



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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Chapter 383, 2008
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Special Projects,
Appointed as needed.

2008 OFFICERS SWORN IN BY JIM DODD, PAST STATE PRESIDENT



Don Campbell, 1st Vice President/Public Relations, Carole Blixt, 2nd Vice President/Membership, Dixie Thomas, President, Lannie Pender, Secretary and Madelyn Brown, Treasurer Back Row: Jim Dodd

March 2008 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be March 13, 2008, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Program for March will be Terri Wahle of Geary Community Hospital. She will speak on Home Health and Hospice. (If you have any suggestions for programs, it would be appreciated. Just give the suggestion to a board member.)

February Birthdays (Make sure we have your birthday)

Happy Birthday to Calvin Bernard, Lola Brighton, Ron Gabbert, Sharon Griffin, Setsu Harp, Linda Kreiser, James Martin, Evelyn Lacey, Marilyn Wasylk, Virginia McDiffett, Clifford Rector, and Virginia Smith.

February Anniversaries (make sure we have your anniversary)

Happy Anniversary to Frank and Setsu Harp, Thomas and Peg Dutton, Dallas and Dorothy Luttmann, and Lennie and Carole Blixt. Many, Many More!!!

Sunshine Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chair

Sympathy cards were sent to Dorothy Leslie, Donald Kohls, family of Lester Smith, family of Dorothy Butler, Madelyn Brown and family of Helen Norris. We send our thoughts and prayers to each family.





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.**



NARFE TRIP 8 March 2008 to Prairie Band Casino

Janet Harrel is selling tickets for a NARFE bus trip to the Prairie Band Casino. The cost is \$10.00 per person and upon arriving at the Casino; the \$10.00 will be refunded if you have your casino card, pin number and a PHOTO ID with you when you arrive. Additionally, you will receive a free buffet. This trip is scheduled for 8 March, departing the Wal-Mart parking lot across from Taco Bell at 7:45 am and returning around 4:30 pm. Sounds like a lot of fun!!!

Old Trooper Chapter # 383 2008 Budget (Proposed)

Last month we briefly discussed the increasing costs for our Chapter to operate and maintain. In order for our members to make informed decisions, the proposed budget identifying income and expenses is provided. These figures are based on averaging last year's costs with known increases included.

PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET
INCOME

ITEM	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	REMARKS
	Average	Average	
HQ dues rec'd per member	\$105.00	\$ 840.00	Based on # of members
Lunch cost rec'd (avg 100)	\$400.00	\$3,200.00	(Pay \$2.50 per lunch - Income \$1.50 per lunch)
Donations	\$ 10.00	\$ 80.00	Usually for stamps
Alzheimer's Donations	\$110.00	\$ 880.00	Total amt sent to State Alzheimer's
Proposed Total Income	\$625.00	\$5,000.00	

PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET
EXPENSES

Item	Monthly	Annual	Remarks
	Average	Average	
Per Capita-\$1 per member per year		\$ 220.00	Bylaw change pdg Convention approval/disapproval to go to \$1.50 per member
Stamps	\$ 75.00	\$ 600.00	Avg 150 newsletter mailings per mo
Newsletter Printing	\$ 85.00	\$ 680.00	Avg 200 - 250 4- page letters per mo
Rent	\$ 72.00	\$ 576.00	Rent Center from 10:00 - 1:00
Lunches - depends on # of attendees	\$255.00	\$2,040.00	Check to Center for # of lunches served (\$2.50)
Alzheimer's	\$110.00	\$ 880.00	All monies rec'd go towards Alzheimer's research - no admin funds charged
Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 400.00	Copies, Candy, Cookies, Door Prizes, badges, ink, envelopes, paper, etc
Proposed total expenses	\$647.00	\$5,396.00	
Income less expenses		(\$ 396.00) Loss	



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR LADIES THAT DO THE CALLING EVERY MONTH. WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HELP!!!

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 Galloway
(Dwight area)

List #15 Jonetta Rector
(Chapman area)

Ending 31 January 2008

<i>Beginning Balance 1 January 2008</i>	\$2,770.96
<i>Receipts</i>	\$ 512.03
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 907.21
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$2,375.78

(NOTE: *We currently have a balance in our checking account. This was possible by selling ads for the convention booklet (last year) and receiving a \$700.00 donation (last year) from one of our members. We can maintain a balance by having fund raisers of some type to make money for our chapter. Suggestions would be appreciated.)*

Issue #1: Old Trooper Newsletter

Like everything else, cost to do the newsletter is increasing. Last year, we paid \$501.00 for printing and \$291.20 for postage. Copies are kept to a minimum as much as possible. Newsletters are sent via e-mail to as many as possible to save on printing and postage. If we want to continue to send the newsletter monthly, we will need more funds or develop alternative ways to getting the newsletter to our members. Suggestions? Recommendations?

