



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

4 April 2010: Easter Sunday

11:00, 5 April 2010: Executive Board Meeting, Library

11:30, 8 April 2010: Chapter 383 Luncheon/Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center / Entertainment will be Alexis Miskevich a Soloist Junior at JCHS (BRING FOOD FOR THE FOOD DRIVE)

25-27 April 2010, NARFE State Convention, Topeka, Kansas

11:00, 10 May 2010: Executive Board Meeting, Library

11:30, 13 May 2010: Chapter 383 Luncheon/Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center / Entertainment will be Spring Valley Elementary Singers, directed by Mary Louise Stahl

31 May 2010: Holiday – Memorial Day

11:00, 7 June 2010: Executive Board Meeting, Library

6:00 (Evening Pot Luck), 10 June 2010: Chapter 383 Luncheon/Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center / Entertainment will be Manny and the Troubadours



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Bert Thomas, Delores Nelson, Edna Snyder, Gary Miles, Joann Hoover, Michelene Fields, Otis Scroggins, Paul Keck, Roberta Obrecht, Stephany Walker and William Miller.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Vaughn and Wanda Llewelyn, Morris and Dorothy Beckman, Mr. & Mrs. Max Albin and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shell. Many, Many More!!

READ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE AND GIVE THOSE WORKING ON / FOR ALZHEIMER'S A GREAT BIG THANK YOU! THEY WORK VERY HARD FOR OUR CHAPTER. BE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND LET THEM KNOW YOUR APPRECIATION!!!!

NARFE/ALZHEIMERS from Janice Neuschafer Letter Monthly update

The final total for year 2009 donations, the Kansas chapters collected \$30,604.94. This computes to \$6.46 per member, the goal was \$5.25. Through the end of March the Kansas chapters have collected \$2,038.23 or \$0.63 per member. **CHAPTER 383 TOTAL COLLECTED THROUGH MARCH 2010 IS \$300.80 OR \$1.12 PER MEMBER.** As of the end of February, NARFE has contributed \$8,570,773.48 for Alzheimer's Research. The goal by 2010 is \$9 million. Again there will be a Live and Silent Auction at the Federation Convention being held in Topeka. If you are attending



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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!!

the convention let's take our checkbook or cash (check preferred), so we can help to find a cure for this for this disease.

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter Officer comments/Information

SECRETARY'S REPORT: President Jim Martin opened the meeting at 11:30, March 11, 2010 at the 4H/Sr. Citizens Ctr. Chaplain Otis Scroggins led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

President Martin announced the March Birthdays and Anniversaries and introduced guests; Bobbi Case, Wilma Herrin, Marie Kasporet and Dewy Chamatson.

President Martin asked for a motion to accept the February Minutes; motion was made by Joan Martin and seconded by Ray Thompson. A motion was made by Ray Thompson to accept the Treasurer's report, Jim Mitchell seconded the motion, both motions were passed and Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

President Martin again asked for a program director. He also announced that April will be our Food Pantry Drive, please don't forget your non-perishable food donations for the April meeting.

Secretary Lannie Pender called for Committee Delegates for the State Conv., and explained the tickets for the Federation Drawing; 1st prize \$250.00, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50, donations are \$1.00 or six for \$5.00.

Ms. Kelly O'Sullivan of the Geary County Clerks Office (238-3912) spoke about the County Hospice Program. Twice a year there is an orientation, the next orientation is March 18 and March 20.

Jim Mitchell spoke about Project Graduation mentioned that he was sure many members will have grandchildren graduating. Ray Thompson made a motion that we give \$50.00 from and Chapter treasury the motion was seconded by Wally Mitchell, the motion failed. Jim Mitchell then and suggested we pass the hat. The hat was passed and netted \$97.00 which was great – thanks to each of you.

Sharon Strom, from the Junction City/Geary Co., 4H Center announced the fund raiser for the Center would be March 27th; tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Jim Mitchell spoke on the subject of bogus census forms. If there is any question the census is not an official Government document, do not fill it out and to contact the Geary Co. Clerk's Office at 785-238-3912

Reference Alzheimer's: A jar had been set out for penny donations. An anonymous member gave 7850 pennies which equated to \$78.50. The regular Alzheimer's donation netted \$112.80.

Susan Herrington spoke on Answers for Older Kansans (AOK) and the services made available. One service they provide is respite to care giver. She asked if everyone received Keynotes flyer. She said that members that do not receive it that she will bring a signup sheet the next time she speaks to us. Her office also runs the Older Kansas Employment Agency and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). There is also the Foster Grandparent Program for at sick children this program includes Dickinson, Geary, Riley and Saline Counties. She also spoke about the fact that due to the shortfalls in the State Budget that home services for the frail are being cut and urged everyone to contact their State congress people to speak against these cuts. It was a very informative presentation. Jim Martin presented a certificate of appreciation to her.

Jim Dodd gave a Legislative report concerning the NARFE Hotline message board, which has had high call/email traffic.

Walt Germann spoke about the F100 form, which can be downloaded in PDF, it is 22 pages and it is writable. This is very good information.

