



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

December 2009

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 (Dwight area)  
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 (Chapman area)



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### Schedule of Upcoming Events (as of 1 October 2009)

**11:00, 11 January 2010: Executive Board Meeting, Library**  
**11:30, 14 January 2010: Chapter 383 Luncheon/Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center/**

### Chapter Officer comments/Information

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Minutes from November 12, 2009 NARFE Old Trooper Chapter #383 meeting:

Opening: President Jim Martin called the Nov 12, 2009, Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center  
 The Invocation was given by Otis Scroggins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Martin extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month November, Chrystal Roome was added to the birthday list and Jim and June Wood were added to the anniversary list. President Martin introduced two new members: Ralph Manning and Steve Waters. Sue Story visited the Chapter.  
 President Martin called for the reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer’s report, he asked for a motion to accept the Minutes, the motion was made by Richard Roome. He then asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, the motion was made by Joan Martin. Both reports were accepted.  
 New Business: The Food Pantry sent a thank you for our food donation. Thank you cards were read for Brunhilde (Hilda) Mukai from her family and church.  
 President Martin introduced Melody Saxton from the County Health Department. She told how she came to Junction City, and she is very happy they made that decision and she appreciated the lunch. She explained the role of the Geary Co. Health Dept and what she does there. She told the members that the H1N1 Flu came to Geary co. in April of this year; this is actually the third Pandemic since 1950. She outlined the distribution of the vaccine, at this time twenty-five percent of the Geary Co. vaccine is given to Ft. Riley, while one fifth of Riley Co’s vaccine is given to Ft. Riley. Pregnant women, people who live with or provide care for children under 6 months, Health workers that provide face to face care are receiving the vaccine and children under age 18 are currently receiving the vaccine, and she lined out the distribution to the schools. Children 9 and under will receive two shots 28 days apart, all children with remission slips in Geary Co will be vaccinated, all schools should be completed after Dec., at that time adults with underlying health issues will be able to get vaccinated as the vaccine is received. President Martin presented Ms. Saxton a certificate of appreciation.



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 charge.*

**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!!**



**HAPPY KWANZAA!**

**Membership Report:** June Wood thanked all of the volunteers that helped at the RAD meeting at the Ft. Riley Convention Center and the Health Fair. We signed up 14 new members.

**Sunshine Report:** Janet Harrel requested everyone stay healthy. There were 106 reservations and 98 attending. Alzheimer's received \$97.00. December's entertainment will be Manny and the Troubadours. Winners of the drawings were Lannie Pender, Judy Gardner, Evelyn Lacy, Naida Sanders, Doris MacLaird-Nelson, Morris Beckman and Sharon Strain. There was a special drawing for two Turkey Dinners at the Faith Lutheran Church; the tickets were donated by Madelyn Brown; the winners were Don Bielefeld and Mike Cronin. The December meeting will be December 10.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Beginning Balance \$844.92  
 Receipts \$779.03  
 Expenses \$748.56  
 Balance \$875.39

**As of September 30th Chapter 383 has donated \$9,194.31 this averages \$33.68 per member. Let's keep up the good work!**

**Chapter News**

This NARFE Legislative Hotline, number 694, was released Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. This edition alerts NARFE members to a new threat to federal retirement requiring an immediate response. An open season reminder is included. The next scheduled Hotline is set for Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. (460 words; 3:19)

Due to the current fiscal crisis, the statutory limit on the public debt must be raised this month in order for the Treasury to raise cash to pay the government's bills. Some Senators are withholding their support for the House passed debt limit increase until the Senate leadership agrees to include a proposal to create a commission that would force changes to entitlement and other program spending and tax policy through the use of a Congressional fast-track procedure. **NARFE is concerned that such a commission could single out the earned federal civil service retirement and health benefits for reductions. In response to this immediate threat, NARFE President Margaret L. Baptiste requests that all NARFE members use the following link to the NARFE Legislative Action Center to urge their two U.S. Senators to oppose the fast-track commission proposal:** <http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/alert/?alertid=14429286> . The NARFE Legislative Department salutes NARFE activists who made November a record month (24,733 e-mail messages). NARFE's capacity for face-to-face meetings, history of conducting them and chapter structure in every congressional district are still the sharpest tools in our advocacy toolbox. The House and Senate sessions will keep legislators on Capitol Hill right up until Christmas. Just released House plans for January 2010



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

June Walters  
 Bobbie Davis  
 Carl White  
 Donald Whitebread  
 Donna Yenser  
 Jim King  
 Joyce Peoples  
 Norman Lee  
 Opal Dalton  
 Peter kohlrus  
 Raymond Bennett  
 Ruth Asbury  
 Nancy Wiehl  
 Dixie Hostetler

## NOVEMBER ANIVERSARIES

Bert & Dixie Thomas  
 Bessie & George Lighthall  
 Clarice & Roger Longhofer  
 Don & Dee Campbell  
 Tom & Bobby Case  
 Walt & Judy Germann

## "GET WELL" CARDS SENT

Delores Nelson  
 Lorna Lehner  
 Pat Fisher  
 Sharon Griffin



# HAPPY HANUKKAH!

show votes planed on the following days: January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>, through the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Thus the first week in January may be a good time to meet individually or as a NARFE group with your Representative.

This year's open season period for health benefits and federal dental and vision benefits officially ends December 14. For those retirees who have waited patiently to either receive materials they requested from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or are just now requesting brochures and other open season material, don't panic. As they have in past years, OPM's Open Season contractor will include a printed message with the materials ordered granting the individual extra time to make an enrollment change. However, those who have not contacted OPM for materials and have not submitted a change in benefits by December 14 will have to wait until the next open season to do so.

## Join NARFE!

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is the *only* association dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the benefits of America's active and retired federal employees, and their survivors. *For only \$33.00 a year*, you can have:

- [A voice on Capitol Hill](#),
- [Advance information on changes to your federal retirement, health and other benefits](#),
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### Here are three ways you can join NARFE today!

**1. Through the Internet:** Become a NARFE member online using a major credit card.

**2. By Telephone:** Call us! Join NARFE using a major credit card.

Our toll-free number is: **800-627-3394**

### 3. By Mail: NARFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION For Active and Retired Federal Employees      Contact Information

1. Please enroll me in NARFE chapter # 383. Also, enroll my spouse

2. CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY:

- Retiree Active employee
- Spouse Former spouse
- Survivor Former employee

3. The first year membership fee includes National and Chapter dues. Upon renewal you will be billed for National and Chapter dues at the prevailing rate



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620 665-6138



**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

May 2009: Carl Wright

August 2009: Larry Young

September 2009:  
Brunhilde Mukai  
Dale Bergstrom

December 2009: Mildred McDiffett



on your anniversary date.

\$33 x \_\_\_ = membership fee # of people total per person enrolling payment

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