



# "OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

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- List #13 Ramona Norcross, 762-2218
- List #14 Dorothy Gallaway, 482-3297 (Dwight area)
- List #15 Jonetta Rector, 922-6605 (Chapman area)

### Schedule of Upcoming Events

10 June 2020 - 6:00: The annual Evening Pot Luck)/ Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center / Entertainment will be Manny and the Troubadours

**HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!!!!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** NEXT YEAR WE WILL NEED SOMEONE TO PREPARE THE NEWSLETTER. AS THE STATE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, I WILL BE WORKING AT STATE LEVEL FOR NARFE AND CAN'T DEDICATE THE TIME IT TAKES TO DO THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE HELP AND VOLUNTEER TO DO THIS IMPORTANT JOB. THE FORMAT CAN BE COPIED OR ANYONE CAN PREPARE A FORMAT THAT IS EASIER FOR THEM. THE JOB CAN BE BROKEN DOWN TO SOMEONE PREPARING THE NEWSLETTER AND SOMEONE ELSE EMAILING / MAILING THE NEWSLETTER TO OUR MEMBERS. IF SOMEONE DOES NOT WANT TO DO THE NEWSLETTER BUT WILL EMAIL / MAIL THEM OUT, I WOULD CONSIDER CONTINUING TO PREPARE THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE LET ME KNOW. DIXIE THOMAS, [bthomas56@cox.net](mailto:bthomas56@cox.net), 238-1455.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Becky Rittenhouse, Catherine Klusener, Clarence Lehner, Don Bielefeld, June Buckles, June Wiehl, Lorna Lehner, Marie Sawyer, and Willadean Kamm.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Don and Marilyn Bielefeld, Pete and Mary Kohlrus, Jim and Delores Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee, Clarence and Lorna Lehner and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roome. Many, Many More!!

### CHAPTER NEWS

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Not received.



### TREASURER'S REPORT by Madelyn Brown:

Beginning Balance May 1, 2010 \$713.85  
 Receipts \$706.24  
 Expenses \$786.41  
 Ending Balance May 31, 2010 \$633.68



### SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel.

A thinking of you card was sent to June Buckles and Carlos Buckles.

William Miller was sent a get well card.



IF you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please send your request to Dixie Thomas at [bthomas56@cox.net](mailto:bthomas56@cox.net)

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

**ALZHEIMER'S FUND:** If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund, you can send a check to: Madelyn Brown, Treasurer, 1141 St. Mary's Road, Junction City, KS 66441. Please make checks out to "NARFE Alzheimer's Research" and write "Alzheimer's Fund" on the memo line.

**ALREADY RESERVED YOUR LUNCH AND SOMETHING CAME UP???**  
**– PLEASE CALL AND CANCEL YOUR MEAL RESERVATION – 238-4015 – THANK YOU!!**

Notes from Dixie Thomas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Kansas State Federation of NARFE Chapters. I attended a two day meeting in McPherson, Kansas, regarding NARFE State procedures and events. The attendees reviewed the executive board policies and procedures Extension of Kansas Bylaws line by line and moved and voted on procedural changes. The attendees received updated current events and actions from each area Vice President and the newly elected officers. Kansas has 15,889 active Federal Employees and 23,804 Federal Retired Employees. Only 4,752 are members of NARFE. The 4,752 that belong to NARFE fight for our Federal and State benefits. We learned at this meeting that over the next few years, our benefits will be scrutinized and reviewed for possible changes / deletions and they will not be for the better.

"Every year, Congress generates a federal budget that sets forth total levels of spending. Funding for our federal benefits is dependent on this process. It's important to know that Congress has the power to make changes to federal benefits at any time.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) proposes options for cutting budget costs. These options are reported to Congress for its consideration. Here are some of the federal employee / retiree benefit-cutting options the CBO has provided to Congress for trimming costs and reducing the nation's deficit:

- Reduction to Health Benefits
- Reduction to Annuities
- Reduction to TSP
- Reduction to Salaries

It's NARFE's job to safeguard your benefits and to alert you when budget cuts threaten to reduce or even eliminate your earned benefits. NARFE's lobbying efforts have been indispensable in preventing Congress from taking action against our retirement income.

NARFE is the only organization dedicated solely to protecting the health care and retirement benefits of federal employees and their survivors.

There has been no legislated reduction in civil service retirement benefits since 1993. Despite years of budget deficits, major natural disasters, a changing world economy, terrorist attacks at home and wars abroad, our earned benefits have remained untouched because NARFE, backed by activist members and supportive members of Congress, has acted as a deterrent against adverse proposals."

A couple of ways we can assist as members to help protect our EARNED benefits is getting new members to join (numbers talk!!), by sending money to PAC and take every opportunity to speak to your legislative representatives. The upcoming elections give us the perfect opportunity. If you see someone running for office, ask them what they've done for the federal employee lately. Or send a letter and ask them. It's interesting what and how they respond.

***IN MEMORIAM: THIS COLUMN IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEAR. PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION.***

**MAY 2010**

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**JUNE 2010**

**NONE**

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