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Chapter 383, 2005 Officers

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• Chapter 383, 2006 Committee Chairpersons

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Public Relations, June Buckles, 238-6776

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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



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

November 2006 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be November 9, 2006, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Kay Hodison from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be the guest speaker and she will be discussing open season options.



October Birthdays

Happy birthday to Robert Brent, Verleen Byrn, Melba Easley, Clara Belle Endsley, Eva Freeman, Jack Herron, Mona Kessinger, Mildred McDiffett, Daisy McTavish, Orval Rodgers, Lawrence Young, Carmen Larkin, Vaughan Llewelyn, Max Albin, James Nelson, Dixie Thomas, Kathy Triplett, Gerald Vincent, Wanda Williams, Llellwyn McTavish, and Jeane Huey.

October Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Eliodoro Ibarra and her husband. Many, many more!



Minutes of the September MEETING

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383 met 11:30 a.m., September 14, 2006, at the Senior Citizens Center. 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 newsletter at the luncheon - no change.

Here are the 10 first place winners in the International Pun Contest:

1. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
3. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it immediately sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
4. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."
5. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

Richard Lacey was added to the September birthdays. Anniversaries were read with no changes.

Bill Foerschler, President and Gene Dester, Vice President, from Abilene were guests for the luncheon.

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

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd stated that since Congress was not in session, he had nothing to report. He did provide handouts for members to pick up.

SERVICE OFFICER: Walt Germann asked that members update their information so family will not have problems. Walt stated he is available to assist families when needed. OPM is taking up to 5 weeks to get the necessary forms to the families, if there is life insurance. He provided extra copies of the "Be Prepared for Life's Events" forms for members. If completed, it would make final planning for the family much simpler. Walt's phone number is 785-209-1938.

CONVENTION NEWS: Joe Gilmore discussed how many people are needed for the upcoming convention, what each table will be used for and how many people are needed for the tables.

- Treasurer: Madelyn Brown and Larry Young
- Registration: June Buckles
- Credentials: Carlos Buckles
- Printing: Jim Dodd
- Decorating: Carlye Gilmore
- Chaplain: Otis Scroggins
- Sergeant of Arms: Ray Thompson, Otis Scroggins, Dick Lacey
- Host & Hostess: Don and Marilynn Bielefeld
- Publicity: Dixie Thomas
- Alzheimer's: Opal Dalton
- Time: Carlos Buckles and Carl Wright
- Photographer: Jim Dodd

There were 113 reservations made but only 93 were in attendance. AGAIN, we urge all of you making reservations that if you cannot make the luncheon please call and cancel.

Alzheimer's collection was \$101.40.

Thank you notes were read from the family of Carrie Westover and Bob Allen.

It was announced that Maureen Miller received an Honorary Member Certificate.

Madelyn Brown spoke about purchasing t-shirts with the Chapter logo to be worn during the convention. Several orders were taken.

June Walters, Leroy Walters, Hughes Edgerton and Madelyn Brown won door prizes.

The next meeting will be in October at the Senior



6. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?? They asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, " I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

7. A woman has identical twins and is forced to give them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Year's later; Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're identical twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

8. A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so;

Citizen's Center. Singers from the Chapman High School will perform.

Treasurer's Report for September 2006

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, September 1, 2006	\$583.36
Receipts	\$562.62
Expenses	\$658.42
Ending Balance, August 31, 2006	\$487.56

Sunshine Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman

Janet reported that a thinking of you was sent to Bessie Lighthall.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR Kansas Legislators:

U.S. SENATE

Senator Sam Brownback: mailto:sam_brownback@brownback.senate.gov

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thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent Florist friars.

9. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

And finally,

10. There was the person who sent ten different puns to friends with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Comments from the newly elected State Federation President as published in the October-November 2006 issue of the Kansas Federation Newsletter.

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NARFE has just completed its National Convention. We offer congratulations to Richard Thissen, our National Field Vice-President, who ran un-opposed. Dick has been a pleasure to work with my two-plus years on your Federation Board. He is very supportive of our goals and works daily to protect your interests. Thanks to all of you who attended the convention from Kansas. Personal commitments kept Linda and I from attending.

We also offer congratulations to Ms. Margaret Baptiste, newly elected President; Bill Austin, newly elected Vice-President; Nathaniel Brown, newly elected Secretary and Richard Ostergren, re-elected Treasurer. All of these folks, excluding Mr. Ostergren, will be new to their positions and will need the help of all of us in Kansas in order to be successful in protecting our interests over the next two years. On behalf of the Federation Board, I pledge we will help them be successful. It's in our interests to do so.

Ms. Judy Park, NARFE Legislative Director, out-lined what we have accomplished over the past two years on our National Legislative Program. She noted our success over the past two years in gaining support for our Legislative proposals, Premium Conversion and WEP/GPO Repeal. However, even though in Kansas, all of our Representatives, except for Congressman Tiahrt, support Premium Conversion, it will not pass this year because Republican Congressman, Bill Thomas will not report it out of committee. It is also supported by both of our Senators; however Republican Senator, Charles Grassley, will not report it out of committee.

On WEP/GPO Repeal, only two Kansas Representatives, Congressmen Moore and Moran, support us. Neither Kansas Senator supports us. This is an issue, which needs to be passed since it greatly hurts many survivor annuitants in our State by reducing their Social Security, which they earned over their careers, because they receive a Survivor's Benefit when their husband or wife passes on. This is fair legislation to help our members and is not a handout or welfare. It is simply giving folks those benefits they worked for and earned.

I mention all of the above because as Ms. Park states, even though as retirees we cannot strike, WE CAN VOTE. If we do not like what Congress has done in protecting our interests over the past two years, we can vote our interests on November 7th this year. Some might say this is selfish, I say it is protecting our survival. The delegates, at the National Convention, approved the following National Legislative Goals for the 110th Congress:

- . Preserve our present benefits;
- . Enhance our present benefits; and
- . Additional priorities.

