

Kansas NARFE Federation Executive Board Mtg
June 1, 2011, McPherson, KS

Janice A. Neuschafer, Kansas Federation Alzheimer's Chairperson

At the convention in Junction City, the average per member goal for 2011 was set to remain at \$5.50 for the year.

At the convention the Live Auction made \$1,365.50 and the Silent Auction \$2,860.00 for total proceeds of \$4,225.50.

I recently received \$472.00 in Memorial checks from one chapter which amounted to 28 acknowledgements.

As of April 31, 2011, Kansas members have given \$7,068.93 to Alzheimer's Research in 2011.

As of March 31, 2011, NARFE contributions to Alzheimer's Research reached \$9,136.542.51.

Jim Miller, Chairman, State Legislative

CSRS retirees and survivor annuitants can breathe easier until the 2012 KS Legislature convenes. Ron Richey reported the Senate adjourned at 5:21 a.m, and the House followed suit @ 6:04. They will return for the final gavel, plus there will be a select committee of thirteen to study taxes and revenue during the summer and fall. The committee meetings aren't scheduled and the members haven't been named. As soon as that information is available, I'll send it to the federation officers. Ron and I encourage any NARFE officer and member to consider (1) coming to the Topeka State House to attend a meeting there, plus any meeting that may be scheduled for your area of the state. In Topeka, we can have a more quiet time to look over the \$ 300 million and growing refurbishment and sit in on a committee meeting.

Ron Richey and I will be working on a coalition of organizations and individuals who share the KS income tax benefit. Efforts to " cherry pick "federal retirees ONLY out of the groups hasn't worked.. ..yet, so the next organized effort could be the shotgun method. Cancel the exemption for every group. Such a cancellation would hurt the most vulnerable who can least afford it, usually women retirees and survivor annuitants. Hint ! Become better acquainted with your Senator and Representative this off season. Topeka chapter has invited State Senator Vickie Schmidt (R) to speak to our chapter members for our July 22nd mtg. Vickie has proven to be a great friend to have in the KS Legislature, especially this past hectic session.

Jim Dodd, KS NARFE NET/HISTORIAN REPORT.

The net list I passed out contains only the e-mail addresses of members of the KS NARFE net that went through when the last net message was sent out. The complete list contains 637 names, this list contains 324 names.

NARFE members still need to go to the National NARFE web site to check and correct if necessary, their e-mail addresses.

This list is using smaller type to reduce the number of pages. Please be sure to shred your older copies to prevent unauthorized use of the lists.

I received a request from Cindy Schroter in Rush county (phone # 785-222-2615 (extension 105)), she wanted to know if I ever posted retirement announcements of FSA employees on the KSNARFE.org web site. I sent her back an e-mail stating I would discuss it with the KS Federation at the June meeting. I also sent her an e-mail asking if the FSA retirees names were posted on a non-password protected web site page. I have not received an answer to the e-mail.

Since listing names and addresses of people on the KS web site without their permission would probably have "privacy" act problems, if there are other web sites that have the names on them it would probably be best to just put a "link" on the KSNARFE web site if we wanted to make retiree names available to NARFE members.

Walt Germann, Service Officer

As Service Officer, I don't have a report this time except I will be visiting the Leavenworth Chapter to present a program on Thursday, June 3. The only mileage about 520 miles scheduled for this year right now, round trip to Leavenworth, round trip to Salina for the convention, and the trip to McPherson for executive board meeting June 2. Don't know what the cost will be for rooms during the convention in Salina. Other trips may come up per requests for a program from chapters during the year, but don't have any requests yet except Leavenworth.

Area 1 Vice President, Flo Biehl

At the Federation Convention in April, we made dates for me to come to the chapters. We also discussed what they wanted from me at that time, One wanted me to come to install their officers. Another wanted me to discuss legislative issues. I was invited by the Topeka chapter to come when Lynn Jenkins, their representative (second district, Kansas) would be their speaker. Another said they would get back with me and of course, I would be attending my own chapter meeting.

I have been to the Holton chapter, the Topeka chapter and the Shawnee Mission chapter. All are working hard on NARFE objectives.

Area 1A, Vice President, Judy Etter

Thanks to Junction City for hosting a wonderful convention. Everything seemed to go smoothly, the facility worked well, and the meals were really good. All chapters should try to send someone as a delegate. Those of us who attend can let the chapters who send a proxy know what happened, but it would be better for those chapters to actually have someone who is a member of the chapter attend and vote. Even NARFE members who are visitors can benefit. Convention gives those attending a chance to meet other members from neighboring towns and across the state, discuss ideas concerning chapters, and just get pumped up about NARFE.

Recently the Atchison chapter has asked other chapters to join them for a special program or party. We have not done a very good job of getting the word out early, but even so we had eight visitors at our April meeting to hear presentation by Teddy Stillwell on the local Presidents of the United States, Teddy owns a bookstore in Independence, MO, and writes a column for Gatehouse Media, owner of the *Leavenworth Times* and other newspapers. Presidents he discussed included David Rice Atchison (look him up), Lincoln (began his Presidential campaign in Northeast Kansas), Truman, and Eisenhower. Another chapter in Area 1A is possibly planning a potluck and inviting a special speaker and other neighboring chapters. Members get to see what other chapters are doing and take ideas home to their own chapters. Several chapter presidents have also tried to get together for lunch and brainstorm (the original meeting had to be cancelled but we are going to try again). New ideas help bring new interest.

