



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

NOVEMBER 2010

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### Chapter 383, 2009

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Thompson, 762-5249  
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922-6706

Sunshine, Janet Harrel, 238-  
7488

NARFE-PAC, Carole Blixt, 922-  
6413

Decorating, Opal Dalton,  
922-6551 and Virginia Adam,  
922-6706

Program, Leonetta Chaves-  
Bibby, 238-6642

Editor, Dixie Thomas, 238-  
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Chaplain, Otis Scroggins, 238-  
1342

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- List # 2 Sharon Griffin, 238-5382
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- List # 4 Pat Fisher, 762-5249
- List # 5 Leonetta Chaves-Bibby, 238-6642
- List # 6 Maxine Kroeplin, 238-2990
- List # 7 Dee Campbell, 238-6082
- List # 8 Dorothy Luttmann, 461-5577
- List # 9 Wally Mitchell, 238-3423
- List #10 Janet Harrel, 238-7488
- List #11 Joan Martin, 210-0211
- List #12 Joyce Peoples, 238-3005
- List #13 Ramona Norcross, 762-2218
- List #14 Dorothy Gallaway, 482-  
3297 (Dwight area)
- List #15 Jonetta Rector, 922-6605  
(Chapman area)



## Upcoming Events

11 Nov – Veteran’s Day

12 Nov – 11:30: Old Trooper Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Center, 1025 S. Spring Valley Rd

6 Dec – 11:00: Executive Board Meeting, Dorothy Bramlage Library

9 Dec – 11:30: Old Trooper Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Center, 1025 S. Spring Valley Rd

**CONVENTION UPDATE!** Jim Mitchell and Dixie Thomas met with the Convention Center representatives and finalized the meals and prices for the NARFE State Convention April 10-12, 2011. We are trying to come up with a “theme” for the Convention. Next year Kansas will be 150 years old and we are thinking something to do with sunflowers and the State’s birthday. Any ideas? Let us know! Those of you that have email addresses, you received a copy of our ad sizes and prices for the program book. For those of you that do not have a computer, we made up copies for you to take with you when you go to any establishment that you frequent. Ask them if they would buy an ad in our program booklet.

### COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS: WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Convention Chairperson: Jim Mitchell  
Convention Co-Chair: Dixie Thomas  
Banquet & Decorations: Still pending  
Financial: Nancy Wiehl



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.

**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!!**

Host and Hostess: Wally Mitchell, Jim & Vi Martin, Don & Marilyn Bielefeld (?),  
 Information Chair: Joan Martin, Donna Schmutz  
 Memorial Service: Still pending  
 Publicity Chair: Madelyn Brown  
 Printing Chair: Jim Dodd  
 Registration Chair: Barbara Thibodeau with/ Madelyn Brown, June and Carlos Buckles, Joan Martin, Dixie Thomas, Nancy Wiehl, Celina Vincent (  
 Hospitality Chair: Maxine Kroeplin, Karen Baldwin, Sharon Griffin  
 Credential Chair: Lanny Pender  
 Sergeants of Arms: Ray Thompson with / Bert Thomas, Jim Nelson, Don Campbell, Bob Norcross, Clarence Lehner  
 Chaplain: Otis Scroggins  
 Convention Time Keeper: Carole Blixt  
 Alzheimer's Committee: Opal Dalton with / Virginia Adam, Dee Campbell, Joyce Peoples (?), Marie Sawyer (Sunday), Billie Jo Rivera (Sunday)

**NOTE FROM DIXIE THOMAS, NEWSLETTER EDITOR: WE STILL NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. I WILL GIVE YOU THE FORMAT, ADDRESSES AND BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES. EVERYTHING IS SET UP, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CUT AND PASTE OR JUST FILL IN. YOU GET THE SUNSHINE REPORT, TREASURERS REPORT AND THE SECRETARIES REPORT TO BE PUT INTO THE PAPER. WE WILL ASK OTHERS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING BUT TYPE IT UP, EMAIL IT TO THE PRINTERY AND SEND OUT. THIS IS ONLY TEN TIMES PER YEAR. SO PLEASE, THINK ABOUT IT. THE END OF THE YEAR IS COMING FAST.**

**CHAPTER NEWS**



**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:** Auguster Davis, Billie Jo Rivera, Dorothy Osburn, Elton Vaughn, Jim Dodd, Joe Gilmore, Madelyn Brown, Marshall Heath, Martha Upshaw, Paul Hood, Sherman Washburn, Vanetta Brumbaugh, Walter Salonka and Chrystal Roome.



**HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO:** Don and Florence Whitebread, Jim and Vi Martin, Joe and Dorothy Knox, Tom and Lola Strom and Jim and June Wood. Many, Many more to all of you!

