



Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters
Regular Session 57th Kansas Federation Convention
Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center, Junction City, Kansas
Tuesday, April 12, 2011

With President Carol Ek presiding the convention reconvened at 8:30 a.m. in the Cottonwood C of the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Junction City, Kansas.

Invocation was given by Chaplain, Otis Scroggins, Chapter 0383, Old Trooper, Junction City.

President Carol Ek led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Final Credential Report – Lana (Lannie) Pender, Chair

<i>Area</i>	<i>DAL</i>	<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternate Delegates</i>	<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Guests</i>
1	7	18		0	0	0
1A	5	10	0	1	1	0
2	4	8	0	1	0	0
2A	3	4	0	0	1	0
3	9	31	4	0	18	1
4	4	12	0	1	0	0
5	1	1	1	5	1	0
6	3	2	1	2	1	0
Totals	36	86	6	10	22	1
Total Attendance	151					
Total Proxies	10 proxies turned in to registration					
Total Chapters Attending	31					

Gary Townson, Area 4 Vice President indicated that he had turned in two proxies for his Area. Lannie said she only had received two proxies for Area 4 but would recheck and report again.

Federation Drawing Results and Form 990-N – Jerry Ketter, Treasurer

Jerry Ketter reported that for the Federation drawing, \$280 with raffle tickets were mailed to him prior to the convention, an additional \$538 in raffle tickets were sold at the convention for a total of \$818 in raffle ticket sales. A total of \$400 was awarded in prizes with 1st prize of \$250, 2nd prize \$100, and 3rd prize of \$50. Total profit realized from the drawing was \$418.

Jerry asked that the chapter presidents and secretaries please share the Federation newsletter with their chapter treasurer's, so that it doesn't become necessary to also mail them the newsletter. Jerry had received feedback from various treasurers that they haven't received the information in the newsletter.

Jerry reminded everyone that the IRS Form 990-N must be submitted by all chapters. These forms are important to be submitted for NARFE to be able to retain its non-profit status. Jerry announced that he had received confirmation that the form had been submitted for the following chapters: 138, 280, 383, 550; 621; 1948; 2232; 2050; 2086; 2098; 2099; 2137; 2164 and 2291. The form for the Federation had also been submitted. Jerry indicated that Chapter 002 was in process of submitting the form. President Ek said that the form had been submitted for Chapter 1794. If a chapter tries to enter the form

online and gets a message that the IRS did not accept the form, the chapter should resubmit the form. If the form is successfully submitted online, IRS will confirm that it has received/accepted the form.

NARFE- PAC Report – Don Cooper, Chair

I wish to acknowledge the work of those who assisted with the NARFE-PAC Contribution Booth: Dennis and Judy Grossnickle with the preparation of the NARFE-PAC sign; Ann Murphy, Chapter 366; W. Duane Evans, Chapter 280; Mary J. Collins, Chapter 537; Diane Hall, Richard Hall and Fran Gast of Chapter 027; Flo Biehl, Chapter 1162 and Gary Townson, Chapter 138. Without their help, the collection of NARFE-PAC contributions would not have gone so smoothly.

The amount of NARFE-PAC contributions collected at the convention on April 10, 2011 was \$687. The amount collected at the convention on April 11, 2011 was \$905 for a two day total of \$1,592. Third day contributions totaled \$275. Total amount collected at Kansas convention from 88 contributors was \$1,867.

The amount mailed to National NARFE on March 25, 2011 was \$265.00.

Don also reported that for the past year, that Kansas had 1,132 donors to NARFE PAC contributing \$23,565.60.

Alzheimer’s Report – Janice Neuschafer, Chair

The Alzheimer’s Committee met Sunday afternoon with 24 members in attendance. All members introduced themselves and told why they were attending this meeting.

Discussion was held on 2010 fundraising results. In 2010, the Kansas Federation contribution goal was \$5.50 per member. Collection we submitted for a total of \$29,730.88 or an average of \$6.38 per member. This was a decrease of \$874 from the previous year..