Brown County-Hiawatha chapter 2164 recently presented distinguished memberships to four members, including one charter member who is 100 and attends most of the meetings. They invited me and I was happy to attend. They planned to get a picture of the members published in the Hiawatha and Horton newspapers. Atchison chapter 621 submitted a picture to the Atchison paper of me presenting our distinguished service certificate for Alzheimer's contributions to our Alzheimer's chair. I feel any publicity, and especially a picture (everyone looks at the pictures in the paper) lets others know we are out there.

I have enjoyed my first year as Area 1A vice president and hope I can be a more effective VP this coming year,

Gale D. Beck, Area 2, Vice President.

1. Attended the Iola Chapter 2077 meeting and reported on the Kansas Convention and prepared the chapters semi-monthly newsletter.
2. Visited the Emporia Chapter #384 May 9th and gave a report on the Kansas Convention.
3. Visited the Ottawa Chapter #785, May 17th. Participated in their 50th Chapter Anniversary. Thanks to Federation President Cindy Blythe and her mother Sylvia Riepen for attending the Ottawa Chapter Anniversary.
4. All chapter Members of the Kingman Chapter 1939 and those contacted earlier this year were provided a letter in reference to the proposals being considered by Congress to reduce their benefits.
5. Prepared a report that Area Vice Presidents are asked to use as guidelines in supporting and guiding their chapters during the coming year. Will be completed for handout at the Executive Board Meeting.

Gary Townson, Area IV Vice President and Federal Legislative Chair

I seem to be able to stay extremely busy and rapidly run out of time. Since the Federation Convention I have failed to visit any of the Chapters I am responsible for with the exception of my home Chapter. Two weeks after our Convention I attended the National Association of Postal Supervisors Four-State Convention, Prior to our Convention I accepted a 2 month contract working for the City of Mulvane. As a part of that job I have been in frequent contact with the offices of Senator Roberts, Senator Moran and Congressman Pompeo. While visiting

with their offices, I made certain they are aware of our feelings about being scapegoated. At our Chapter Meetings I encourage every member to contact our legislators by phone and in person whenever they are available. I arranged a Rally in Muivane with TV and newspaper coverage. One of Senator Moran's aides from his Washington DC office came down to participate, Congressman Pompeo's District Director spoke at the Rally. My involvement in this has required numerous hours of my time. I have met personally with Congressman Pompeo, his wife and their District Director. I also attended an activity paying homage to former Congressman Todd Tiahrt and his wife. Several State Legislators as well as Congressman Tim Huelskamp attended that get-together and I was able to get some personal time with them. My schedule includes meeting with Senator Moran at a Wichita Town Hall the day prior to the Federation Board meeting. I intend to make a better effort to visit the Chapters in my Area prior to our next Board meeting.

Ron Katt, Area V Vice President

Mailed via e-mail or hard copy State Convention highlight report to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries. Included announcement of my reelection as Area V.P. and my availability for contact and Chapter visits.

Plan to meet with Chapter 2053 Oberlin in September for a reach out membership drive meeting. The meeting will be held in Atwood to accommodate invited potential members from that area.

Plan to meet with Chapter 2085 Stockton during their regular meeting in October. The Chapter will be holding election of officers for the 2012 year.

As Chair of the Time and Place Committee for 2011, I e-mailed an invitation and sent a hard copy of hotel requirements to Chapter 1160 President T. J. Robinson for the Chapter's information to prepare a bid to host the 2014 Federation of Chapters Convention. Proposed Convention date is 4/27-29/2014.

Robert Cranmer, Immediate Past President and Area VI Vice-President

This report will be brief. I have visited one chapter in Area 6 since the Convention and I have visited to two of our National Legislative people and three of our State Legislative people. I have a health problem that I need to take care of. New pace-maker and a congetive heart problem.

Treasurers Report June 1, 2011

I will begin with the end balance I gave you at the convention of \$9,501.77 (\$3000 in a CD and \$6,501.77 in our checking account at that time). Below is a summary of income and expenses from April 10, 2011 till now. The overall total on that summary is a negative 723.77. If you subtract \$723.77 from \$9,501.77 it equals \$8,778.00. Of that figure \$3000 is invested in a CD and \$5,778.00 is in our checking account.

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National Rebates	2,351.86	2,351.86	
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Ticket Drawing	138.00	138.00	
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TOTAL INCOME	2,489.86	2,489.86	
EXPENSES			
Convention Attendance Money	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Honorarium	175.00	175.00	
Miscellaneous			
Cony-Advance	-300.00	-300.00	
Copier Purchase	567.92	567.92	
Name Tags	49.83	19.83	
TOTAL Miscellan	317.75	317.75	
Office Supply Expense			
Office Supplies -Regular	55.64	55.64	
Office Supplies -Alzheimers	12.22	12.22	
TOTAL Office Supply Expense	67.86	67.86	
Postage Expense			
Postage - Alzheimers	92.00	92.00	
Postage -Convention	9.10	8.40	
Postage - Regular	26.40	26.10	
TOTAL Postage Expense	126.80	126.80	
Travel Expense			
Mileage - Convention	771.24	771.24	
Mileage Regular Travel	449.48	449.48	
Turnpike Fees	5.50	5.50	
TOTAL Travel Expense	1,226.22	1,226.22	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,213.63	3,213.63	
OVERALL TOTAL	.723.77	723.77	