	531	\$10,714.39
33 AR	567	\$10,308.51
34 DC	363	\$9,762.00
35 MS	480	\$9,083.00
36 NV	438	\$8,905.00
37 NE	481	\$8,647.00
38 CT	481	\$8,228.00
39 WV	437	\$9,123.50
40 ID	369	\$7,517.00
41 SD	374	\$7,233.87
42 ND	392	\$7,075.50
43 MT	316	\$6,466.00
44 UT	335	\$6,569.00
45 ME	312	\$5,660.00
46 NH	285	\$5,576.00
47 RI	326	\$5,384.00
48 DE	218	\$4,122.00
49 AK	143	\$3,957.50
50 PR	196	\$3,180.00
51 WY	111	\$2,177.00
52 VT	85	\$1,555.00
53 MISC	20	\$676.00
54 RP	3	\$300.00
55 GU	3	\$50.00
56 JP	1	\$15.00
57 PI	1	\$10.00
58 VI	0	\$-
TOTAL	62223	\$1,239,839.19

**NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS
SIXTH QUARTER 2005-2006 CYCLE**

Period 1/1/2005 to 6/30/2006

			LOCATION	CHAPTER	CONTR	
			AMOUNT			
TOPEKA	2	124	\$2,635.00	SHAWNEE MISSION	1162 123	\$2,763.00
BUFFALO BILL	27	73	\$1,347.75	TOPEKA	2 124	\$2,635.00
WICHITA	138	202	\$2,398.50	WICHITA	138 202	\$2,398.50
SALINA	280	16	\$310.00	BUFFALO BILL	27 73	\$1,347.75
KAW - BLUE	366	77	\$1,310.00	KAW - BLUE	366 77	\$1,310.00
LAWRENCE	378	18	\$355.00	HUTCHINSON	537 56	\$967.00
OLD TROOPER	383	42	\$738.00	OLD TROOPER	383 42	\$738.00
EMPORIA	384	17	\$305.00	SUNFLOWER	1160 29	\$440.00
HUTCHINSON	537	56	\$967.00	CROSSROADS	739 26	\$425.00
PITTSBURG	550	16	\$255.00	TRI-RIVER	2098 25	\$415.00
ATCHINSON	621	8	\$115.00	JACKSON CO	2215 21	\$370.00
CROSSROADS	739	26	\$425.00	LAWRENCE	378 18	\$355.00
COWLEY COUNTY KS	757	7	\$95.00	HEART OF AMERICA	1794 15	\$330.00
OTTOWA	785	11	\$165.00	IOLA	2077 19	\$320.00
BOURBON COUNTY	792	9	\$170.00	SALINA	280 16	\$310.00
CHANUTE	799	13	\$250.00	EMPORIA	384 17	\$305.00
SUNFLOWER	1160	29	\$440.00	JEFFERSON COUNTY	2231 14	\$290.00
SHAWNEE MISSION	1162	123	\$2,763.00	PITTSBURG	550 16	\$255.00
GOLDEN BELT	1709	15	\$250.00	CHANUTE	799 13	\$250.00
INDEPENDENCE KS	1763	8	\$100.00	GOLDEN BELT	1709 15	\$250.00
HEART OF AMERICA	1794	15	\$330.00	CHISHOLM TRAIL	2137 8	\$189.25
HIGH PLAINS	1873	4	\$80.00	BOURBON COUNTY	792 9	\$170.00
TRI-COUNTY	1933	5	\$85.00	OTTOWA	785 11	\$165.00
NINESCAH VALLEY	1939	8	\$130.00	CUSTER 7TH CAV	2050 13	\$165.00
BLACK SQUIRREL	1947	7	\$95.00	LOGAN COUNTY	2032 7	\$160.00
PONY EXPRESS	1948	6	\$85.00	DONIPHAN COUNTY	2136 16	\$159.00
GOODLAND	1991	4	\$65.00	NINESCAH VALLEY	1939 8	\$130.00
GARDEN CITY	1995	7	\$120.00	GARDEN CITY	1995 7	\$120.00
SCOTT CITY	1996	2	\$40.00	BROWN COUNTY	2164 9	\$120.00
CLAY CENTER	1998	4	\$90.00	ATCHINSON	621 8	\$115.00
LOGAN COUNTY	2032	7	\$160.00	INDEPENDENCE KS	1763 8	\$100.00
CUSTER 7TH CAV	2050	13	\$165.00	COWLEY COUNTY KS	757 7	\$95.00
OBERLIN KS	2053	4	\$65.00	BLACK SQUIRREL	1947 7	\$95.00
IOLA	2077	19	\$320.00	CLAY CENTER	1998 4	\$90.00
SOLOMON VALLEY	2085	6	\$90.00	SOLOMON VALLEY	2085 6	\$90.00
ULYSSES	2086	5	\$90.00	ULYSSES	2086 5	\$90.00
TRI-RIVER	2098	25	\$415.00	COLBY KS	2291 6	\$90.00
OSAGE CITY KS	2099	4	\$60.00	TRI-COUNTY	1933 5	\$85.00
FREDONIA	2100	1	\$10.00	PONY EXPRESS	1948 6	\$85.00
DONIPHAN COUNTY	2136	16	\$159.00	HIGH PLAINS	1873 4	\$80.00
CHISHOLM TRAIL	2137	8	\$189.25	GOODLAND	1991 4	\$65.00
BROWN COUNTY	2164	9	\$120.00	OBERLIN KS	2053 4	\$65.00
JACKSON COUNTY	2215	21	\$370.00	OSAGE CITY KS	2099 4	\$60.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY	2231	14	\$290.00	SCOTT CITY	1996 2	\$40.00
COFFEYVILLE	2257	1	\$15.00	COFFEYVILLE	2257 1	\$15.00
COLBY KS	2291	6	\$90.00	FREDONIA	2100 1	\$10.00
Total		1111	\$19,122.50	TOTAL	1111	\$19,122.50

