

NARFE Chapter 1162  
Monthly Meeting June 28, 2011

The NARFE Chapter 1162 annual potluck Luncheon began at noon. It was preceded with an Invocation by Harold Hutcheson, and Flag Salute by Frank McGough.

Following the luncheon, a meeting of Chapter 1162 was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Louise Lloyd.

President Lloyd acknowledged Lucille Donnell and Herman Rubin, who both had just recently suffered the loss of their spouses.

President Lloyd also made a few remarks about this being the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of NARFE, and that NARFE had many successes fighting for benefits of Federal employees and retirees over its 90 year history. However, at this time in NARFE history, we face the most serious challenge to our benefits, both for active employees and retirees ever faced by NARFE members. It was emphasized that staying active in NARFE at this time, and recruiting others to NARFE is more important than ever before.

Minutes: The secretary provided copies of the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes to the minutes review committee by e-mail. Copies were made available available at the registration desk. In absence of Secretary Elizabeth Bornman, Ron Rogers took notes for the chapter meeting.

Mary Haswell presented the *treasurer's report as* follows: Receipts \$453.66, disbursements \$469.22, current checking account balance \$1,920.74 and the current value of the CD was \$2,890.60. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

***Legislative:***

Radio Ad – President Lloyd mentioned the radio ad that Legislative Chairman, Louis Bornman, was featured on nationally as part of the Protect America's Heartbeat Campaign. President Lloyd asked for feedback from the members regarding whether the chapter felt it should participate in donating \$200 of chapter funds to help have the ad played on local radio stations, at a cost of \$200 per a morning show, and \$175 for an evening show, total \$375 a day. Louis had heard from 4 chapters. He plans to follow up with the others. He wants to try and request matching funds from headquarters. Overall, feedback was positive for using chapter funds to support the ad. President Lloyd mentioned that the budget for this year is fairly tight, but felt money might be taken from the amount authorized for CONK. This would mean contributing less to those attending CONK, however, several members in attendance who are going to CONK indicated that they would be willing to waive receiving any funds to attend CONK, and would support instead using those funds to run the radio ad. President Lloyd said she would have the board discuss and make the final decision, but appreciated the chapter members input, as it was very helpful.

Letters for Congressional Delegation – President Lloyd mentioned that she had asked Louis Bornman as Legislative Chair to draft sample letters that members might select from to use to send to our congressional delegation. Particularly the letter would be for those who do not get the GEMS messages, and access to letters HQ provides on the NARFE website. Copies of 3 letters were made available for members to select to use. They were encouraged to contact their congressional representatives, and could modify the letters to fit their particular situation.

Congressional contact information – President Lloyd also provided current contact information for our Congressional delegation, and noted that Congressman Kevin Yoder had opened a new office in downtown Overland Park, and had moved out of the Federal Courthouse building in Kansas City, Kansas. Congressman Yoder is in process of trying to find another office location in Wyandotte County.

Town Hall Meeting – President Lloyd also mentioned article by Federation National Legislative Chair, Gary Townson, that featured some suggestions for members who may attend Town Hall Meetings. Copies of the article were also made available for members. The article is featured in the latest June/July issue of the Kansas Federation newsletter that is available on the Federation website, which can be accessed via the chapter website.

***Membership:***

Federal Agency offering Buy-outs – President Lloyd also mentioned that some federal agencies are offering buy-outs to employees to reduce staffing. She encouraged those who may know of such agencies to contact individuals from those agencies about joining NARFE. President Lloyd also indicated that if anyone was in need of information about NARFE, i.e. NARFE applications, brochures, to contact Membership Chairperson Harold Hutcheson, as he has information on hand.

***Alzheimer's:***

The Loose change can was passed around. Eddie Acosta, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Alzheimer's Chairperson made a few remarks about things individuals can do to help decrease the risks for triggering Alzheimer's.

***Sunshine Chairperson/Greeter*** – Don Faidley shared a few inspirational sayings/words of wisdom from Zig Ziglar.

***Newsletter:*** Articles are due July 14<sup>th</sup> to President Lloyd for the next newsletter, which will be published in late July.

***Programs:*** President Lloyd announced that programs for the month of September and October have been finalized. In September a pharmacist from Walgreen's will make a presentation, and his presentation will include information on drug interactions. In October, the featured speaker will talk about Identity Theft. This speaker had been recommended by a friend of President Lloyd who had indicated that there will be issues discussed that many people may not always think of when thinking about identity theft. She encouraged everyone to be sure to attend.

***Unfinished Business:***

Bylaws Review – President Lloyd reminded everyone that a review of the Bylaws and chapter Constitution are under review. Copies previously provided at chapter meetings. Any suggestions for changes to the way the chapter currently operates or edits can be shared with any of the chapter board members.

August 20<sup>th</sup> Breakfast meeting -President Lloyd reminded everyone about the August 20<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting. It will be at the Holiday Inn at 87<sup>th</sup> and I-35 where our chapter will host the 2013 Federation Convention. A breakfast Buffet will be provided for \$10.00. Reservations will be required by August 12 with at least 20 people making a reservation. A staff person from Congressman Yoder's office will address issues of concern to federal employees and retirees, and time will be provided for questions and answers.

**New Business:**

President Lloyd welcomed guest, Judy Arnold, who just retired from the Veterans Administration after 34 years and was attending for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. She indicated she might be able to assist with helping arrange some programs for some of our chapter meetings.

President Lloyd indicated that she would like to honor those in our chapter who would qualify as Distinguished Members. The criteria for this is minimum age 85 years old, and 20 years membership in NARFE, as well as being an active NARFE members. She indicated the board was trying to find out if NARFE HQ could provide information relative to those who may have attained the age requirement and number of years. However, she requested that those who were attending who had met this criteria to let her or one of the officers know.

Next meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn at 87<sup>th</sup> and Reeder in Overland Park.

The monthly attendance award, a sheet of commemorative stamps, was won by Eddie Acosta.

No one had any new business to bring up for discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Ron Rogers

Program: Bingo followed the business meeting.