Issue #2: Room Rental

For the second year in a row, room rental has increased. We received a letter and contract in December stating the rent would go to \$72.00 per month (\$576.00). Of course, costs of running a building are going up every year. Is this the best deal in town? There are not many places in town that we can have the type of meeting that we have now plus an affordable meal. Suggestions? Recommendations?

Issue #3: Per Capita Dues (State Federation request)

The Federation is asking for a donation of \$.50 per member from each chapter to help offset the past expenses and to help with training. (Per Capita - \$228.00, Voluntary Donation \$114.00.) We voted last month to NOT DONATE the extra \$114.00 to State to offset their costs. However, we now need to know how to vote at the State Convention regarding raising the per capita to \$1.50 per member. We do not have any explanation at this time except the State needs to offset training costs presented all over the State. The issue to raise the State per capita will come before the convention in April.

This will be a change to the by-law that we will vote on at the convention to make the per capita \$1.50 per member. If we vote for it that is how we vote at the convention. If we are not for it that is how we vote at the convention. Suggestions? Recommendations?

Minutes of the January Meeting

Lannie Pender, Secretary

Outgoing President Jim Martin called the meeting of the **National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)** to order, January 10, 2008.

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

Jim Dodd installed the new officers and they immediately assumed their responsibilities. The new officers are: President, Dixie Thomas, 1st Vice-President Don Campbell, 2nd Vice-President Carole Blixt, Secretary Lannie Pender and Treasurer Madelyn Brown .

President, Dixie Thomas extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of January. She welcomed and introduced visitors Ramona and Walt Solonka who are transferring here from Colorado.

Jim Dodd announced the date of the State Convention in Hutchinson and asked for delegates. Delegates for the State Convention will be signed up at the February meeting. It was agreed that Chapter 383 would place a full page Ad in the State Convention Booklet. President Dixie Thomas brought before the members the issue of an increase per Capita by \$.50 per member per year voluntarily be raised by the chapter. This would raise the per capita by an additional \$114.00. The reason behind the increase is to offset costs incurred by the State Federation in training that is conducted at various chapters across the State. This issue will be discussed and voted on before the state convention. A motion was made to wait until after the State Convention to act upon this increase.

Membership Chairperson, Carole Blixt announced an incentive for membership gains. She said that there are awards from the National office in the total amount of \$4000.00 for signing new members and retention of members, and explained how it will work.

Walt Germann thanked everyone who called about deceased members. He stressed the importance of "Be Prepared for Life Events", booklet. Completing the information in this booklet provides your caregivers/relatives important information as to your legal information. This booklet is issued by the NARFF.



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TIME FOR A LAUGH:

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!"

"Heck," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

NARFE.

Guest Speaker was Richard Ross, Fire marshal of the Junction City Fire Department. He explained the various aspect of his position. He presented information on what to do when people need to call an ambulance. He advised that His office as Fire marshal, received a grant of several hundred fire alarms to install in homes, at no cost. If members will call his office, he will schedule them to receive free fire alarms for their homes to include installation.

There were 92 reservations with 88 in attendance. Alzheimer's Research collections were \$94.50. Door prizes were won by Wallie Mitchell, Art Baresel, Billie Jo Rivera and Bob Brent.

The OLD TROOPER NARFE CHARPTER 383 was adjourned and will meet again at 11:30 a.m. on February 14, 2008 at the Senior Citizens Center.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, Carole Blixt: 1. Current (Active) Federal employees now pay the same membership fees as retirees so forms referencing current employees are obsolete: The self-mailing membership applications for current employees; "Introduction to NARFE" Form # F-102; and, any membership forms from old NARFE magazines for "current employee" SHOULD NOT BE USED.

2. DUES WITHHOLDING: Page 46 of the Feb 2008 NARFE Magazine explains Dues Withholding and the ASSOCIATED cost breaks for members when they sign up for DUES WITHHOLDING.

NARFE Membership Referral Form		
Please send my friend membership information today!		
Name _____	_____	_____
Initial	Last	First
Address _____	_____	_____
	Street	Apt#
	_____	_____
	City	State
ZIP	_____	_____
Referred By _____	NARFE # 383	
Please complete and give this form to Carole Blixt or any NARFE officer.		

PAC CHAIR, Larry Young

The NARFE Executive Board has designated March 2008 as NARFE-PAC Month. As you know, PAC means Political Action Committee. The Committee is asking NARFE members for their voluntary financial support to be used solely for political purposes. NARFE-PAC helps elect Senators and Representatives who are sympathetic to the concerns of federal employees who support fair and equitable retirement progress. Whether your interest is guaranteed full funding for retirement benefits, fighting proposed reductions in those benefits, or ensuring that adequate health benefits are available to annuitants, NARFE-PAC is the political action committee working for you. You all can supply the necessary muscle and voice to be heard by contributing to NARFE-PAC. The minimum qualifying contribution for a NARFE-PAC pin is \$20.00, but the important factor is every contribution, regardless of the amount is important. Consider it an offer you can't pass up. Just prepare the appropriate form and send them a check. By supporting this program the annuity you save may be your own.