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Attention everyone! As if you didn't already know, the Kansas State Primary is very close at hand. (Tuesday, August 1, 2006) Have you checked on the candidates you have decided to cast your precious vote for? What is their platform; to the extent it will benefit the constituents in your community. While seeking our votes and possibly our PAC funds, are they sympatric and supportive of our (NARFE) issues for which we have been begging for numerous years, mainly the matter of retirement annuities? Which ever your political preference or affiliation, be careful of your personal selection.

As of this date and time, Area 1A VP has not personally visited any chapters in an official capacity. However, telephone contacts have been made. Reported by Daryl Monaghan, President of Brown County Chapter 2164, their June meeting was visited by Federation President John Surritte, Federation Alzheimer's Chair Linda Surritte and candidate for Congress Nancy Boyda. President Monaghan further related that the attendance was about forty individuals, which included seven members from Jefferson County and three members from Nemaha County.

Reports from Kansas City Sunflower Chapter 1160, the Annual Picnic, held on July 8th at Wyandotte County friends of member Lake Park had an attendance of seventeen members and nine guests which included children and personal friends of members. There was plenty of eats and Bingo was played for money prizes (\$2.00 Bills). Nemaha County Chapter 1948, President Louise Kneisel states they have no problems or unusual issues to report. President Kneisel indicated that membership representation to the National Convention is uncertain for now however, the issue will be discussed at the next regular meeting in August.

Area 1AVP Robinson has forwarded pre-registration notice to attend the National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico and is now searching for hotel reservations. At this late stage of the game, I am considering carrying a camping tent or possibly resolve in sleeping in our van.

This is my change of address notice:

I have moved out from Beggars Alley, located at 2Poverty Lane at the corner of Bleak and Buster Circle. As of today, I have a brand new home.

My new address is: Living Well on 3 Abundance Drive, located at the corner of Blessings Street and Prosperity Peal.

No longer will I allow myself to travel on Begging Peter to pay off Paul route, located at the dead end of intersection called: I Don't Have, it connects with Borrowers Junction. I no longer hang out at Failure's Place, near Excuses Avenue, next to Procrastination Point. I've moved on to an Upscale Community called Higher Heights with unlimited potential and opportunities for me to succeed. Look at me, each day that I'm awake, I am thankful to be a product of my new environment. All my clothes are tailor made. I'm dressed in life's finest. Let me introduce you to all of them: Conceive, Believe, Act On, Have Faith, Be Persistent, and Always Be Prepared To Achieve. Life is Good. Care to change your address?