



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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## MEMBERS & FRIENDS ENJOY CASINO TRIP!!!



ALL NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED



TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT!!!



Janet Harrel in coordination with other NARFE members planned a casino trip to the Prairie Band Casino on March 8<sup>th</sup> that made \$100.00 for the Alzheimer's fund and \$165.00 for the Old Trooper treasury. Thanks to Janet & Madelyn Brown for selling 56 tickets, contacting the travel service, doing the administrative work, and thanks to Janet and her daughter, Dee, for making all attendees a beautiful bookmark to remember the day. And thanks to everyone going on the trip. It was LOTS and LOTS OF FUN!



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.

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.**



**KANSAS FEDERATION NARFE STATE CONVENTION, Grand Prairie Hotel, Hutchinson, Kansas, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 27-29, 2008.**

The National NARFE Public Relations Officer, Chuck Timanus, and Richard Thissen, Region V National Field VP, will be the guest speakers and attendees. The committee meetings on Sunday afternoon are for everyone but YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR A PARTICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING if you want to be able to vote. This SIGN UP must be made with Lannie Pender, Secretary.

If you are not going to the convention but have items for the Alzheimer's auctions, please contact Dixie Thomas or one of the convention attendees and we will be glad to take the items

**MARCH Birthdays (Make sure we have your birthday)**

Happy Birthday to Dorothy Beckman, Dee Campbell, Edward Gates, Geraldine Hinz, Alice Hoover, Carol Ibarra, Bessie Lighthall, Wanda Llewellyn, Joan Martin, Donna Motley, Helen Norris, and Leroy Walters.

**MARCH Anniversaries (Make sure we have your anniversary)**

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. William Cortez.

**Minutes of the February 2008 Meeting**

Lannie Pender, Secretary

President Dixie Thomas called the meeting of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) to order 11:30 a.m., February 14, 2008.

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

President Dixie Thomas extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of February. She introduced visitors Maria Rodney, Lois Woods, Charlene Garth and Anna Davis.

President Thomas called for the reading of the minutes and the treasurer Report. She then asked for a motion from the floor to approve or modify the minutes. A motion was made by Joan Martin and seconded by Billie Jo Rivera; motion was approved as written and filed for audit.

Under New Business: President Thomas stated that there are two changes proposed to the State By-Laws which need to be voted on at Chapter level in order for the Chapter Delegates attending the State Convention to vote as the Chapter membership desires. The first change is an increase in the State Per Capita amount from \$1.00 to \$1.50. A vote was called for to Change Article VII, Revenues and Expenses, Section 1. A motion was made by Paul Hood and seconded by Sharon Griffin to accept the increase. After a great deal of discussion and explanation, the vote was called for and passed 46 to 10. Another proposed by-Law change is proposed at the State level reference Alzheimer Actions at State Conventions. The change recommended the Host Chapter and Kansas Federation be given up to \$500 for expenses out of the Alzheimer Funds collected at the auctions during the State Convention. After discussion and clarification and to accept or deny this change, Maxine Kroeplin made a motion seconded by Karen Baldwin that the change be denied. The vote was called for and the motion failed.



Calling Chair: Vi Martin

- List # 1 Faye Heath
- List # 2 Sharon Griffin
- List # 3 Verleen Byrn
- List # 4 Pat Fisher
- List # 5 Judy Strauss
- List # 6 Maxine Kroeplin
- List # 7 Marie Sawver
- List # 8 Dorothy Luttmann
- List # 9 Evelyn Lacey
- List #10 Janet Harrel
- List #11 Joan Martin
- List #12 Joyce Peoples
- List #13 Ramona Norcross
- List #14 Dorothy Galloway  
(Dwight area)
- List #15 Jonetta Rector  
(Chapman area)



**TIME TO LAUGH!!**

“Wife: What are you doing?  
 Hubby: Nothing.  
 Wife: Nothing..? You’ve been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.  
 Hubby: I was looking for the expiration date.”

Jim Dodd, Legislative Officer, gave an update on Bill #HR 5140, the Tax Rebate Bill. It has passed both the Senate and the House.

Carole Blixt handed out NARFE Membership Referral Forms for the membership drive. Members were asked to please fill these out and submit them to Carole.

Sunshine Report: Janet Harrel reminded all members of the bus trip to Prairie Band Casino on March 8, 2008. We are hoping for a full bus.

There wasn't a program this month, but we are looking forward to the March 13th Program by Terri Wahle, Director of Home Health, Hospice, and Home Medical Equipment at Geary Community Hospital who will present a program on the hospital's newest program which is hospice.

There were 104 reservations and 92 in attendance. Alzheimer's Research collections were \$102.00. Emma Lacey, Helmut Hoelle, Lorna Lehner, Wally Mitchell, Larry Langvardt and Marie Sawyer won door prizes.

Next month's menu will be Spaghetti and applesauce.

**TREASURER, Madelyn Brown:**

Beginning Balance \$2,375.48  
 Receipts \$1,173.20  
 Expenses \$1,099.01  
 Ending Balance \$2,449.67

Thank you to a member for a kind donation toward the newsletter expense. The member wishes to remain anonymous but is someone who is unable to attend our meetings and enjoys keeping up with the chapter. Also, thanks to Pat Hartung for her donation towards the newsletter expense. Please add Pat to your prayers on her continued recovery.  
 (The Newsletter will continue to be published each month the club meets.)

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, Carole Blixt:** Please give Carole your Membership Referral Form. Carole is working very hard behind the scenes to get new members. Please help her in this effort.

**SUNSHINE CHAIR Report, Janet Harrel:**

Janet reported no cards were sent in February. **FINALLY!!!** Maybe we are all getting well!!! Stay Healthy!!!

**APRIL 2008 Meeting/Luncheon, Program Chair, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby:**

The next meeting of NARFE will be April 10, 2008, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Program for the luncheon will be "The Spring Valley Singers" who are looking forward to performing for our group on 10 April. The "Spring Valley Singers" are a group of 25 students and 1 teacher who will present a program and sing. Thank you Leonetta for all your hard work on our programs.

**POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR, Larry Young:** FOLKS, please check out pages 19, 20 and 21 of your March 2008 NARFE magazine. It very thoroughly goes over what PAC is all about and how PAC monies are handled. It even has questions and answers that are very informative. REMEMBER: I have the pins for any donation \$20.00 or over. Please give so that NARFE-PAC's goal can be met and give us greater legitimacy. In other words, the more members that give (no matter what amount), the stronger we become!!!



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“Wife: Do you want dinner?  
Hubby: Sure! What are my choices?  
Wife: Yes and no.”



**Happy  
Easter**



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