



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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Special Projects,
Appointed as needed.

NARFE STATE CONVENTION

April 27-29



Grand Prairie Hotel and Convention Center, Hutchinson, Kansas

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 for you.

DELEGATES AT LARGE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION:

Dixie Thomas, President, State Federation Editor and Chapter Editor
Jim Dodd, Past STATE Federation President and Chapter Legislative Chairman
Madelyn Brown, State Federation Treasurer and Chapter Treasurer

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION:

Don Campbell, Member and Chapter 1st Vice President and Public Relations Chair
Carole Blixt, Member and Chapter 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair
Lannie Pender, Member and Chapter Secretary
Walt Germann, Chapter Service Officer
Dee Campbell, Member
Clarence Lehner, Member
Lorna Lehner, Member
June Wood, Member



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.**



"April Showers Bring May Flowers"



April Birthdays (Make sure we have your birthday)

Happy Birthday to Joann Hoover, Roberta Obrecht, Otis Scroggins, Michelene Fields, Stephany Walker, Bert Thomas, Paul Keck, Doris MacClaird-Nelson, Gary Miles, Edna Snyder, and William Miller.



April Anniversaries (Make sure we have your anniversary)

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Llewelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baresel and Mr. and Mrs. Max Albin. Many, Many More!



Minutes of the March 2008 Meeting

Lannie Pender, Secretary

President Dixie Thomas, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter #383 called the March 13, 2008 meeting to order at 1130, at the 4H/senior Citizens Center.

Larry Young led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance.

President Dixie Thomas welcomed new members Jim and Jean King, Barb and Larry Steppe and June Wood.

President Dixie Thomas extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of March.

President Dixie Thomas called for the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report. She then asked for a motion and a second from the floor to approve or modify the minutes. A motion was made by Cameron Davis and seconded by Virginia Smith, motion was approved as written and filed for audit.

Jim Dodd, Legislative Chair, apprised the group of the Hotline message of March 7 that covered pay raises for military and retirees but the bill has not been signed yet. Jim, mentioned the Stimulus Bill, for those people that did not file taxes in 2006, they must fill out a tax return for 2007. Jim also spoke about current salaries as compared to past salaries, as we all know there has been a big difference, though the years.

Don Campbell Public Relations Chair, has found out that NARFE can and will place an Ad in the Post Paper once a month. This way we hope to stimulate questions from current Federal Employees and possibly increase membership.

Walt Germann, Service Officer, mentioned the importance of Estate Planning.

Carole Blixt, Membership Chair has a great deal of very important information on the Political Action Committee (PAC) arm of NARFE and work this committee does to protect the rights of Federal retirees.

Sunshine Report by Janet Harold spoke about the Casino trip and everyone had a good time whether they won or lost. She turned a check over to President Dixie Thomas and Treasurer Madelyn Brown for \$265.00. President Thomas said \$100.00 will go to Alzheimer's and \$165.00 will go to the Chapter.

There were 94 reservations, 84 members and 5 guests in attendance; \$103.50 was collected for Alzheimer's.

The speaker was Teri Whale, RN for 25 Yrs., Director of Home Health Care and Hospice. She gave a background sketch of how the Geary Co., Hospice was created. She



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!!

"INDECISION is the key to FLEXIBILITY!!"

"We have enough youth. How about a fountain of "smart"?"

"Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity."

Kids are Quick

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America ..
 MARIA: Here it is.
 TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?
 CLASS: Maria. 3

stated the Hospice serves an average of 60 patients and family whose average age is 73. The motto of Hospice is "Caring not Cure." She went on to detail the programs, Hospice also provides medical equipment and they follow the families for 13 months after a bereavement providing moral support. It was an outstanding program that all enjoyed.

The program for April will be the Spring Valley Singers. The April Menu will be Roast Pork, Potatoes and Gravy, winter vegetables, peaches and cream.

Door prizes were won: by Marilyn Bielefeld, Becky Feckner, Vi Martin and Jonetta Rector.



TREASURER, Madelyn Brown:

Beginning Balance \$2,449.67
 Receipts \$923.78
 Expenses \$759.46
 Ending Balance \$2,613.99



SUNSHINE CHAIR Report, Janet Harrel:

Janet sent a thinking of you note to Vi Martin and Carmen Larkin. A get well was sent to Dorothy Knox, Carmen Larkin, Dee Campbell and Lee Chaves-Bibby. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Agatha Schuster.



Program Chair, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby:

APRIL 2008 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be May 8, 2008, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Program for the luncheon with be Garry Burgess, Director, Emergency Management, speaking on the new emergency issues for Junction City and the surrounding county.

- 12 June: Natalie Vieyra – Piano – Dinner Music
- 11 September: Donna Martinson, Sleep – GOOD or NOT ENOUGH?
- 9 October: Pam Maxwell, BC/BS
- 13 November: Tentatively TJ Taylor



POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR, Larry Young:

BE SURE TO READ THE *LEGISLATIVE REPORT* on page 10 of your April 2008 NARFE Magazine. In addition, you received a letter from NARFE President, Margaret Baptiste, addressing NARFE's plan to stay clear of the Presidential politics and "be engaged where NARFE PAC resources can best serve our association interests – in Congressional races." Giving to NARFE PAC is one of the most important ways to fight Congress taking away our benefits or, on the reverse, protecting our benefits. Give NOW!



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Kids are Quick, Con't

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplications on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.



IN MEMORIAM: This is a new column to remember those who have passed away over the year. The new year will commence 17 April 2008. However, I would like you to remember those who were friends and members of our organization.

- May 2007: Alta McCluskey, Charter member of Chapter 383
- July 2007: Robert Beam
- July 2007: Merrill Hanson
- August 2007: William R. Zellner
- September 2007: Bill James Martin
- October 2007: Donald S. Lichtenhan
- December 2007: Leslie L. Worrell
- December 2007: Rachel Bickerstaff
- December 2007: Bessie L. McMahon
- December 2007: Alice Ilene Wright
- December 2007: Lillian Young
- January 2008: Dorothy M. Leslie
- January 2008: Helen M. Norris
- January 2008: Lester Smith
- March 2008: Agatha Schuster



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