



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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## SUMMER TIME IS HERE!



## TIME TO TAKE COVER?????



Program Chair, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby:

The next meeting of NARFE will be September 11 2008, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Program for the luncheon will be Donna Martinson discussing “Sleep – GOOD or NOT ENOUGH?”

9 October: Pam Maxwell, BC/BS

13 November: Tentatively TJ Taylor



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.**

**ALREADY RESERVED YOUR LUNCH AND SOMETHING CAME UP??? - PLEASE CALL AND CANCEL YOUR MEAL RESERVATION - 238-4015 - THANK YOU!!** 2

August: "MEET YOUR CANDIDATES MONTH"

NARFE declared August as a "meet your candidates month." "Let us never forget all that NARFE has done for Federal retirees and those yet to retire." When you are out and about over the summer months and the opportunity presents itself, take the time to talk to the candidates; learn who your candidates are and start thinking about ways to meet and what to discuss with candidates. How safe is our State exemptions on our annuities? What about FEHBP? Will retirees continue to be included in future FEHBP open seasons? Will retirees retain COLA's - a big question? What about current legislation - elimination of GPO and WEP. For ELEVEN (11) CENTS A DAY, Working Federal Employees, Retirees a Spouses can join NARFE and help protect their "Promised Retirement Benefits."



June Birthdays (Make sure we have your birthday)

Happy Birthday to Alice McClain, Catherine Klusener, Clarence Lehner, Don Bielefeld, June Buckles, June Wiehl, Lorna Lehner, Marie Sawyer, and Willadean Kamm.



June Anniversaries (Make sure we have your anniversary)

Happy anniversary to Don and Marilyn Bielefeld, Jim and Delores Nelson, Joe and Carlye Gilmore, Clarence and Lorna Lehner, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roome, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Rodgers. Many, Many More!



Minutes of the May 2008 Meeting

Lannie Pender, Secretary

President Dixie Thomas, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter #383, called the meeting to order on May 8, 2008 at 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/senior Citizens Center.

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

President Thomas called for the reading of the minutes and Treasurer's Report. She then asked for a motion and second from the floor to approve as written. A motion was made by Ray Thompson and seconded by Jim Martin; motion was approved as written and was filed for audit.

President Thomas updated members on the State Convention, and announced that she had accepted for "Old Troopers Chapter" an award for raising \$5850.00 for Alzheimer's. She further announced that the State goal had been \$4.98 per member; "Old Troopers Chapter" raised \$34.00 per member. Walt Germann received the Service Officer's Award. The National Convention was announced and President Thomas stated we have 5 votes. President Thomas also reminded members to make sure they are not paying State Income Taxes on their annuities. It was announced that Ramona Salonka completed the audit for last year. If anyone who wants to order nametags please see Madelyn Brown.



- 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 Luttman
- 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)



A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, 'Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!'

The husband said, 'Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?' 'Doesn't matter,' she said. 'Just get out.'

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Jim Dodd our Legislative Officer encouraged everyone with Internet capabilities to sign up for the NARFE Legislative Update. At this time NARFE is lobbying to pass a bill to have Health Insurance withheld prior to paying taxes. With the worsening economy we all need to direct our attention to our lawmakers in Washington D.C.

Service Officer's report from Walt Germann: He received a call from Ms. Chaves-Bibby, a member who was at the May meeting, has a friend, a non-member, who had lost her husband. The lady's husband was a federal retiree and she was lost on the steps she was to take on his death. Walt made an appointment with the lady, met with her, and assisted her. She was also not aware that her husband had the government life insurance. Contact was made to OPM by Walt to generate the necessary paperwork for all her benefits. She was grateful for this service. This is the type of thing you as members of NARFE can do to help your friends in their time of need. Thank you Walt and Leonetta.

Membership Chair, Carole Blixt, gave her report. She stated everyone has done a great job on the referral project. Now members are being asked to talk to all Civil Service employees and retirees about becoming NARFE members. Concerns are rising about retaining our rights as retirees and not losing our benefits. We have greater strength in greater numbers.

There was no Sunshine Report other than Janet Harrel reminded everyone to stay healthy.

The guest speaker was Gary Burgess, Geary County Emergency Management and Geary County Rural Fire Department Coordinator. He gave detailed background on the purpose of his department. He also touched on Severe Weather and gave a slide show presentation of the department offices and most of the equipment contained in the office. The Emergency Management Department has their own backup Emergency Generator so they can remain operational 24/7, this was extremely important during the Ice Storm. He also explained there is mutual aid between county and city. It was very informative and well presented.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2008, which will be the Pot Luck. There were 99 reservations and 91 present. The Alzheimer's fund raised \$101.75.

Melba Easley, Judy Gardner, Lannie Pender, Janet Harrel, Jim Mitchell, and Jim Morgan won Door Prizes.



**TREASURER, Madelyn Brown:**

Beginning Balance \$2,644.94  
 Receipts - \$752.41  
 Expenses - \$526.40  
 Ending Balance \$2,870.95



**SUNSHINE CHAIR Report, Janet Harrel:**

*Janet sent a sympathy card to the family of Ingeborg Barton and a get well to Doreen Kanode. We wish you all speedy recovery.*



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**HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?**

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.  
 -- Ricky, age 10

**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**



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