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NARFE STATE CONVENTION – 27-29 APRIL – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS



Don Campbell, Dee Campbell, Dixie Thomas, Walt Germann, Carole Blixt, June Wood, Lorna Lehner, Clarence Lehner. Not pictured: Madelyn Brown & Jim Dodd



Madelyn Brown accepts Alzheimer's Award from National Alzheimer's Chair, Barb Pretzer. Madelyn Brown (and other State Officers) sworn in as State Treasurer.



Very serious discussion during caucus! Not sure who won. Left to right: Dee Campbell, Don Campbell, Madelyn Brown, Lorna Lehner, Clarence Lehner and June Wood.

(All pictures taken by Jim Dodd)

Well, the convention has come and gone. It was informative to some degree in that no federal retirement cuts were proposed in the Senate or the House to reduce federal civil service retirement or health benefits in FY2009. Not discussed by the federation reps but among attendees during breaks somewhat was the introduction of possibly "cashing out" FERS Sick Leave, increasing the maximum age from 22 to 25 to qualify for coverage as a "child" under FEHBP dependent eligibility, and a fix to "CSRS Part-Time" (again, see the May issue of NARFE). At the State level, the proposed "per capita" increase was passed. If you will remember, we voted as a chapter for the \$1.50 per person per chapter increase, which was \$.50 per member. Needless to say, large chapters were against this proposal and at the very least, it woke up most of us with all the "heated discussions" prior to the vote. The convention ended with our Chapter receiving ten certificates - these will be announced at the luncheon.



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.**

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



May Birthdays (Make sure we have your birthday)

Happy Birthday to Larry Langvardt, Therisha Jo Hudson, Vena Rowbotham, Marilynn Bielefeld, Carol Bondurant, Doris MacLaird-Nelson, Donald Stiers, Barbara Rawlins, and Carlye Gilmore.



May Anniversaries (Make sure we have your anniversary)

Happy anniversary to Dick and Evelyn Lacey. Many, Many More!



Minutes of the April 2008 Meeting

Lannie Pender, Secretary

President, Dixie Thomas, of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter #383, called the meeting to order April 10, 2008 at 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

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

Generally the entertainment is presented after the meal is served, however, due to ages of the performers, the program came first. The performance by the Spring Valley Singers, conducted by Mary Louise Stahl, was thoroughly enjoyable. They sang Halleluiah, Pretty Planet, America Singing, Family Tree and Step into the Spotlight. During the number, Family Tree, NARFE members were treated to a lesson in "signing." Mary Louise also passed out posters for the last Little Theater performance in the 18th Street Theater. The performance is "Crowns" which is about Hats and the story behind each Hat. Performance will be April 15- 27, 2008 and she invited everyone to come and enjoy the performance. Our thanks go out to the children for a wonderful performance and the opportunity for a "signing" lesson.

The luncheon was roast pork, potatoes and gravy, winter vegetables and peaches and cream for dessert we commend the cook and her crew.

President Thomas asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published; the motion was made by Joan Martin and seconded by Cameron Davis. Maxine Kroeplin made a motion to file the Treasurers report for audit.

President Thomas welcomed the following new members/guests; Karen and Walt Sutter, Mary Ballowe, Helen Bauer and Bob Lister. Recognizing the April birthdays and anniversaries followed the welcome.

Under Business, the State Convention was discussed; the Blue cards were passed out to the Delegates. The Delegates were reminded that they must have these cards to be admitted the various activities. President Thomas asked for items for the Alzheimer's live auction, she said members may bring items and drop them off at her house. President Thomas also mentioned a couple of items in the NARFE Magazine, the first was Silver Circle Contribution on page 27 of the March edition, for a contribution of \$25.00 or more you will receive a 2007-2008 Silver Circle pin and your name will be listed in NARFE magazine with other contributors, the second item was the NARFE scholarship program; children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and stepchildren of all current NARFE members are eligible to apply, all details are in the NARFE magazine.

Cameron Davis mentioned that the Isis Shrine provided 1800 Circus Tickets to children on Fort Riley by the Isis Temple. These efforts were soundly applauded by the NARFE members.

Jim Dodd, Legislative Chair, provided copies of the April Hotline messages.

Membership Chairwoman, Carole Blixt thanked the members for being so prompt on the referral program. We are still in the membership contest.

Sunshine Chairwoman, Janet Harold did not have a report, but did admonish everyone to stay healthy.

Public Relations: Today's attendees donated \$124.00 for Alzheimer's. Our Chapter has raised over a total \$7,000 dollars this year mostly due to the efforts of Madelyn and June Buckles. Way to go ladies!

Door prizes were won by: Verleen Byrn, Dee Campbell, Dorothy Beckman, Jim Martin, Dorothy Luttmann and June Walters. The Old Trooper NARFE Chapter 383 was adjourned at 12:40 to meet again at 11:30 on May 8, 2008, at the Senior Citizens Center.



TREASURER, 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 Kroepflin
- 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 Galloway
(Dwight area)
- List #15 Jonetta Rector
(Chapman area)

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT		PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2008
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>BALANCE ON HAND - LAST REPORT</u>	<u>\$2,613.99</u>
Total Dues Collected	\$105.68	
Lunch	\$366.00	
Alzheimer's	<u>\$104.50</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>\$676.18</u>	
Total to Be Accounted For:		\$3,290.17
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Relay for Life	25.00	
Decorations	14.95	
Alzheimer's	104.50	
Cost of Newsletter	94.00	
Stamps (Newsletter)	49.50	
Rent	72.00	
Lunch	261.00	
Door Prizes	14.58	
Convention Door Prize	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Disbursements:	\$645.53	
Balance Carried Forward:		\$2,644.64



SUNSHINE CHAIR Report, Janet Harrel:

Janet sent a get well TO Ray Thompson, Bobbi Davis and Vi Martin. We wish you all speedy recovery.



Blonde Jokes

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, 'Which do you think is farther away... Florida or the moon?'

The other blonde turns and says 'Helloooooo, can you see Florida???'

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, 'What's the story?' He replies, 'Just crap in the carburetor.' She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'



Program Chair, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby:

The next meeting of NARFE will be June 12, 2008, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Program for the luncheon will be Natalie Vieyra playing dinner music on the piano. **DON'T FORGET - THIS IS OUR POT LUCK LUNCHEON.**

11 September: Donna Martinson, Sleep - GOOD or NOT ENOUGH?

9 October: Pam Maxwell, BC/BS

13 November: Tentatively TJ Taylor



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Blonde Jokes, Continued

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a hug, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you.'

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank. 'Yoo Hoo!' she shouts, 'How can I get to the other side?' The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side.'



POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR, Larry Young:

BE SURE TO READ THE *LEGISLATIVE REPORT* on page 10 of your May 2008 NARFE Magazine - Lots of interesting information. Just remember, even though nothing has passed recently, we have not lost any benefits for several years due to the vigilant watch by our legislative representatives. Support them by sending money to PAC. **Only we can fight for our rights.**



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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