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238-7488

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Calling, Violet (Vi)
Martin, 238-8539

Decorating, Lillian
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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

WELCOME BACK - HOPE ALL ARE READY FOR A COOL, BEAUTIFUL FALL!



October 2007 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be October 11, 2007, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Guest speaker will be Ann Hoover, Geary County Rehabilitation and Fitness Center; will give us a dissertation on 'Fall & Balance Prevention'. (If you have any suggestions for programs, it would be appreciated. Just let someone on the Board know.)

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Carlos Buckles, Pauline Dutton, Pat Hartung, Virginia Adam, Naida Sanders, Donna Schmutz, Darlene Topping, Mildred Smith, Art Baresel, Ingeborg Barton, Karen Harris, and Dorothy Leslie. (If you gave me your birthday or anniversary at the June meeting, I've either lost or misplaced my June notes and I did not get the dates changed. Please let me know again. Sorry.)

September Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Robert and Margie Clowe, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gates, Gerald and Celina Vincent and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bennett. Many, Many More!!!



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.

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 Chapter 383" and write "Alzheimer's Fund" on the memo line.**

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Minutes of the June Meeting

Celina Vincent, Secretary (provided by June Buckles)

President Jim Martin, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the 13 June 2007 meeting to order at 1130 hours, at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

Otis Scroggins led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance.

President Martin extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the months of June, July and August. He welcomed everyone to the June Potluck dinner.

There were 45 people in attendance and all enjoyed the wonderful food and companionship.

Minutes and the Treasurers reports were approved as written and filed.

Jim Dodd, Legislative Officer, passed out the Hot Line reports for all to read as his report.

Walt Germann, Service Officer, reported said he had nothing new to report this month.

Janet Harrel asked that everyone stay well this summer. She also reported that her daughter, Denise Harrel is going to be doing the Relay for Cancer walk. If any one would like to sponsor this cause, please see or call Janet.

President Jim Martin reported that Ray Thompson had open-heart surgery and that he is in the hospital at the time of the meeting. He gave the room number so any and all could contact or go to see him.

Virginia reported that Clarabel Endsley is doing well in the hospital following hip surgery.

Jim Martin also read a letter received from Linda Surritte, the Kansas Federations' Alzheimer's Chairman. She thanked everyone, in particular, Dixie Thomas, Virginia Adam and Opal Dalton for the outstanding performance of duties they performed for a successful convention and Alzheimer's Fund Raiser (the Live and Silent Auction). Without their help and many others too numerous to mention, we would not have had such success in raising over \$3000.00 for Alzheimer's Research. She stated the Junction City Chapter 383 was the highest in the state for others monies raised for Alzheimer's Research for NARFE.

Jim Martin presented Certificates to Dixie Thomas and Jim Dodd for their Outstanding Contributions for the work they performed for a successful NARFE State Convention that was held in Junction City last month.

Jim then introduced MS Barb Pretzer, the National Alzheimer's Committee Chairman and NARFE Region V Alzheimer's Coordinator.

Barb presented awards to Opal Dalton and Virginia Adam for their fund raising efforts during the current year and the Outstanding work they performed at the State NARFE Convention. She also presented awards to the President for being the top Chapter in the State for raising funds



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for Alzheimer's research. She then gave a wonderful informative report on what is being done in the efforts of raising awareness to Alzheimer's disease and how far we are in finding a cure for this dreadful disease. She also gave some ideas toward prevention steps that each of us could do to stay healthy.

Jim then turned the floor over to Madam President Madelyn Brown and Madam Vice President June Buckles, representing the Fraternal Order of Eagles 830 Auxiliary. Madelyn Brown asked Opal Dalton and Virginia Adam come to the podium. Madelyn explained that the FOE 830 AUX is an organization of "People Helping People" and the Auxiliary felt their contribution through NARFE would be best utilized since one hundred percent of money raised is used for research. She then presented a check from the FOE 830 AUX for Alzheimer's Research, to the NARFE Old Trooper Chapter 383 Chairman, Opal Dalton and her Co-Chairman, Virginia Adam in the amount of \$5,850. Opal and Virginia requested that the check be presented to the Region V coordinator, Barb Pretzer. That will happen, after it is sent to the State coordinator. Barb was very thrilled that, once again, the FOE 830 Auxiliary chose to give such a large donation through NARFE to the Alzheimer's Research program.

Jim Nelson, June Buckles, Willadeen Kamm, and Don Campbell won door prizes. Evelyn Lacy donated twelve Avon Angel Pins to be given as door prizes as well. Winners of those were: June Buckles, Otis Scroggins, Vi Martin, Elaine Ragen, Dixie Thomas, Clarence Lehner, Lillian Young, Chrystal Roome, Virginia Adam, Dixie Rahorst, Willadeen Kamm and Jim Dodd.

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Treasurer's Report for August 2007

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, June 1, 2007	\$1,408.57
Receipts	\$1,867.44
Expenses	\$ 339.68
Ending Balance, May 31, 2007	\$2,936.33

Madelyn Brown, Treasurer comments: I attended the NARFE College of Knowledge (CONK) at the end of August in South Sioux City, NE. There were 38 Kansas members in attendance with 223 total attendees. There were four different training sessions. Each member was able to attend all four sessions. They were NARFE-PAC (conducted by Gary Townson, Kansas 1st Vice President), Social Security issues (conducted by Jill Crissman, NARFE Headquarters), Contacting Congress (conducted by Legislative Assistant to a Minnesota Representative) and Health Care issues/U.S. Budget (conducted by Dan Adcock, National Headquarters). For those of you that wish they knew more about NARFE, I suggest that you attend the CONK in 2009. I found it to be worth my time and money to attend. It was good to visit with NARFE President, Margaret Baptiste and Former NARFE President, Charles Jackson.



An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house and, after eating; the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

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