There was no membership report.



**JANET HARREL,
SUNSHINE REPORT:**



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

APRIL 2009:

ROBERT BRENT

MAY 2009:

ALICE MCCLAIN

CARL WRIGHT

AUGUST 2009:

LARRY YOUNG

SEPTEMBER 2009:

BRUNHILDE MUKAI

DALE BERGSTROM

DECEMBER 2009:

MILDRED MCDIFFETT

CARLYE GILMORE

JANUARY 2010:

DOROTHY KNOX

MAUREEN MILLER

MARCH 2010:

FREIDA STEWART

RALPH MANNING

ART BARESEL



There was no Sunshine report.

There were 105 reservations and 93 present.

Door prizes were won by Florence Whitebread, Beverly Johnson and Jonetta Rector. Special Door Prizes donated by Susan Herrington were won by Cameron Davidson, Helmut Holle, Lois Zubrod, Willideen Kamm, Dorothy Luttman, and Jim Dodd. Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

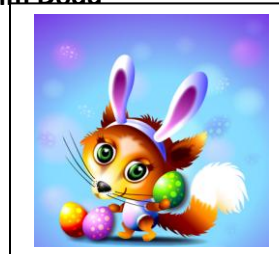
TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance March 1, 2010 \$594.11

Receipts \$746.62

Expenses \$663.82

Balance March 31, 2010 \$676.91



NEWS FROM NATIONAL: This NARFE Legislative Hotline, number 710, was released Thursday, April 1st. The fiscal responsibility commission is the lead item. The next scheduled Hotline is set for Friday, April 16th.

Bipartisan Budget Commission has all 18 Members: The bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform created by President Obama's February 18th Executive Order now has all 18 members. The Obama appointed Commission's co-chairs are former Clinton White House Chief of Staff, Erskine Bowles, and former Senate Whip, Alan Simpson (R-WY). The four executive branch members are David Cote, Ann Fudge, Alice Rivlin, and Andy Stern. Biographical information is posted on the White House web site (the URL is <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/president-obama-names-members-bipartisan-national-commission-fiscal-responsibility->). There are 12 Congressional members of the Commission, six from each chamber. The six Senate members are: Max Baucus (D-MT), Tom Coburn (R-OK), Kent Conrad (D-ND), Michael Crapo (R-ID), Dick Durbin (D-IL), and Judd Gregg (R-NH). The six Representatives named to the Commission are: Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Dave Camp (R-MI), Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Paul Ryan (R-WI), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), and John Spratt (D-SC). The full text of the Executive Order is available on the White House web site. Use <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/executive-order-national-commission-fiscal-responsibility-and-reform>)

Health Care Vote: On March 30th, President Obama signed the budget reconciliation bill, H.R. 4872, passed both chambers prior to the recess. As stated in the previous Hotline, nothing changes immediately for the 9 million Americans covered by FEHBP. Only Members of Congress and their Washington, D.C. personal staff and district and state office staff will be required to enroll in the state exchanges once they become operational in 2014. The "reconciliation" bill, now law (P.L. 111-152), postpones the excise tax on high value health care plans from 2013 until 2018 and provides a \$250 rebate this year to Medicare Part D beneficiaries who are in the 'doughnut hole.' NARFE's updated and detailed position paper is available on our web site. The May issue of NARFE magazine will have additional information. (The [link to our updated position paper is http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=2040](http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=2040))

NARFE-Supported Deferred Annuity Bill Introduced: On March 25th, Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA) introduced NARFE-supported legislation (H.R. 4979) to require indexation of deferred annuities for federal employees who leave government before becoming eligible for an immediate annuity. The original, bipartisan cosponsors of H.R. 4979, are Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA), Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC). The NARFE press release is the top item on the NARFE web site (<http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=2043>).



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It doesn't hurt to have a little Biblical humor to start the day....

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.
PS... Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

Yup, it's in the Bible. It says. . 'He' -brews'

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.

David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Harnessing the Recess: The House and Senate are in the Passover/Easter recess. The Senate is to return on April 12th and the House on April 13th. Most Members returned home and are conducting at least some public business. For a state-by-state listing of Town Hall meetings use a feature on the Legislation section of the NARFE web site(<http://www.narfe.org/pdf/CongressionalTownHallMeetings.pdf>).

NARFE-PAC Letter from President Baptiste: Our biennial NARFE-PAC solicitation letter is now reaching NARFE members. NARFE President, Margaret L. Baptiste thanks members whose contributions have arrived and urges your generous support of NARFE-PAC. President Baptiste is eager for every chapter meeting and spring convention to feature NARFE-PAC. Lapel pins, for members making a qualifying contribution of \$20, are mailed on a monthly basis.

Tax Form for CSRS Annuitants without Social Security Benefit: If you did not get the \$250 economic recovery payment in 2009 through Social Security because you are a Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retiree and are not eligible for Social Security benefits, you should claim the credit on your 2009 taxes. Instructions and forms for filing are available on the NARFE web site's home page. (To link directly use<http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=1989>)



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