



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

November 2008

### Chapter 383, 2008 Officers

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Sunshine, Janet Harrel, 238-7488  
NARFE-PAC, Larry Young, 238-3047  
Calling, Vi Martin, 238-8539  
Decorating Opal Dalton, 922-6551 and Virginia Adam, 922-6706  
Program, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby, 238-6642  
Newsletter, Dixie Thomas, 238-1455  
Chaplain, Otis Scroggins, 238-1342  
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Special Projects, Appointed as needed.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To all NARFE members!  
DIXIE THOMAS, 2008 NARFE PRESIDENT

Another year is coming to a close and my presidency as well. I’ve enjoyed being President over the past year and wish the newly elected officers the best for the upcoming year. We’ve had a busy year and there are a lot of people I wish to thank for such a successful year.

Thank you Opal Dalton and Virginia Adam for always being there and totally responsible for the decorations and when the decorations are set up, you take on the Alzheimer’s responsibilities. Thanks to the Beckman’s for their early morning table “toppings.”

Thank you Carole Blixt for being my 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and for all your work on the membership chair responsibilities. If not for your scheduling and persistence, we would not have the 20+ new members we now have. Thanks to Walt Germann, the Buckles, the Campbell’s, June Wood, Barb Steppe, and Lannie Pender for being there with Carole at all her scheduled activities. Thank you and everyone who worked on getting the money from NARFE Headquarters for the newspaper ads and gifts provided at the special activities.

Thank you Don Campbell for being my 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and public relations chair, and least I forget, thank you for being “the holder” of all the decorations for Opal and Virginia.

Thank you Lannie Pender for being Secretary and thank you Madelyn Brown for being Treasurer. Without you two, the job would have been too much for me to handle. Thanks for making sure our reports/paperwork were always prepared on time and the money balanced. Both are huge responsibilities.

Thanks to all of you for your work as Chairpersons for all the offices. These include Jim Dodd, our Legislative Chair, Larry Young, our NARFE PAC Officer, Ray Thompson as our Parliamentarian, Walt Germann as our Service Officer (and now as STATE Service Officer), Vi Martin and all the members who work on her Calling Committee, Janet Harrell for being Sunshine Chair and our “bus trips coordinator,” Leonetta Chaves-Bibby for such an outstanding job as the Program Chair and to Otis Scroggins for being our Chaplain. And last but not least, for all of you that help take down the chairs, clean the tables, set up the audio requirements, to Jim Dodd for making all the banners and certificates and setting up his computer for viewing NARFE subjects during the meeting/luncheon. They say it takes a village to raise a child but let me say without all of you helping; the job of President would be so much harder than what it is. Also, thanks to Ramona Salonka for being our auditor this year. If I have missed someone, please accept my apology. I hope all of you have a very *Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year!*





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 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!!**



**Program Chair, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby:** The next meeting of NARFE will be the first meeting/luncheon of the New Year. Your newly elected officers, Jim Martin, President, Jim Mitchell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, June Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Lannie Pender, Secretary and Madelyn Brown, Treasurer, will be conducting their first meeting at 11:30 a.m., 8 January 2009, at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Program for the luncheon is Cyndy Platt and she will be giving us a presentation on the new hospital expansion.



**December Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to Raymond Bennett, Dale Bergston, Bobbi Davis, Opal Dalton, Peter Kohlrus, Ruth Asbury, Carl White, June Walters, Joyce Peoples, Donna Yenser and Norman Lee. Happy, happy birthday!



**December Anniversaries:** Happy anniversary to Don and Dee Campbell, Walt and Judy Germann, Roger and Clarice Longhofer, Bert and Dixie Thomas, George and Bessie Lighthall, and celebrating **their 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is Rex and Doris Pierson.** CONGRATULATIONS to all of you.



**SUNSHINE CHAIR Report, Janet Harrel:** A get well card was sent to Jerry Smith.



**Minutes of the November 2008 Meeting:** Lannie Pender, Secretary President Dixie Thomas, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the November 13, 2008 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

Chaplin Otis Scroggins led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Thomas extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of November. Eldon Vaughn was added to the birthday list. President Thomas introduced Bev and John Randell visitors from the Manhattan Chapter. New members Walter and Jacqueline Givens, Barbara Thompson and Jan Grimm were introduced.

