



“OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, Old Trooper Chapter #383,
Junction City, Kansas.

FEBRUARY 2013

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HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY

Upcoming Events

11 MAR 2013: Board Meeting, 11:00, Bramlage Library
14 MAR 2013: NARFE Meeting/Luncheon, 11:30, 4H/Senior Center, Spring Valley Road, Speaker will be Doug Vogelsang, Director Food Pantry



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Calvin Bernard, Carolyn Cook, Helmut Holle, James Martin, Marilyn Wasyk and Sharon Griffin.



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary to Dallas and Dorothy Luttmann and Lennie and Carole Blixt. Many, Many more.....

Note from Dixie Thomas, Public Relations: Bert Thomas, Jim Mitchell and I attended the 1st Annual Volunteer Fair which is a forum to provide information about NARFE. Most of the people we spoke to did not know about NARFE and that gave us an opportunity to “spread the word.” If they did not work at Fort Riley, they knew someone who did such as parent, husband, or friend.

SECRETARY’S REPORT by Lannie Pender Bob Norcross, President, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), called the January Old Trooper Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

Invocation: Chaplin Maxine Kroeplin, led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Norcross extended Birthday and Anniversary wishes for the months of January. He welcomed Denise Harrel and Harold Kleage, Area III Vice President, as guests.

President Norcross asked for a motion from the floor for the approval or modification of the December 2012 Minutes, a motion was made by Jim Mitchell and seconded by Ray Thompson motion passed. He then asked for a motion to accept the December Treasurer’s report a motion was made by Joan Martin and seconded by Florence Whitebread.

Harold Kleage was the visiting speaker. He gave some background information on himself, to include he is still working. He spoke about the Fiscal Cliff that it hasn’t really gone away; it has only been delayed again. Congress is against early retirement for Federal Employees which is not a good thing for NARFE. He urged the members to get involved with our Legislators, if they don’t have a computer, written letters still carry weight. He mentioned the Kansas State Convention coming up April 28-30 at Overland Park. He also noted that our State Representative is not very enthusiastic about Federal Employees, since we have two the secretary is not sure if it is Mr. Fawcett from the 65th District or Tom Moxley from the 68th,





Friends

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Written with a pen, sealed with a kiss,
If you are my friend, please answer me this:

Are we friends, or are we not?

You told me once, but I forgot.

So tell me now, and tell me true,

So I can say I'm here for you.

Of all the friends I've ever met,

You're the one I won't forget.

And if I die before you do,

I'll go to Heaven and wait for you,

I'll give the angels back their wings

And risk the loss of everything.

There isn't a thing I wouldn't do,

To have a friend just like you!

Source: Rhyming Friends Poem



May 2012 – April 2013


- Alan Stephen
- Richard Anderson
- John Pack
- Edna Patterson
- Morris Davis
- Barb Steppe

Mr. Kleage apologized for not being at our Chapter meeting before this. President Norcross thanked him for being the speaker.

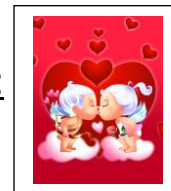
Legislative Report: Jim Dodd spoke about the 1099r in the future it will not be mailed we will not be able to get it on-line; but, we will be getting a message from OPM giving an option. Medicare did go up but not substantially. Jim talked about the State Convention. He talked about the NARFE Magazine; the format has changed, to cut costs all pictures are now on line. There was no membership report.

Sunshine Report: Wally Mitchell sent out two get well cards.

Public Relations: Dixie is going to set up a table at the Municipal Bldg. on Jan 19th. There were 67 reservations for the meeting and 66 present. We collected \$85.00 for Alzheimer's Door Prizes were won by Melba Easily, Peg Anderson, Judy Gardner and June Buckles. Meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

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

Beginning Balance 1/1/13	\$1,703.41
Receipts	407.02
Expenses	696.84
Ending Balance 1/31/13	\$1,413.59



2013 NARFE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

The NARFE Scholarship Program for 2013 will run from February 1 through April 26. A copy of the official application appears in the February issue of NARFE magazine. Members also will be able to download the application from the NARFE website from February 1 through April 26. (Log in as a member at www.narfe.org, then click on "Special Programs" in the left panel of the next screen.) Applicants must be high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college in the fall/winter of the award year and who are the children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of current (living) NARFE members. Stepchildren and step-grandchildren also are eligible. Sixty scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded.



SUNSHINE REPORT: Wally Mitchell sent a thinking of you note to Leonetta Chaves-Bibby, a sympathy card to the family of Barb Steppe and a sympathy card to Jean Boyd. Get well cards were sent to Leonetta Chaves-Bibby, William Cortez, Gerald Vincent, Otis Scroggins, Jack Murrison and Dee Campbell. Please call Wally Mitchell (238-3423) if you hear of someone not feeling well, having surgery or other illnesses and she will send out cards.

Take action to protect your benefits by sending a message to Capitol Hill! For access to your legislators' bios, their positions on NARFE-supported bills and suggested text for you to send to your members of Congress, check your monthly magazine. If you cannot find your representatives, please Contact Jim Dodd.

Write to your members of Congress. Fight for your rights that you have paid for !!!!