



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, 2006 Committee Chairpersons

Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041

Membership, Carl Shell, 238-8330

Public Relations, June Buckles, 238-6776

Service Officer, Walt Germann, 209-1938

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2007 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be JANUARY 11, 2007, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Donna Martinson, Geary County Extension Office, will speak on "Am I Losing It?" about senior memory loss, how to combat it and reduce its effects. It should be interesting and beneficial to all of us.

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DECEMBER Birthdays

Happy birthday to Raymond Bennett, Dale Bergston, Rachel Bickerstaff, Ginette Cullum-Wisecarver, Bobbie Davis, Opal Dalton, Ida Mae Higgins, Peter Kohlrus, Donald Lichtenhan, Ruth Owens-Pancake, Carl White, June Walters, Joyce Peoples, Donna Yenser, Robert Beam, Hermina Marston, and Norman Lee.

DECEMBER Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. George Lighthall, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas (40th), and Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Longhofer. Many more!

SUNSHINE Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman

Janet reported that sympathy cards were sent to the Lighthall family and the Burgess family. Our thoughts and prayers to you for your loss. A thinking of you was sent to Ken Topping and get wells were sent to Bobbie Davis and Dorothy Knox.

Minutes of the November Meeting

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383 met at the Senior Citizens Center on November 9, 2006 at 11:30. President Jim Martin called the meeting to order with Otis Scroggins leading us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



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 a newsletter at the luncheon - no change.

WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN!

1) **NUDITY:** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5 yr old should from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt."

2) **OPINIONS:** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

3) **KETCHUP:** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4 yr old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Elton Vaughn and Carl Shell were added to the November Birthdays. Anniversaries were read with Don and Florence Whitebread being added for November.

Jim Martin introduced was Duane Evans the Area III Vice-President; Duane is also the president of the Salina Chapter. Duane was happy that Junction City was going to host the convention, but was having problems trying to get people from his chapter to help us. He will continue to try.

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

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd said he was having problems with all the hotline messages coming in with changes since the election. The next COLA will be 3.3% for Social security, civil service and military retirees; this will be in their January 2007 checks. Those on FERS system will receive a 2.3% increase. Since we have a new congress, we will have new committee chairs, so NARFE will probably have to start over on our issues. For people who are not on the Internet and want to hear the NARFE weekly hotline message NARFE has a "toll free" phone number for you to use. It is: 1-877-217-8234.

SERVICE OFFICER: Walt Germann has been working with information pertaining to living wills and powers of attorney. His phone number is 209-1938.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: Carl Shell wants everyone to keep trying to get new members, retired and active employees.

PUBLIC RELEATIONS: June Buckles said she has been sending the NARFE items to the Junction City, White City and Chapman papers. She will again put us on the Junction City Calendar in the newspaper. We are mentioned on the radio.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Janet Harrel thanked everyone who had donated cards.

CONVENTION NEWS: Jim Martin announced that we could use another Sergeant-of-Arms for the convention, we presently have 5 but would like six. With six, one person would not be asked to spend more time being the Sergeant-of-Arms.

We had reservations for 107 with 101 in attendance. Again we remind you if you make reservations, please cancel if you cannot attend.

Alzheimer's collection was \$122.72

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Martin said that we need two Sergeants of Arms for the Convention. Tom Strom and Don Campbell said that they would



4) MORE NUDDITY:

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

5) POLICE:

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "Would you please tie my shoe?"

6) Bible:

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly,

help.

Jim said that current officers are in place except for a Secretary. Madelyn Brown will not be the secretary for the coming year. There was no one from the group that stepped forward to volunteer. Madelyn explained that the job is not hard, but a little too much for her to do along with the Treasurer's job for the Chapter and the Convention. If no one volunteers there will be no secretary for the 2007 year.

Jim Martin has a flyer from the 1st Presbyterian Church for their 4th Annual Community Wide Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23, 2006.

June Buckles asked how many members would like to go on a casino trip to with the proceeds going to Alzheimer's. Several people held up their hand, this will be something we will look into for the January or February time frame.

Kay Hadison from Blue Cross/Blue Shield was our speaker. Kay discussed the changes in the upcoming year as they pertained to the BC/BS. She had some extra booklets with her if the members did not get theirs. She also had to gifts for door prizes.

Naida Sanders, June and LeRoy Walters, Willedeen Kamm, and Doris Nelson won the door prizes.

The next meeting will be December 14th at the Senior Center. T.J. Taylor and the Junction City Jazz Band will be our entertainment for the December Meeting.

Treasurer's Report for September 2006

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, October 1, 2006	\$713.88
Receipts	\$810.92
Expenses	\$1041.76
Ending Balance, October 31, 2006	\$483.04

- **UPDATE ON CONVENTION PLANNING!** A meeting will be held 11 December (after the printing of this newsletter) at the Dorothy Bramlage Library to discuss the upcoming Convention. Results will be provided in the next newsletter. The next meeting will be held in the February/March timeframe and the final meeting will be held just prior to the Convention. Notification of these meetings will be in upcoming newsletters. Thanks to all of you that have volunteered to help.

If you have updates or if items were omitted, please contact Dixie Thomas, Convention Committee, (785) 238-1455.



something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

7) **ELDERLY:** While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4 yr old daughter on my afternoon rounds. The various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs, unfaillingly intrigued her. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

8) **DEATH:** While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the chanting of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5 yr old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling a proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with dignity chanted his version of what he thought his father always said, "Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnnn and into the hole he gooooes."

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship information and application form will be included in the February, March and April edition of the NARFE magazine in 2007. It will also be on the NARFE WEB Site on February 1, 2007. Remember, grandchildren are eligible to apply.



Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?
And here's a hand, my trusty friend
And gie's a hand o' thine
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne

TO ALL OF YOU - A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

