



“OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

OCTOBER 2009

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Schedule of Upcoming Events (as of 1 October 2009)

- **9:00-3:00, 16 October 2009: Retirement Appreciation Days, Fort Riley, Kansas: We need volunteers to help sign up new members.** Please see June Wood, Carole Blixt, or Dixie Thomas.
- **9:00, 21 October 2009: Meeting/Topeka Chapter, Finalize 2010 NARFE Convention**
- **8:00-3:00, 27 October 2009: Fort Riley Health Fair, Fort Riley, Kansas: We need volunteers to help sign up new members.** Please see June Wood, Carole Blixt, or Dixie Thomas.
- **11:00, 9 November 2009: Executive Board Meeting, Library**
- **11:30, 12 November 2009: Chapter 383 Luncheon/Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center/Melody Saxton, Health Department**
Vote: 2010 Chapter Officers
Vote: Referendum on dues
- **11:00, 7 December 2009: Executive Board Meeting, Library**
- **11:30, 10 December 2009: Chapter 383 Luncheon/Meeting, Sr. Citizens Center/Manny & Troubadours/ Swearing in of 2010 Chapter Officers**

Chapter Officer comments/Information

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Minutes of September 2009 Meeting provided by Lannie Pender, Secretary:
Opening: President Jim Martin, of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the Sept. 10, 2009 Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. The Invocation was led by Maxine Kroeplin, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Martin extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month September, Becky Fechner was added to the birthday list. President Martin introduced new member Mary Brown and visitors Don Cooper Area 3 Vice President and Denise Harrel. President Martin called for the reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer’s report, he asked for a motion to accept the Minutes, the motion was made by Joan Martin. He then asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, the motion was made by Opal Dalton. Both reports were accepted.

New Business: President Martin announced a Fort Riley Health Fair has been scheduled for October 27, 09, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and our Chapter has been invited to set up a table to provide hand outs. Dixie Thomas is taking charge of this project. Anyone wanting to help with this please contact Dixie. President Martin also put out a call for a new PAC officer, anyone interested please contact President Martin.

President Martin announced that nominations for new officers will be made at October meeting and everyone should be thinking of whom they might want to nominate, election will be in Nov. Members should bring non perishables, for the food pantry, to the October meeting.

Don Cooper, Area 3, Vice Pres., spoke at length about the National Dues referendum; details were printed in the newsletter. This matter will be voted on at the October meeting, Chapters have one vote per each 50 members, our Chapter has 6 (six) votes. This vote will be



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Of course, those attending the luncheon will receive a newsletter at the luncheon - no change.

ALZHEIMER'S FUND: 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!!

conducted by a paper ballot. Don Cooper commended the Old Trooper Chapter on our active participation for NARFE, and the high number of members at the Chapter meetings. President Martin read letters of appreciation from the Alzheimer's Association for our contribution of \$99 in June 09. He also read a letter from the Church of Covenant for our memorial for Lawrence Young. There was a report on the CONK from Carole Blixt, which took place at South Sioux City, NE. She stated that our State Conventions with excellent speakers provides so much information and you learn a lot. However, she believes the CONK appeared to be a bit repetitive and that she learned just as much and more from the State convention. Carole encouraged all to attend the State conventions if they want to learn about NARFE Legislative: Jim Dodd spoke on several Hotline messages and he has put our newsletters and those other Chapters on the website. He said we can expect increases in Health Insurance and in Medicare payments and we should not look for a "cost of living" increase this year. He also gave us a word of warning about making telephone calls to 809-284 Area Code, this Area Code costs \$25.00 per minute.

Speaker: The speaker was Tami Rhea from Westar Energy. She passed out kits that contained an energy saving light bulb, switch plate and outlet insulators, energy wheel, energy efficiency book and a home energy suite brochure. She gave very good information on energy saving tips, such as turning computers off at night, and using switch plate and outlet insulators as these areas let in a lot of outside air. Also if you have older hot water heaters get a blanket for it, and think about installing heat pumps. There were 97 reservations and 91 in attendance. Alzheimer's raised \$100.50. At the October 8th meeting Pam Maxwell will be speaker. The winner of the drawings were; Martha Upshaw, Joan Martin, Vera Vaughn and June Walters

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance Sep 1, 2009 \$1,724.80
 Receipts \$494.52
 Expenses \$1,928.69
 Ending Balance \$290.63

Chapter News

The following Referendum will be voted on at the 8 October meeting: BALLOT WILL BE PROVIDED AT MEETING!

Bylaws:

Article 1, Section 2. Membership Categories

- A. Regular members: Members who pay NARFE dues.
- B. Life members: Members who pay present and future NARFE dues in a lump sum. (Ref. Rule 1, Section 1A)
- C. Honorary: Members who have been granted the right to a National membership without further payment of National dues. (Ref. Rule1, Section1B)
- D. Members-at-Large: Members who belong to the National Association but not to a chapter. (Ref. Rule1, Section 1C)

Article 1, Section 3. Membership Recruitment. The association, in addition to direct recruitment, shall recruit members through Chapters. All new members shall meet all requirements of membership by paying NARFE dues. In addition the NEB may establish or eliminate incentive programs to benefit member recruitment and retention. These programs will not have a term in excess of two (2) years. (Note: Section 3A thru 3C will be deleted)

Article 1, Section 4. NARFE Dues

- A. NARFE dues for Regular Members shall be \$40.00. Reduction in NARFE Dues may be prescribed in the Standing Rules. (Ref. Rule 1, Section 1D)
- B. The dues amount for NARFE Life Membership shall be established by the National Executive Board based on actuarial tables.
- C. Any member whose dues are in arrears for three (3) months or more shall, after due notice by Headquarters, be dropped from the rolls and all rights and privileges granted under the provisions of the Bylaws shall cease.

