



Chapter #621 Officers for 2021

President: Roger Mumm

Immediate Past-President: Judy Etter

1st Vice-President: Dennis Gardner

Secretary/Treasurer: Peggy Coder

Installation at the January meeting

January, February, March, April Meetings

Mark your calendar!

Meetings are held at Paolucci's Restaurant:
113 S. 3rd St, Atchison, with lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Feb 16th: Kathy Vandelloo, unique jigsaw puzzle hobby.

March 16th: Rosemary Wilkerson, Benedictine College

April 20th: Angie Hughes & Kirk Peterson of Farm
Bureau discussing insurance changes.

May 18th: Mikey Stafford, Master Gardener.

Contact Elaine Montgomery for speaker suggestions.

Note: At Paolucci's masks must be worn into and out of
the restaurant. Once seated, masks may be removed.
We're using round tables, with increased space
between chairs, providing for additional safety.

Meeting Cancellation

If the Atchison County Community Schools
(USD 377) are cancelled due to weather,
we will not have a NARFE meeting.
School closings are announced on:
KNZA (103.9 FM) Hiawatha,
KAIR (1470 AM/93.7 FM) Atchison,
WIBW (580 AM/94.5FM) Topeka,
and Kansas City TV stations.

*With sorrow, we will miss the presence of
Daryl Monaghan who passed last
November. Daryl joined this Chapter when
the Hiawatha Chapter closed. We offer his
wife Elsie and family our condolences.*

The new year finally arrived and hopefully 2021
will be much better than 2020. My doctor has
suggested, almost ordered, a stay at home and
limit contact because of my health problems.
Lorene's doctor has even doubled down on the
same orders. At this time, we will not be at any
meetings till later when things improve.

With the election settled and Congress back at
work, some progress should be made on NARFE
issues.

The new Congressman for the second district,
Jake LaTurner, is our main contact for any issues
in the House.

Roger Marshall is the new Senator for Kansas
replacing long serving Pat Roberts. He seems to
be a New Republican unlike Roberts, who was an
old party conservative. Jerry Moran is more of a
moderate it seems.

The Kansas Legislature looks to be the same as
in the past which means nothing gets done till
the last moment. I believe that it will take some
time, 3-4 months, before we will know what
kind year this will be so we need to stay safe,
healthy and have faith.

Roger Mumm, President

The NARFE Fiscal year runs April 1 thru March 31 of each year. This is why the Kansas NARFE Federation holds their annual meeting and conference the end of April each year.

The money spent in the calendar year 2020 for the Amelia Earhart NARFE Chapter of Atchison is:

We started out January 1, 2020 with a balance of \$672.10.

Money coming in, is a rebate of dues paid by members. We receive this monthly from the National Office. In 2020 we received \$123.72.

Our Chapter's expenses include Per Capita dues, which we pay \$1.50 per member to the Kansas Federation each January based on the Chapter's membership on November 30. In 2020 we paid \$43.50. We also buy lunches for speakers or guests which come to our meetings and provide information to our members. In 2020 the lunch expense was \$76.44. This amount was higher than normal this year because of the visit from John and Linda Ourada and Cindy Rene Blythe in September 2019 to present a 60-year certificate to our Chapter. I usually pay meals for all speakers and when we break for Summer, I reimburse myself for the meals for the time from September thru June.

Money donated at the meetings for Alzheimer's Research is deposited and then a check is written for the same amount and sent in. The money taken in was \$114.31 and the checks written total \$114.31. If you wrote a check to Alzheimer's Research that money does not go thru our checking account but is mailed directly.

As of January 1, 2021, we have a balance of \$675.88.

I believe the income from dues for 2021 will be less as membership is lower. Expenses will also be lower as our Per Capita dues paid this year is \$37.50. The expense for lunches for speakers will be lower, but that depends on how many speakers and meetings we will have in the future.

Peggy Coder, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

It was my happy pleasure to install the new Chapter Officers at the January meeting. I know we are in good hands. I had been the President for quite a while, and will miss chairing the meetings. However, I will still attend, and would like to see many of my friends also attend. May you have a healthy and safe year!