Entertainment was provided by the Spring Valley Singers under the direction of Mary Lou Stahl and Principal Sierra Jackson. They sang several patriotic songs, and they asked the NARFE members to help them sing Home on the Range, they sang several other songs and finished up with Our Family Tree. The singing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Next month's entertainment will be Manny and the Troubadours.

Under new business President Thomas announced that the November Casino trip raised \$232.00 for Alzheimer's.

President Thomas opened up nominations for vacant offices which were; President, First and Second Vice-president. Jim Martin was nominated for President, Cameron Davis made a motion to close the nomination seconded by Ray Thompson; Jim Mitchell was nominated for First Vice President, Cameron Davis motioned to close nominations seconded by Ray Thompson; June Wood was nominated for Second Vice President, Ray Thompson motioned to closed nomination seconded by Carolyn Cook. These officers were voted in by acclamation. Madelyn Brown and Lannie



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 Sawyer
- 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 Gallaway  
(Dwight area)
- List #15 Jonetta Rector  
(Chapman area)



My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, "Do you know her?" "Yes," I sighed, "She's my old girlfriend.. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since." "My God!" says my wife, "who would think a person could go on celebrating that long? And then the fight started..."

Pender retained their chairs as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Membership Chair, Carole Blixt, announced the names of all new members since July 08, we are doing very well with membership under her leadership. She also announced that NARFE would have a table at the Health Fair being held at Riley's Convention Center, Fort Riley on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was no Legislative report.

Service Officer, Walt Germann, reminded the members about the booklet, "Be Prepared For Life's Events," it is a useful document. He also stated even though he is the State Service Officer his heart remains at Old Trooper Chapter 383.

There were 119 reservations and 104 in attendance. The Alzheimer's fund raised \$128.00. Door prizes were won by Carolyn Cook, Evelyn Lacy, Judy Germann, Norman Lee and Crystal Roome. Ray Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Madelyn Brown. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

The next meeting will be December 11, 2008.



### TREASURER, Madelyn Brown: TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Period Ending: November 30, 2008

RECEIPTS	Balance on Hand - Last Report	\$ <u>2,155.17</u>
Total Dues collected	\$ 259.11	
Lunch	\$ 401.00	
Alzheimer's	\$ 128.00	
Miscellaneous (Postage)	\$ 25.00	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	
	\$ 813.11	
	TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$ <u>2,968.28</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Memorial (Gabbert)	\$ 10.00	
Key Office (Supplies)	\$ 49.25	
Decorations	\$ 13.24	
Cost of Newsletter	\$ -	
Stamps (Newsletter)	\$ 84.00	
Rent	\$ 72.00	
Lunch	\$ 291.00	
Door Prizes	\$ 17.90	
Newspaper Ad	\$ 463.05	
HQ Dues	\$ 93.00	
NARFE ALZHEIMERS	\$ 128.00	
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ <u>1,746.84</u>



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My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust." And then the fight started.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in about 3 seconds. I bought her a scale. And then the fight started.

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive... so I took her to a gas station... And then the fight started...

And look at this symmetry:

1 x 1 = 1  
11 x 11 = 121  
111 x 111 = 12321  
1111 x 1111 = 1234321  
11111 x 11111 = 123454321  
111111 x 111111 = 12345654321  
1111111 x 1111111 =  
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11111111 x 11111111 =  
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**IN MEMORIAM:** This column is dedicated to those who have passed away over the year. Please remember our friends and members of our organization.

- May 2008: Ingeborg Barton
- July 2008: Charles Bickerstaff
- August 2008: George W. Campbell
- September 2008: Mrs. Orval Rodgers
- September 2008: Hermina Marston
- September 2008: Rachel Erickson
- October 2008: Ralph Wiehl, husband of June Wiehl, Member
- November 2008: Ron Gabbert



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