



OLD TROOPER NEWSLETTER



Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

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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.”

April Meeting/Luncheon

The April meeting/luncheon will be April 13, 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 would be The Washington Elementary School Drum Team under the direction of Sandy Clay, Music Teacher.

March Birthdays

Happy birthday to Edward Gates, Carol Ibarra, Steven Kosovich, Bessie Lighthall, Wanda Llewelyn, Donna Motley, Helen Norris, Joan Martin, Bill Martin, Dorothy Beckman, Leroy Walters, Geraldine Hinz, and Alice Hoover.

March Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright, Mr. and Mrs. William Cortez and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dozier, Sr. Many, Many more happy anniversaries to all of you.

February Meeting Minutes

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383 met at the Senior Citizens Center on February 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. Helmet Hoelle and Ruth Linville were added to our February Birthdays.

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

President Martin read proposed Amendments to be voted on at



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

Borrowing Days

The last three days of March have a reputation for being stormy. Scottish folklore proposes that these three days were borrowed from April so that March might extend his power. The Spanish story about the borrowing days is that a shepherd promised March a lamb if he would temper the winds to suit the shepherd's flocks. But after his request was granted, the shepherd refused to deliver the payment. In revenge, March borrowed three days from April, in which fiercer winds than ever blew to punish the deceiver.

the State Convention that will be held in Wichita in April. He explained each one: (1) Removing a 3 member committee that reviewed the minutes of the State Meeting, the savings would be printing and mailing, (2) Changing the way the State Convention Audit will be conducted, and (3) Will be with NARFE Headquarters, asking that all chapters received the same amount of dues, only those chapters that have higher chapter dues and unable to maintain their chapters receive with permission help from NARFE Headquarters. The chapter approved the resolutions.

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

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd reviewed the hot line messages, there were some available for pickup. He announced that the last message received from NARFE HQ, was about the proposed FY 2007 Budget President Bush submitted. The president is proposing reducing the FEHBP by 3.4 billion dollars over a 10-year period. The budget does not have any reduction in Federal Civil Service Annuities. The budget appears to be having BC/BS and other companies offer "Health Saving Accounts." NARFE opposed those in the past, as NARFE HQ believes eventually this would cause the FWEHBP plan to be more expensive. NARFE also believes this will probably cause Medicare receiving retirees to be required to join an HMO. NARFE is still working on the GPO, WEP and Premium Conversion bills. They are still trying to get more Senators to co-sponsor these bills.

MEMBERSHIP: June Buckles reported that 15 letters were sent to members that were late with paying their dues, two elected Dues Withholding. Six letters were sent to members who were dropped and welcome letters were sent to our 2 newest members. She also reported that stamps would be going up one cent more in a few weeks.

Our Guest Speaker was Jennifer Wilson with the K-State Research and Extension of Riley County. She talked about Identity Theft and how to avoid them. They had informational handouts for each member present.

Joe Gilmore, the Chairman for the April 29 thru May 1, 2007 Convention to be held at the Court Yard by Marriott Convention Center, gave a list of all delegated committee chairmen that will be managing the convention. It was recommended that anyone working on the 2007 convention, attend the Wichita Convention to observe what goes on.

There were 94 members present with 95 reservations.

There was \$100.00 collected for Alzheimer's.

Carol Blixt, Larry Young, Judy Gardner and Clarence Lehner won the door prizes; heart-shaped boxes of chocolates.



March borrowit from April
 Three days, and they were ill:
 The first was frost, the
 second was snaw,
 the third was cauld as ever't
 could blaw. – Scottish
 Proverb

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

March 2006

Avg. Temperature:
 40.5° (2.5° below avg.)
Precipitation: 3.5" (3"
 above avg. northwest; 1"
 below southeast)
Mar. 1-3: Chilly; snow
 north, rain south
Mar. 4-7: Snow north,
 heavy rain south
Mar. 8-11: Sunny,
 seasonable
Mar. 12-15: Chilly; snow
 north, rain south
Mar. 16-20: Sunny, mild
Mar. 21-26: Rain; then
 sunny, cold
Mar. 27-31: Chilly,
 showers

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.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2006; guest speaker will be Carolyn Gaston from Sprint, telling members about new changes in the local telephone services.

Treasurer's Report

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, February 1. 2006	\$714.41
Receipts	\$647.93
Expenses	\$615.71
Ending Balance, February 28, 2006	\$746.63

Sunshine Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman

Reported that Thanking of You cards were sent to Helen Norris, Alta McCluskey, Bessie McMahon and Richard Lacey. Sympathy cards were sent to the family of George Mailen and to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rector.

2006 STATE CONVENTION

Your NARFE State Convention will be held 23-25 April 2006 in Wichita, Kansas. Chapter's are asked to bring wrapped gifts (\$10.00 to \$15.00 range) for drawings throughout the convention. More importantly, an Alzheimer's Auction is conducted and is comprised of gifts provided to the Convention by any member. These gifts can be new items, handmade items or any item donated to reach the goal of \$7,000,000 by 2007. The more gifts we have for the auction, the more successful the auction will be. Last year there were many, many beautiful items donated to NARFE for this worthwhile auction. If you have an item to donate for these worthy causes, please contact any of the board members and we will gladly pick up the item for auction.

2007 STATE CONVENTION

As you know, our Chapter will host the 2007 State Convention. A lot of work is involved in having a successful convention. Planning meetings will commence shortly after the 2006 Convention. Please consider volunteering with some of the committees required to conduct a convention. In later newsletters, Committee Chairpersons will be identified. If you are interested, please let Jim Martin or a board member know. Thank you for your assistance. The committees required for a State Convention are:

****Financial, **Registration, Publicity, Printing,**



**Convention Photographer, Host and Hostess, **Sergeant of Arms, **Chaplain, **Timekeeper, Alzheimer's Committee, Banquet and Decorations, **Memorial Service, Information, and Hospitality Committee.

** These committees will need to work closely with the Federation President and Federation Secretary.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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