The committee voted to leave the Kansas Federation goal for 2011 at \$5.50 per member.

Discussion was held on the variety of fundraising events held during 2010 and new ideas for future fundraisers. The “NARFE Alzheimer’s Chapter Manual” which was updated in March 2011 was briefly discussed. Open forum was held until adjournment.

Final results of the Live Auction held April 25th is \$1,365.50, (last year we collected \$1,265) the Silent Auction which closed April 11th is \$2,710.00 (last year we collected \$2,005) for total donations of \$4,075.50. Last year we collected \$3,270.00..

We had a total of 30 tables for the Silent Auction. Thanks to all who bid on auction items. Last year we had about 320 auction items. This year we had about 385 auction items. Thanks to you and your chapter members, you’ve made this fundraising event very successful.

I would like to acknowledge with a “Certificate of Merit” chapters who met, or exceeded, the 2010 Federation goal of \$5.50:

<i>Chapter #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>\$ per member</i>		<i>Chapter #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>\$ per member</i>
1995	Garden City	\$ 5.97		2086	Ulysses	\$ 6.00
2215	Jackson Co.	\$6.19		785	Ottawa	6.30
2077	Iola	6.71		2099	Osage City	7.09
0384	Emporia	7.75		0537	Hutchinson	7.81
0621	Atchison	7.86		1794	McPherson	8.09
2164	Brown Co.	8.11		0280	Salina	8.25

2032	Oakley	8.69		0366	Manhattan	11.07
1948	Nemaha Co.	13.10		2098	Tri River	13.10
0378	Lawrence	21.08		0383	Junction City	\$41.12

Other Kansas Federation awards presented for special recognition are:

1. **To:** June Buckles and Madelyn Brown, Chapter 0383, Old Trooper, Junction City: Individual Certificates for Outstanding Contributions for Eagles Bingo Nights and donation of \$9,520.00.
2. **To:** Freestate Members, Chapter 0378, Lawrence: Highest Value Auction Items for 2010 convention totaling \$1,279.
3. **To:** Tri-River Members, Chapter 2098, Osawatomie: Raised \$1,000 at their annual Chapter Alzheimer's auction.
4. **To:** Jay E. Brown, 2010 Live Auction Auctioneer: For volunteering his auctioneering services to the live auction.

Awards from National Headquarters are awarded to:

1. Chapter 0383 Members, Old Trooper, Junction City for the highest \$/per member contributions for 2010 of \$41.12.
2. Chapter 0383 Members, Old Trooper, Junction City, for the highest total dollars contribution in 2010 of \$11,060.44.

Membership Report – Cindy Renee' Blythe, 2nd Vice-President

As Membership Chair, I accepted the invitation to participate in the Leavenworth Retiree Appreciation Day held in Leavenworth, Kansas. Judy Etter, Area 1A Vice-President, Diane Hall, President, Chapter 0027 Leavenworth and I spoke to a large number of potential members during the event. After the event was finished for the day, Judy gave Diane and me a wonderful driving tour of the beautiful Fort Leavenworth; acquainting us with the history of the fort.

As stated earlier in the convention proceedings, I drafted a Membership Plan for both the Federation and Chapters. Copies are still available on the back table.

Federation President, Carol Ek presented the following awards:

- Barb Pretzer Chapter 0366 Manhattan, for recruiting 5 members
- Clyde Woolfolk Chapter 0537 Salt City, Hutchinson, for recruiting 6 members
- Janice Neuschafer Chapter 1794 Heart of America, McPherson for recruiting 5 members.

Group Award

- T. J. Smith, Lorna Larson, Mary Haswell and Louise Lloyd Chapter 1162, Shawnee Mission for participating in a local recruiting program at the Overland Park Convention Center October 2010.

Retirement Benefits Report – Walter Germann, Chair

I participated in the Roundtable on Sunday afternoon. During my presentation at the roundtable I discussed several very important forms every member should have completed. Everyone should complete Form F-100, Be Prepared for Life Events. This form can be ordered from NARFE Headquarters and can also be downloaded from the NARFE website. It is a form that you can fill in, and leave online as well.

