



OLD TROOPER NEWSLETTER



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Chapter 383, 2005 Officers

President: James Martin, 238-8539

1st Vice President: Carl Shell, 238-8330

2nd Vice President: June Buckles, 238-6776

Secretary/Treasurer: Madelyn Brown, 238-5623

• Chapter 383, 2005 Committee Chairpersons

Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041

Membership, Carl Shell, 238-8330

Public Relations, June Buckles, 238-6776

Service Officer, Morris Beckman, 238-5917

Alzheimer's, Opal Dalton and Virginia Adam, 922-6551 & 922-6706

Sunshine, Janet Harrel, 238-7488

NARFE-PAC, Larry Young, 238-3047

Calling, Violet (Vi) Martin, 238-8539

Decorating, Lillian Young, 238-3047 and Carlye Gilmore, 238-1897, Opal Dalton, 922-6551 and Virginia Adam, 238-1897

Program – Vacant

Newsletter, Dixie Thomas, 238-1455

Chaplain, Otis Scroggins, 238-1342

Special Projects Appointed as Needed



“Tell em about NARFE - ASK em to join.”

May Meeting/Luncheon

The May meeting/luncheon will be May 11, 2006, 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center, Spring Valley Road. Jim Martin, President, stated that the program for the meeting/luncheon will be Cindy Miller discussing Alzheimer's. Rebecca Bossemeyer, the Geary County Clerk, will be available from 10:30 until 11:30 and after the NARFE meeting to explain the new voting machines that will be used in the upcoming election.

April Birthdays

Happy birthday to Joann Hoover, Bessie McMahon, Roberta Obrecht, Otis Scroggins, Barbara Thibodeau, Lillian Young, William Zellner, Michelene Fields, Stephany Walker, Bert Thomas, Winona Berges, Paul Keck, Doris MacClaire-Nelson, Gary Miles, Edna Snyder, William Miller and Dorothy Butler.

April Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Llewelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Beckman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baresel, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Albin. Many, Many more happy anniversaries to all of you.

March Meeting Minutes

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383 met at the Senior Citizens Center on March 9, 2006. President Jim Martin Called the meeting to order with Otis Scroggins leading us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The birthdays and anniversaries were read. Dee Campbell was added to the Birthday List.

Dorothy Olsen was introduced as a guest. Dorothy retired from DENTAC. She was welcomed and we hope she will become a member.



If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please send your request to Dixie Thomas at bthomas56@cox.net

Of course, those attending the luncheon will receive newsletter at the luncheon - no change.



Minutes of the December meeting was read and approved for file. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Lillian Young, Caryle Gilmore, Opal Dalton and Virginia Adams members of the decorating committee were recognized and congratulated for another fine job they did decorating the tables.

Jim also thanked Dixie Thomas for the great job she is doing with the newsletter.

Thank You note was read from the family of George Mailen.

Sharon Strain a member of the Senior Center/4H Building Committee gave a short explanation of how the building started and the cost per year. She reminded the members that on April 8th there will be a Supper Fund raiser to help pay for of the much needed repairs to the building.

SUNSHINE: There were no additional cards since the newsletter was published.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd presented a review of the hot line messages; he again had copies for the members to pick up. The main items for NARFE members to support are: Retaining all existing benefits without change, opposing the expansion of Health Saving Accounts, the enactment of Premium Conversion legislation, repeal of GPO and WEP. NARFE is encouraging chapter members to contact their Legislators during Lobby week March 20-24. There is a toll free number to call 1-866-220-0044. Jim also complimented Dixie on the newsletter and if a member wants to see it in color, they can go to the web site and view it.

MEMBERSHIP: Carl Shell encouraged members to visit and sign up new members, they can see him for applications there were also some on the table for them to pick up.

SERVICE OFFICER: Morris Beckman said in a few weeks he would be 80 and thought it was about time that someone gives some thought of doing his job.