Article IV, Section 3. Membership and Dues. Deleted.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Martin
Verleen Byrn
Melba Easley
Clara Belle Endsley
Eva Freeman
Jack Herron
Mildred McDiffett
Daisy McTavish
Orval Rodgers
Judy Germann
Carmin Larkin
Vaughan Llewelyn
James Nelson
Dixie Thomas
Kathy Triplett
Gerald Vincent
Wanda Williams
Llellwyn McTavish
Jeane Huey

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Griffin
Mr. & Mrs. Ibarra
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bondurant

"THINKING OF YOU" CARDS SENT

June Buckles

"GET WELL" CARDS SENT

June Buckles
Frieda Sewart
Brunhilde Mukai
Joann Hoover
Dorothy Knox
Joan Martin

" SYMPATHY" CARDS SENT TO FAMILY OF

Brunhilde Mukai

Article V, Section 3. Membership and Dues. Deleted.

Standing rules:

Rule 1. Membership

Section 1. Membership/Dues

A. A voluntary Life Membership shall be available to all eligible for membership upon payment of a non-refundable actuarially determined amount that will yield the approximate equivalent of the annual NARFE Dues at the time of purchase.

B. An honorary member may request recognition under the Distinguished Member program upon written request to the National Office and by resuming payment of NARFE Dues. (Ref Article 1, Section 5A)

C. Members currently classified as Members-at-Large shall be permitted to retain that status unless they drop their membership. If these members subsequently choose to rejoin the Association, they shall meet all requirements for membership by paying NARFE Dues.

D. For dues withholding (DW), a 10% reduction in NARFE dues will be offered. Distribution of dues will be as follows:

(1) For NARFE dues, \$9.00 will be provided to chapters. Ten percent (\$4.00) will be provided to federation. A 10% reduction for DW members, \$8.00 will be provided to chapters while \$3.60 will go to the federation.

(2) For Members-at-Large. National Only members will maintain their current status and will pay \$29.00 annually to National, 10 % (\$2.90) will go to the federations.

(3) For Honorary Members. Honorary membership granted before the 2008 National Convention – these members pay \$9.00 to the chapter unless this fee has been waived by the chapter.

(4) For Life Members. Life members prior to the implementation of NARFE Dues will maintain their current status and pay \$9.00 to the chapter unless they are chapter life members.

(5) For Active Federal Employees (AFE). The special incentive for AFEs was cancelled in 2008. All AFEs recruited before that date will maintain their current status and as long as they remain AFEs, they will be allowed to renew at the special incentives rates. Upon leaving federal service, they will renew under NARFE Dues.

Note: The above will become a new Rule 1, Section 1. The existing Section 1 will become Section 2 and Section 2 will become Section 3.

1. Reasons the change should be adopted.

a. The adoption of this would put to rest the constant arguments of the chapter requirement. There would be no National dues or Chapter dues – there would be ONE dues, the NARFE dues.

b. This would certainly help our retention efforts. Members could chose to participate in chapter activities or not and both ways they would have one simple and easy dues.

c. It would enhance our recruiting efforts. We will have one dues for new members. No longer do we have to answer what happens after the first year membership fee expires – we presently have to tell potential members that dues depend on the chapter of assignment.

**Distribution of NARFE Dues
(If NARFE Dues Referendum is Approved)**

1. NARFE Dues, \$40.00 annually. Federation is remitted \$4.00 (10% as required by NARFE Bylaws), chapter is remitted \$9.00, and National retains \$27.00.

2. Dues Withholding, \$36.00 annually. Federation is remitted \$3.60 (10% as required by NARFE Bylaws), chapter is remitted \$8.00, and National retains \$24.40.

3. Active Federal Employees. As long as they are Active Federal Employees, they may renew at the special incentives. Once they retire, they will pay NARFE dues.

4. Members-at-Large. National Only members will continue to pay the old National dues of \$29.00.

5. Life Members. Chapters will be remitted \$9.00.

6. New Life Members. New actuarial tables with be established, \$9.00 will be remitted to the chapter and \$4.00 to the Federation.

7. Honorary Members (Grandfathered). Chapters will be remitted \$9.00 unless this has been waived by the chapter.



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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.

April 2009: Robert Brent

May 2009: Alice McClain

May 2009: Carl Wright

August 2009: Larry Young

September 2009:
Brunhilde Mukai
Dale Bergstrom



8. Distinguished Members. They will be charged \$40.00 for NARFE dues with \$4.00 remitted to the Federation, \$9.00 to the chapter and the rest to National.



You will be provided a ballot for voting at the 10 October luncheon/meeting!!



Why do we love children?

KETCHUP: A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

POLICE: It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

DEATH: While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.' (*I want this line used at my funeral!!*)

SCHOOL: A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

BIBLE: A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out... 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'



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