



# "OLD TROOPER"

## NEWSLETTER



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

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### Chapter 383, 2007 Officers

- President: James Martin, 238-8539
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Walter Germann, 209-1938
- 2nd Vice President: June Buckles, 238-6776
- Secretary, Celina Vincent, 238-8575
- Treasurer: Madelyn Brown, 238-5623
- Chapter 383, 2007 Committee Chairpersons
- Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041
- Membership, June Buckles, 238-6776
- 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

### FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY - PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO THE MARCH LUNCHEON!!

### APRIL 2007 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be APRIL 12, 2007, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. The April program will be the Chapman High School Junior Boys Quartet. (If you have any suggestions for programs, it would be appreciated. Just let someone on the Board know. We are running out of ideas.

### MARCH Birthdays

Happy birthday to Edward Gates, Carol Ibarra, Steven Kosovich, Bessie Lighthall, Wanda Llewelyn, Donna Motley, Helen Norris, Joan Martin, Bill Martin, Dorothy Beckman, Leroy Walters, Geraldine Hinz, and Alice Hoover.

### MARCH Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. George Mailen, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. William Cortez. Many more!

### SUNSHINE Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman  
Janet reported thinking of you card was sent to Billie Jo Rivera.

### Minutes of the February Meeting

Celina Vincent, Secretary

President Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 1131 hours, 08 February 2007, Senior Citizens Center.

Larry Young led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no new members to be introduced.

The following guests were introduced: Chuck Bickerstaff from Illinois, Maria Rodney, Junction City, and Harold Williams, Herington, KS.

President Martin extended birthday wishes and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of February.

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved as read and filed.

The Treasurer's report was approved as reported, and will be submitted for audit.

Food Pantry Month will be celebrated during the month of March, so President Martin requested that members attending the March meeting bring a donation of canned goods to be given to the Food Pantry in Junction City.

Members were briefed on the NARFE Scholarship Program. This Program is available to the child or grandchild of any NARFE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. Stepchildren and great-grandchildren may also apply. NARFE sponsor must be living at the time application is made.

Jim Dodd, Legislative, talked on the latest hotline message. Copies

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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.*

**INTERESTING TRIVIA:**

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Half of all American live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

Most boat owners name their boats "obsession."

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go to find the letter "A?"  
 Ans: One thousand

of which were available to the members. Mr. Dodd stated that so far Reps. Moore and Moran are the only Kansas congressional representatives supporting House Bill HR 82 TO REPEAL THE GPO/WEP. Legislation, (Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)). He also stated that Margaret Baptiste, NARFE National President, praised the Administration's commitment toward modernizing the federal retirement claims process system, but expressed concerns about other proposals in the President's FY 2008 budget, including a plan to expand Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) in the FEHBP program and a proposal to reduce the share the government pays toward the FEHBP premiums of certain FUTURE federal retirees.

Jim also spoke briefly on the upcoming State Convention, encouraging members to attend. He announced that the 2008 Convention will be in Hutchinson; the 2009 Convention will be in Manhattan; and the 2010 Convention will be in Hays.

Harold Williams, Herington, entertained the members with western trail songs. At the conclusion of his performance, President Jim Martin presented Harold with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Walt Germann, Service Officer had no report, but requested each member to bring someone with them next month and help increase membership.

Dixie Thomas, Convention Chairperson, reminded members to fill out their registration forms, and urged all to attend. Let Dixie know if you have any problems filling out the form. Volunteers who will be working only, and not attending meetings will not be required to pay the registration fee. Only those planning to attend meetings will pay.

There were 103 reservations and 88 in attendance. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, notify the person who calls you or call Vi Martin or the 4H/Senior Center directly.

June Buckles, Public Relations - No report.

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairperson, read a Thank You card from June Buckles.

Donations to Alzheimer's fund were \$96.25. President Martin informed the members that in 2006 we averaged \$25.03 per member in donations. Our total donations for our Chapter were \$5,882.03.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

The next meeting will be 8 March 2007, at 1130 hours, Senior Citizens Center. The guest speaker will be Cindy Platt, Geary Community Hospital, and will update us on the hospital expansion.