(Remember – the only way your name(s) get on the list is if you tell the Editor – no where is there any birthday or anniversary in the NARFE files. Dixie Thomas)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender:**

President Jim Martin, of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the October 14, 2010, Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30. The meeting was held at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.  
 Invocation: Otis Scroggins led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 President Martin extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of October, he also extended a welcome to Sue Swenson.  
 President Martin called for the reading of the minutes and the Treasurer's report. President Martin asked for a motion, motion was made by Ray Thompson, motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report, motion was passed. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.



Two blondes were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the Interstate when they saw the sign that said Disneyland LEFT. They started crying and turned around and went home.

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

I gave up jogging for my health when my thighs kept rubbing together and setting fire to my panties.

Skinny people irritate me! Especially when they say things like... 'You know sometimes I forget to eat!' .....Now, I've forgotten my address, my mother's maiden name, and my keys, but I have never forgotten to eat.. You have to be a special kind of stupid to forget to eat!

***PS... Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?***

*Yup, it's in the Bible. It says. . 'He' -brews'*

**New Business:** President Martin stated that a new newsletter editor is needed, anyone interested please call Dixie Thomas. Discussion on reducing the cost of the newsletter took place; a suggestion was made to stop mailing local and only mail to out of town members, people receiving emailed copies could make a copy and bring it to the Chapter meeting. Tom Case asked if there is a requirement for a monthly letter, the answer was we need a newsletter; however, Jim Dodd puts the newsletter on our website. Ray Thompson, made a motion that we send email and discontinue local mailing, Dixie Thomas seconded the motion, motion carried. Madelyn would like lifetime dues before Jan. 1, 2011. It was stated that Bill McHale of the Ft. Riley Museum is looking for Ft. Riley memorabilia; his number is 239-2737. Jim Mitchell gave a State Convention Report; Dixie Thomas gave a report on the Convention Budget. Jim Mitchell State Conv. Program Chair asked Leonetta for help with entertainment. Nominations for next year's Officers were held with the following results. President Jim Mitchell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ray Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Sharon Strain, Secretary Lannie Pender, Treasurer Madelyn Brown.

**Sunshine Report:** Janet Harrell asked that people leaving messages on her home phone, please leave name and number.

**Legislative:** Jim Dodd, Legislative Officer stated that the NARFE Oct issue Pg. 29 listed how Rep/Senators voted on issues.

**Service Officer:** Walt Germann stated that he has been visiting other Chapters, his last visit was to Osage City/Scott City, KS.

**Entertainment:** Lindsey Scott from BC/BS gave an update of the coming changes. Among the changes she listed:

Dependents are to be covered until age 26

Tell your Dr. you are there for covered procedures; see Pgs 9-10 for benefit changes.

She mentioned a great many items: Drug Changes (be sure your scripts read 90 days) and changes to the Co-Pay. She had new hand books and blue carry bags and she also discussed open season.

November entertainment will be Fred Myers with his accordion.

There were 95 reservations and 85 were present. There was \$76.74 collected for Alzheimer's.

Winners of the door prizes (Lindsey Scott donated four BC/BS carry totes) The totes were won by Ray Thompson, Robert Norcross, Rebecca Feckner and Phyllis Gates; regular door prizes were won by Lannie Pender, Ruth Asbury, Doreen Kanode and Dan Rickman.



### **TREASURER'S REPORT by Madelyn Brown:**

Beginning Balance Oct 1, 2010 \$743.68

Receipts \$527.76

Expenses \$476.53

Ending Balance Oct 31, 2010 \$794.91



### **SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel**

A sympathy card was sent to Karen Baldwin and a get well card was sent to June Wood. Everyone stay healthy. It's bound to get cold one of these days.





**IN MEMORIAM: THIS COLUMN IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEAR. PLEASE REMEMBER FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. MAY 2010, JUNE 2010, JULY 2010, AUGUST 2010, SEPTEMBER 2010, OCTOBER 2010**

Sen. Sam Brownback  
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Sen. Pat Roberts  
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Rep. Jerry Moran (1<sup>st</sup> Dist)  
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620 665-6138

**WELCOME BARBARA WEIBELHAUS! OUR NEWEST MEMBER!** *Barbara is a current federal employee and works at the Inspector General Office as an Administrative Assistant / Information Systems. She has been at Fort Riley for two plus years and is working on getting her degree in Information Systems. In her "spare time" Barbara raises and shows Klee Kai puppies. She and her husband enjoy hunting, fishing and archery, gardening and canning. Welcome to NARFE Barbara!!*



The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government. [Thomas Jefferson](#)

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. [Thomas Jefferson](#)

[Thomas Jefferson](#) said in **1802**: *'I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.'*



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