

"Old Trooper" Newsletter

Old "Trooper" Chapter 383, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Junction City,
Kansas 66441
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The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement and health care benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors.



Happy Valentine's Day! We have received the state convention information from the Federation. The convention is 23-25 April 2017 and will be held at the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center, Hutchinson, Kansas. I need you to think about attending and let me or Lannie know by the March meeting. I have all the costs and cutoff dates here if you are interested and I hope you will attend.

We have extended the membership contest to the April meeting. I have extra applications but you can use the one in your magazine – just make sure you put Chapter 383 at the bottom of the application.

There will be a 50/50 ticket sale/raffle and I have tickets for sale. They are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00 for six. The first year they had the 50/50, I won \$250.00. Since then, it has been considerably higher. So, please, if you want tickets, see me. You do not have to be present to win and the other 50% goes to Alzheimer's research.

Happy Birthday to Carolyn Cook, Helmut holle, Jim Martin, Marilyn Wasylk, Sharon Griffin and Pat Fisher. I hope you all enjoy or enjoyed your day.

Happy Anniversary to Dallas and Dorothy Luttmann and Lennie and Carole Blixt. Congratulations to you and may you have many more anniversaries.

Sunshine Report (Wally Mitchell): Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Treasurer's Report (Wally Mitchell):

Beginning balance 1 January 2017:	\$2390.65
Receipts	456.67
Expenses	539.26
Ending Balance 31 January 2017:	\$2308.06



Secretary's Report (Lana Pender): National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), met January 12, 2017: President Dixie Thomas called the opened the meeting at 11:30. Dan Rickman gave the benediction and led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Thomas welcomed new members Thelma Guice and Jan McCormick (who was not present, as she still works); she extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of January.

President Thomas stated the Minutes are in the Newsletter and asked for a motion and a second to approve them; a motion was made by Jim Mitchell and seconded by Ray Thompson, motion passed. She then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report, motion made by Diana Dowling, seconded by Ray Thompson, motion passed, subject to audit.

Dixie reminded members of the membership contest; if you recruit 3 new members by February 9th you win \$50.00, if you recruit 2, you win \$25.00. If you need membership applications there is one in the NARFE magazine, which can be copied, just remember to put in your membership number and Chapter #383. There was a Public Announcement by Jim Mitchell that the Kiwanis will be holding a Meet and Greet at Cox Brothers on January 30th at 6 p.m., to explain what the Kiwanis does for the Community at large.

Jim Dodd gave the Legislative Report. He stated the House of Representatives has reinstated the Holman Rule which has not been used since the 1980s. Under the rule, an amendment may be offered during floor debate on an appropriations bill to do any of the following; reduce the number of employees at a federal agency, reduce the salaries of those employees, or eliminate a federal position and could go into effect without the proper hearings or debate. Jim also mentioned that we received a 2.1% average increase in our retirement, there was also an increase in Health Care.

Our speaker was Donna Swihart who is the Manager of the 12th Street Community Center. She and her husband moved to this area 8 years ago, from Lincoln, NE. Her interest has always been in education. She stated the Center is a fine facility, and very much underutilized. She has started several day time activities, one of which is the Puzzle Club, which takes place on Tuesday's from 12:00 to 3 p.m.; it is not about the puzzle but the fellowship that is shared. There is also a Card club that meets on Thursday evenings; the game of choice now is Pitch. There is Zumba exercise on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She is thinking about starting chair exercises, geared toward seniors. With the help of Jim Mitchell, she demonstrated the game of Pickle ball, which is a cross between Tennis and Badminton. This is played with a whiffle ball and large paddles; this sport has become very popular in senior communities; they are planning on setting up Pickle ball courts at the Center. Also, the Center has Curves type exercise machines; there is a small charge for the use of these and a charge for the Yoga classes. There are several people that use the Gym for walking; 12 times around the court is a mile. She said that their schedule and hours are posted on Facebook. She is very enthusiastic about what she is doing and working hard to increase use of the Center. Ms. Swihart was presented a certificate of appreciation from NARFE Chapter 383.

There were 53 reservations for the meeting and 49 in attendance. We collected \$100.00, good job members.

Door prizes were won by Carole Blixt, Marilyn Stephen, New Member; Thelma Guice, and Leroy Walter.

There was motion to adjourn at 12:50, made by Ray Thompson and seconded by Diana Dowling, motion passed.