The menu will be: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, corn, roll, and fruit cocktail.

Prizes were won by: Otis Scroggins, Clifford Rector, Jim Dodd and Lorna Lehner.

Meeting adjourned at 1310 hours.

Treasurer's Report for FEBRUARY 2007

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2007	\$323.53
Receipts	\$581.83
Expenses	\$622.24
Ending Balance, January 31, 2007	\$263.12

**!!!!!!!!!!!!CONVENTION PLANS UPDATES!!!!!!!!!!!!**

- ARE YOU GOOD AT MAKING CRAFT ITEMS?
- HAVE IDEAS FOR DOOR PRIZES?





What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? Ans: All were invented by women.

Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? Ans: Father's Day.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

- DO YOU WANT TO DONATE TO THE ALZHEIMER'S AUCTIONS?
- WE STILL NEED IDEAS FOR THE DOOR PRIZE FROM OUR CHAPTER OR IF ALZHEIMER'S ITEMS WILL BE DONATED. PLEASE GIVE US SUGGESTIONS. EVEN IF YOU AREN'T ATTENDING (AND WE HOPE THAT YOU DO) WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT.
- NOTE: ALZHEIMER'S Committee wants everyone to know that we need gifts for the Alzheimer's Auction, the more we get, of course, the more successful the auction will be. This year State asked that the donations be:

1. Items donated should be "new" or of "antique quality" and
2. A value of at least \$3.00.

- Gifts will be received at the Convention Center, 29 April 2007 (if this does not meet your schedule, other arrangements can be made).

CONVENTION DOOR PRIZES: Each Chapter is asked to bring a wrapped door prize gift of approximate value of \$10 to \$15. These door prizes will be drawn throughout the convention. If you have any ideas, please let Dixie Thomas know. A gift card or check is acceptable

## **\*\*CONVENTION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE\*\***

HOST CHAPTER PRESIDENT	Jim Martin	Sun, 29 Apr 9:00
CONVENTION CHAIR	Dixie Thomas	Sun, 29 Apr 9:00
CONVENTION CO-CHAIR	Larry Young	Sun, 29 Apr 9:00
CONVENTION FINANCIAL OFFICER	Madelyn Brown	Sun, 29 Apr 9:00
PRINTING CHAIR	Jim Dodd	Sun, 29 Apr 9:00
***** AFTER 9:00 - SEE PROGRAM SCHEDULE *****		

REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE June & Carlos Buckles  
 Kathy Triplett, Judy Strauss, Naida Sanders, Maria Sawyer, Bob Brent, Dorothy Osburn, Clarence & Lorna Lehner, Melba Easley, Joan Martin, Madelyn Brown, Willie Kamm, Judy Grossnickle, Kay Cardella, Ed Call, Mary Fritzon, Dixie Thomas

Week of 23 April (Be prepared – can't do until we know who & how many are coming to the convention)		Prepare Gift bags and envelopes for all attendees	Prepare gift bags and registration envelopes for the convention. (Has to be done prior to 29 April)
Sun, 29 Apr	9:00	See Program Schedule	29 April – State Secretary will identify representatives from the 8 separate Areas to register attendees from their area.

DECORATIONS COMMITTEE Opal Dalton  
 Lillian Young, Virginia Adam, Carlye Gilmore

Date	Time	Activity	Notes
Sun, 29 Apr	9:00	Walk-thru	
Sun, 29 Apr	Approx 3:00	Sunday night buffet set up - Luncheon set up	No place settings
Monday, 30 April	Approx 10:30	Set up tables, head table decorations, place settings	Add additional people to assist as needed

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Some things to ponder:

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.