Joe Gilmore, the Chairman for the April 20 thru May 1, 2007 Convention said that we will be having planning meeting starting in September.

Larry Young gave a pep talk for PAC encouraging members to donate. If they donate \$15.00 they will receive a pin from NARFE Headquarters.

There were 94 members present with 104 reservations.

There was \$99.97 collected for Alzheimer's.

Our guest Speaker was Carolyn Gaston with Sprint. She told how the phone company got started, sold and eventually became Sprint, whose name will be changed to EMBARG later this year. Carolyn brought some gifts for prizes; Nada Sanders, Larry Young, Marie Sawyer, Ray Thompson, and Dee Campbell and Don Campbell won them.

In May Rebecca Bossmeyer will be at the meeting with one of the new voting machines the county will be using for the next election. We encourage everyone to take time before the meeting and after the meeting to visit with Rebecca. The machine is really easy to use. The May speaker will be Cindy Mill with the Alzheimer's Association in Topeka.

The door prizes were won by: Virginia Smith, Norman Lee, Dorothy Olsen and Hilda Mukai.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2006; students from Washington School will be our program.



Treasurer's Report

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, March 1, 2006	\$746.63
Receipts	\$644.98
Expenses	\$469.13
Ending Balance, March 31, 2006	\$933.48

Farmer's Almanac
Predictions for
Heartland (portions of
NE, IA, MO, KS)

April 2006

Avg. Temperature: 49°
(5° below avg.)

Precipitation: 5.5" (2"
above avg.)

Apr. 1-6: Chilly, rain and
snow

Apr. 7-11: Chilly, rain
and snow showers

Apr. 12-18: Warm, t-
storms

Apr. 19-23: Cool,
showers

Apr. 24-30: T-storms,
cool.

Sunshine Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman

Janet reported that get-well cards were sent to Marilyn Stevens. We hope that she continues to recover from her illness.

NARFE – PAC Campaign

Larry Young, Chapter NARFE-PAC Officer

The NARFE's National Executive Board has designated March 2006 as the start of the NARFE-PAC Campaign. As you know, PAC stands for Political Action Committee. In essence, the committee is asking NARFE members for their voluntary financial support to be used solely for political purposes. NARFE-PAC helps elect Senators and Representatives who are sympathetic to the concerns of federal retirees, who support fair and equitable retirement programs. Whether your interest is guaranteed full funding for retirement benefits, fighting proposed reductions in those benefits, or ensuring that adequate health benefits are available to annuitants, NARFE-PAC is the political action committee that is working for you. The cover story in the March NARFE Retirement Life Publication gives you a general overview of the NARFE-PAC mission. If you haven't read it, please give it a quick look.

The average member gives \$15.00, the minimum qualifying contribution for a NARFE-PAC pin.

If you wish to support this program, and I recommend that you do, please use the NARFE-PAC contribution card sent to you by National with the postage paid envelope. Your NARFE individual identification number is preprinted on the contributor's card.

Area III Vice President, Judy Grossnickle

As always, Spring ushers in a time for renewal and new growth. Therefore it is fitting that the Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters holds its annual convention in the spring of the year. This month, in Wichita, we will again assemble to hear the reports of our past year and to elect the leadership for our following year and to chart the course of our organization.

This year, I will be stepping down as the Area 3 Vice-President. This position has truly been the best position





I have held within NARFE for both Dennis and me. We have so enjoyed visiting all the Chapters in the area, making new friends and reconnecting with the old.

So far, only one person has tentatively shown any inclination to accept the nomination for this position. Hopefully, she will accept. The duties of the position fall within her talents and abilities.

We are looking forward to see you all at Convention!

"Shouldn't all married men forget their mistakes? After all, there's no sense in two people remembering the same things, right?"

"If at first you don't succeed, shouldn't you try doing it like your wife told you to?"

"When a man marries a woman, they become one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which one."



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