In addition, all members should make sure they have completed a Designation of Beneficiary, which can be obtained from OPM. For CSRS the form is SF 2808; for FERS the Form is SF 3102. Two witnesses are required to verify your signature on the form. The first page is very important, and two

copies are required, so make a copy of the first page, and mail the original and a copy to OPM. They will send back a copy. If you are unable to obtain a form, contact Walt Germann at jgermann1@cox.net and he will send them a form.

During the last 5 months, I have made trips to two chapters to present programs on the “Duties of the Service Officer.”

On Tuesday, November 23, 2010, I went to Clay Center to present a program to the Clay Center Chapter #1998. There were 7 members present.

On Wednesday, March 23, 2011, I went to Holton to present a program to the Jackson County Chapter #2215. There were 12 members present.

Upon completion of both program, I held a question and answer period for member’s questions.

Jim Mitchell. Convention Co-Chair - Acknowledgements

Jim Mitchell as Convention Chair thanked the representative from John Hancock Life Insurance Company Office in Overland Park for being a sponsor at our convention. Jim acknowledged Lynn, Valerie and Dennis from the hotel staff and catering staff for their services throughout the convention. Jim thanked President Carol Ek for her guidance and patience with the Junction City Chapter throughout the convention planning process. He thanked Janice Neuschafer for her help and guidance with the silent auction. And Jim also thanked Dixie Thomas as an individual who was the mainstay and driving force that helped make the convention a success

College of NARFE Knowledge (CONK) – Carol Ek

President Carol Ek announced that the College of NARFE Knowledge would be held August 29-31, 2011. Reservation forms were available on the table in the back of the room. President Ek encouraged members to make reservations early, particularly if you wanted a view of the river. The theme for CONK will be primarily Legislative. Dan Adcock will be speaking, as well a new hire in NARFE HQ. NARFE Treasurer Richard Thissen will also make a presentation.

Credentials Report, Lannie Pender

Lannie Pender reported that after rechecking the records, that Area 4 had submitted two proxies, and Area 5 had submitted 4 proxies, and the total number of proxies turned in was 10 proxies.

President Carol Ek stated a total of 44 chapters were represented either by delegates attending, or they had submitted a proxy. For the first time, one chapter chose not to submit a proxy.

Courtesy Resolution, Cindy Renee Blythe, Chair, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

A general convention resolution was introduced to the committee membership by the chairperson. The general convention resolution was approved as written and was signed by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair. The general convention approved the Bylaws and General Resolutions meeting report and approved the general courtesy resolution presented to Jim Mitchell, Convention Co-Chair.

Time and Place Report – Ron Katt, Chair

Twelve (12) members attended the Time and Place committee meeting.

John Ourada, Chapter 0280, Salina, will host the 2012 Convention. The convention will be held at the Ramada Conference Center in Salina, Kansas, April 22-24, 2012.

Elizabeth Bornman, Shawnee Mission Chapter 1162, put a bid in to host the April 28-30th, 2013 convention at a Holiday Inn at 87th and Reeder in Overland Park, Kansas. Ron Katt, chairman, stated that the committee recommended accepting the bid from Shawnee Mission. The recommendation was seconded, motion passed.

No bids have been received to host the 2014 Federation Convention, however, Sunflower (Chapter 1160) Kansas City, Kansas did submit an indicated interest. Further information will be forthcoming.

John Ourada, President Chapter 0280 did a power point presentation about the host site for the convention in April 2013 at the Ramada Inn. Hotel rooms are being renovated, complimentary breakfast included with the room rate of \$72.

Closing Remarks - Jim Mitchell thanked his wife Wally Mitchell for her support throughout the convention process. Jim also thanked everyone for attending and sharing friendship and camaraderie.

President Ek also thanked everyone for attending and helping the Federation, and hoped to see everyone in Salina at the 58th Federation Convention.

Convention Closed – President Ek adjourned the convention at 11:00 a.m.

Louise Lloyd
Secretary