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**HOST & HOSTESS COMMITTEE & INFORMATION COMMITTEE** Don & Marilyn Bielefeld  
 Paul Hood, Dorothy Luttman, Donna Schmutz, Bert Thomas, Carolyn Cook,  
 Doris Nelson, Walt & Judy Germann, Madelyn Brown, Willie Kamm, Judy Grossnickle, Mary Fritzon,  
 Kathy Triplett

Sunday, 29 Apr	9:00	Walk-Thru	
Sunday, 29 Apr	9:00-5:00	Greet and meet attendees Will need someone at the hotel door and the convention door – As attendees register, if they have any questions – registration will call one of these to assist with getting members around the hotel	We will greet attendees as they come in and welcome them to Junction City and our convention. If anything they need, let one of us know
Monday, 30 April	7:30-8:30	Greet and meet attendees registering on Monday morning	

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** Vi Martin  
 Maxine Kroepelin, Willadean Kamm, Bobbi Davis,  
 Ann Domsch

Sun, 29 Apr	9:00	Walk-Thru	
Sunday, 29 Apr	9:00-4:15	Staff hospitality room	Ends at 4:15(approximately) on Sunday – not open on Monor Tue

**TIME KEEPER** Judy Gardner  
 Backup – Don Cooper or Dave Schafer

Monday, 30 April	8:30-4:00	Time keeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Need to get a stop watch
Tuesday, 1 May	8:30-END	Time keeping	

**CHAPLAIN** Otis Scroggins

Sun, 29 April	6:45	Opening ceremonies	Invocation
Mon, 30 April	8:30	Opening of Monday activities	Invocation
Mon, 30 April	6:30	Banquet	Invocation
Tues, 1 May	8:30	Opening of Tuesday activities	Invocation





10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.
13. Think about this.... No one ever says "It's only a game." when his team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of OLD LADIES running around with tattoos? (And RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Ford

SERGEANTS AT ARMS			Ray Thompson
Dick Lacey, Otis Scroggins, Tom Strom, Don Campbell, Bert Thomas, Walt Germann			
Sun, 29 April	9:00	Walk-Thru	Walk thru hotel
Sunday, 29 April	2:45	Roundtable Forum	Control doors to Room C - Make sure people attending have badges.
	5:00	Sunday night buffet – Green Ticket	Control doors to Room A & B– do not open until 5:15 – make sure each attending has a green ticket
	6:30	Sunday night opening ceremonies	Control doors to Room C – do not open until 6:45 – make sure each attending has on badge
Monday, 30 April	8:00	Business Session, Room C	Make sure each attending has a badge
	10:15-10:45	Break	Control reentry into Room C – make sure each attending has a badge
	11:50	Noon meal Room A & B – Blue Ticket	Control doors to Room A & B – do not open until 12:00 – make sure each attending has a blue ticket
	1:15	Afternoon Sessions commences	Room C – make sure each attending has a badge and very important to not allow entry into room which memorial service is in progress.
	2:45-3:15	Break	Control reentry into Room C – make sure each attending has a badge
	6:00	Banquet Room A & B – Red Ticket	Control doors to Room A & B – do not open until 6:15 – make sure each attending has a red ticket
Tuesday, 1 May	8:00	Business Session, Room C	Make sure each attending has a badge
	10:15–10:45	Break	Control reentry into Room C – make sure each attending has a badge
DOOR PRIZES COMMITTEE			Don Erickson
Dave Schafer, Carolyn Cook, Bert Thomas, June Buckles, Carlos Buckles, Walt Germann, Judy Germann, Don Cooper, Ray Thompson (if possible)			
Sun, 29 April	6:45	Opening Sessions	Give out door prizes
Mon, 30 April	10:45	Business Sessions	Give out door prizes
	2:45	Business Sessions	Give out door prizes
	6:30	Banquet	Give out door prizes
Tues, 1 May	10:45	Business Sessions	Give out door prizes
ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE			Opal Dalton & Virginia Adam
Joyce Peoples, Doreen Kanode, Cameron Davis, Dee Campbell, Carol Blixt, Michael Cardella, Barb Pretzer, Mary Fritzon, Elaine Liddell Adam			
Sunday, 29 Apr	9:00	Convention commences	As required by Linda Surritte for live and silent auctions.





**See YOU at the convention!**

ANY CHANGES, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OMISSIONS, QUESTIONS TO THE SCHEDULE, PLEASE SEE DIXIE THOMAS!!!!

**NOTE: Don't forget, scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of federal civilian retirees and current federal employees who are NARFE members. Please see your monthly NARFE Magazine for information.**



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