



“OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

February 2010

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

15 February 2010: Holiday – Presidents’ Day

11:00, 8 March 2010: Executive Board Meeting, Library

11:30, 11 March 2010: Chapter 383 Luncheon/Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center/ The speaker will be Suesan Harrington from the office of North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Ageing

14 March 2010: Daylight Savings Time Begins

17 March 2010: St. Patrick’s Day

28 March 2010: Palm Sunday

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

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 piano students of NARFE Program Chair, Lee Bibby.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Calvin Bernard, Carolyn Cook, Evelyn Lacey, Helmut Holle, James Martin, Lola Brighton, Marilyn Wasyk, Setsu Harp, Sharon Griffin, Virginia McDiffett, Virginia Smith and Walter Givens.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Frank and Setsu Harp, Thomas and Peg Dutton, Dallas and Dorothy Luttman, Lennie and Carole Blixt and Larry and Barb Steppe. Many, Many More!!

Chapter Officer comments/Information

SECRETARY’S REPORT: NARFE Old Trooper Chapter #383, Jan 14, 2010

Opening: President Jim Martin, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the January 14, 2010, meeting to order 11:30, at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. INVOCATION: Chaplain Otis Scroggins led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance.

President Martin extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of December as well as January due to the cancelled December meeting. President Martin introduced Jan Chartier, a new member to Old Trooper and he introduced Don Cooper, Area III Vice President, visiting from Manhattan.

President Martin called for the reading of the minutes and the Treasurer’s report. He then asked for a motion and second for the floor to approve or modify the minutes. A motion



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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!!



was made and seconded. The motion was approved as written/modified with correction for filing for audit.

NEW BUSINESS: Due to absent new Officers, The President, Treasurer and Secretary were temporarily sworn in by Jim Dodd, with the formal swearing in to take place at the February Chapter meeting. Gary Dvorak, Food Service Operations Manager with North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging welcomed everyone; he explained the need to fill out the North Central Assessment Form. This report is for funding purposes, 1/3 of the funding comes from the Government, 1/3 is funded by the State, and the remaining 1/3 coming from the people using the service.

Secretary Lannie Pender spoke about the State Convention in Topeka on April 25-27 at the Ramada Inn. She asked for delegates, our Chapter is entitled to 11 delegates.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd, Legislative Officer. The main point of Jim's report was if you draw Social Security your Medicare did not go up. However, if you do not draw Social Security then your Medicare went up \$110.40 per year. His other point was if you do not draw Social Security then you did not get the \$250.00 credit from the Government. You can file a Schedule "M" with your taxes to get the \$250.00 credit.

SERVICE OFFICER: Walt Germann: Walt did not have a report, however if you know of someone that needs help, please let him know. He would rather be called 14 times than not at all.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Janet Harrel thanked everyone for calling her concerning hospitalized members.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT: Sarah Tajchesan from Chapman, Blue Line 4-H spoke on her trip to Finland; there was a group of 14 from various 4-H Clubs. She spent 3 weeks with her host family of 4 just like her family. She caught, cleaned and cooked her own fish; she wasn't too crazy about the cleaning part. She found out about the difference in electrical current. She gave us an insight to everyday family life in Finland, from a young point of view. She was very entertaining.

There were 104 reservations for the meeting 91 in attendance. There was \$90.50 collected for Alzheimer's.

DOOR PRIZES WERE WON BY: Otis Scroggins, Jean King, Gerald Vinson and Melba Easily

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2010 \$347.61
 Receipts - \$860.05
 Expenses - \$877.17
 Ending Balance Jan 31, 2010 \$331.05

There will be a live and silent auction for Alzheimer's at the State Convention. Each Chapter is invited to bring items to be auctioned at each. The items should be "new" or of "antique" quality and something you would want to use in your home or garden. Peanut brittle is a very good seller. If you are not going to the State Convention but would like to make something or donate an item, contact Dixie Thomas, 238-1455 and she will pick up the item and take it to the convention.

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

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,](#)



**JANET HARREL,
SUNSHINE REPORT:**



**GET WELL
CARDS WERE SENT TO
JUNE BUCKLES, LORNA
LEHNER, JIM MITHELL
AND RALPH MANNING.**



**SYMPATHY
CARDS WERE SENT TO
THE FAMILIES OF
DOROTHY KNOX,
MAUREEN MILLER AND
CLIFFORD RECTOR.**



**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

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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 www.narfe.org . Information Needed: Chapter 383

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: June Wood 785 922-6776 / Carole Blixt 785 922-6413 / Madelyn Brown 785 238-5623 (OR any NARFE member can give you the application.



Obama Budget: No Reductions in Federal Retiree Benefits: The Obama Administration's budget blueprint for fiscal year (FY) 2011 does not recommend any reductions in the earned retirement and health security of federal annuitants and workers. In a press release, NARFE President Margaret L. Baptiste lauded the administration's decision to renew traditional support for pay-increase parity between federal civilian employees and military personnel. However, Baptiste stated her concern about a plan to force onto the retirement rolls federal workers sidelined by workplace injuries or illnesses and currently receiving workers' compensation.

Budget-Cutting Commission and Fast Track Procedure: On February 4, the House passed legislation, House Joint Resolution 45 by a vote of 233-187, already approved by the Senate to 1) raise the federal debt limit and 2) create statutory PAYGO law. President Obama will issue an Executive Order creating a bipartisan fiscal commission with a mandate to propose changes in both spending and tax policy. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi pledged that the fiscal commission's proposal would get a vote in each body. Under the arrangement outlined in a letter, the Senate would vote on the package without amendment (but it could be filibustered) in November and, if passed, the House would take up the measure but also be permitted to consider other alternatives to the Commission's recommendation. NARFE is concerned that this commission could single out active and retired federal employees for sacrifices not required of other workers or retirees.

Medicare Part B Premium Fairness: Federal, state and local government retirees who are not eligible to receive Social Security have seen their Medicare Part B premiums jump from \$96.40 per month to \$110.50 in 2010. Current law protects ("holds harmless") most other beneficiaries from a Part B rate hike when there is no Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA). On September 24, the House passed H.R. 3631, the Medicare Premium Fairness Act, which would protect over 1 million federal, state and local government retirees from the Part B premium increase in 2010. The Senate needs to approve this needed legislation, too. If you are not among the 9,113 NARFE e-activists who have already used the Legislative Action Center, tell your Senators to pass H.R. 3631.



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A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race appear?" The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and so was all mankind made."

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question.. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?" The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."



TWENTY NINE LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

- 1.. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
 - 2.. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
 - 3.. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
 - 4.. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
 - 5.. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
 - 6.. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me
 - 7.. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
 - 8.. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
 - 9.. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
 - 10... Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
 - 11.. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
 - 12.. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
 - 13.. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
 - 14.. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
 - 15.. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
 - 16.. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
 - 17.. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
 - 18 .. Procrastinate Now!
 - 19.. I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?
 - 20.. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
 - 21.. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
 - 22.. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
 - 23.. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
 - 24.. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
 - 25.. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory..
 - 26... Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
 - 27.. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
 - 28.. The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
 - 29.. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on.
- Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends! Life is too short and friends are too few!*



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