Judy Etter, Immediate Past President

Hope everyone is well this year. In 2020 we raised a total of \$264.31 for Alzheimer's. Every cent we collect is used for Alzheimer's research. Hopefully, a State Conference will be held in 2021, so we can raise additional funds at the Alzheimer auction.

Sadly, one of our members passed away this past year. I feel it would be nice if our January collection would be sent in memory of Daryl Monaghan. If you would like to donate by check, all checks should be payable to "NARFE-Alzheimer's Research" and are tax deductible.

If you are unable to attend our meeting, but would like to donate, you can mail your check to:

Pam Oswald, 5174 Decatur Rd., Effingham, KS 66023.

Let's start the new year with a big donation in memory of Daryl. Thank you in advance for all donations!

Pam Oswald, Alzheimer Chair

2021 Kansas Conference and Annual Meeting

With hopes that we will be back to normal operation in 2021, Fred E. Fanning, President of the Salina Chapter, invited all to attend the 2021 Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn, April 26-27, in Salina, Kansas. The Salina Chapter is working hard to make this a memorable 100th year celebration. Invitations have been sent.

Happy Holidays to All

January 18th: Martin Luther King's Day

February 15th, President's Day

April 4th, Easter Sunday

Medicare's Vaccine Alert !!!

As the country begins to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, there's no doubt scammers are already scheming.

Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine, so there will be no cost to you. If anyone asks you to share your Medicare Number or pay for access to the vaccine, you can bet it's a scam.

Here's what to know:

- You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- You can't pay to get early access to a vaccine.
- Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for a fee.

• 2021 Scholarships

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- "The 2021 NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Program is open to high school seniors only. Applicants must be children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of NARFE members.
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- The deadline to apply is March 25, 2021. Winners will be announced in August of 2021. To apply, visit www.feea.org/our-programs/scholarships."

FROM THE EMAILS:

Cosponsor New WEP/GPO Repeal Bill

On January 4, Rep. Rodney Davis, R-IL, reintroduced the latest iteration of legislation to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). These provisions cut the earned Social Security benefits of federal retirees and their surviving spouses. The Social Security Fairness Act of 2021, [H.R. 82](https://www.congress.gov/bills/116/82), would fully repeal both provisions, which, together, affect over 2.5 million people nationwide.

Visit NARFE's [Legislative Action Center](https://www.narfe.org/legislative-action-center) to urge your Representative to cosponsor this important legislation.

Form 1099-R for the year 2020 is now available from the OPM website. You can get yours at: <https://www.servicesonline.opm.gov/>

Vaccine Information

Peggy Coder shared this information at the January meeting. To keep updated about the availability of the vaccine, you may go to nekshotofhope.org to complete a survey to receive notifications about the COVID vaccine via email/texts.

<https://nekshotofhope.org/>



COVID Vaccine
Resources for
Northeast Kansas

Hotline: 913-308-2415

Wouldn't be nice...



To have a local member be a winner in the NARFE Photo Contest! Winning photos will be featured in the 2022 NARFE calendar. NARFE members in good standing may enter. Capture an image of your interpretation of the phrase "Greetings from the USA". You can submit up to five horizontal photos, 8 X 10 or 8 ½ X 11 inches each.

More information is at:

<https://new.narfe.org/for-members/narfe-photo-contest/>

Dennis Gardner, Editor

ShopNARFE

Show your NARFE pride

- License plate holders
- Car magnets
- Face masks
- Cooler bags
- And more!

NEW ITEMS!

NARFE FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS

Good to Know...

Chapter member Deb Liggatt shared this "Good to know" lesson on Facebook.

"I just got a call from a 304 area code. Thinking it was someone I know from WV, I answered. It was a man claiming to be from Customer Service (didn't say what company, only 'customer service').

The first thing he asked was 'Can you hear me?' I remembered something I saw on Facebook saying people are calling and asking if you can hear them, then using the recording of your 'Yes' reply as a way to sign you up for all kinds of stuff. So I replied 'I hear you' to which he again asked 'so you can hear me?'

Me: I hear you.

Him: I just need a yes or no.

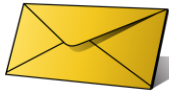
Me: I hear you.

Him: 'hangs up'.

Thanks to whoever posted that story. I probably would have answered Yes the first time he asked."

On the Light Side





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