



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

MARCH 2014

Chapter 383, 2014 Officers

President: Robert Norcross 762-2218
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Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041
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Chaplain, Maxine Kroeplin
Calling, Vi Martin, 238-8539/Cell 210-6037
Historian, Marie Sawyer



March birthdays: Happy Birthday Dee Campbell, Dorothy Beckman, Edward Gates, Geraldine Hinz, Jean King, Joan Martin, Laura Shell, Leroy Walters, Wally Mitchell and Wanda Llewelyn.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary Robert and Ramona Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles, Stephen and Beverly Waters. Many many more!

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender Bob Norcross, President, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), called the Old Trooper Chapter #383 February meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. Chaplain Maxine Kroeplin, led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests or new members. Mr. Norcross extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of February. Wally Mitchell made a motion that the minutes of the February meeting be approved for filing; seconded by Maxine Kroeplin. Joan Martin motioned that the treasurer's report be filed for audit; seconded by June Buckles. Both voted on and passed by members.

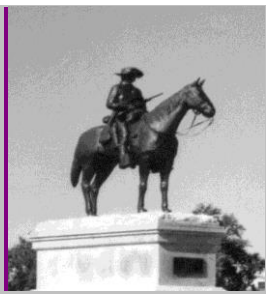
Certificates of appreciation were presented to Virginia Adams for all of her work on the decorating committee and on the Alzheimer's committee and to Madelyn Brown for her service over many years as Secretary and Treasurer. They received a big round of applause. President Norcross brought up the subject of door prizes. A motion was made by Ray Thompson to use meal tickets for door prizes except for Thanksgiving and Christmas; seconded by Peg Anderson. Motion was voted on by members and passed. Legislative: Jim Dodd gave a Legislative update. Legislation was passed on Feb. 6th to overhaul the Postal System; just what this entails remains to be seen. Congress passed a bill to suspend the debt ceiling until Mar 15, 2015. Jim Dodd stated there is a new Alzheimer's web site it is <http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers>.

The Service Officer had no report. Membership: Dixie read a letter from State, saying there will be seven (7) people transferring in from the Herrington Chapter. There will be an Open House at the Junction City High School on April 12th, similar to the one held at the Municipal Building last year. We will have a table, please come down and lend a hand manning the NARFE table, to let her know.

The speaker was County Commissioner Florence Whitebread. She announced that new security measures will be put in place at the County Courthouse; everyone will use the West Doors, 2 deputies will be stationed there; the Pennell Building will also have increased security. She was pleased with snow clearing in the County. She spoke about the bridge over McDowell Creek that needs to be replaced at a cost of One Million. The ATA buses have proven to be very beneficial to the community, it is being utilized. She mentioned the recycling

In Memoriam:

Carl White
Pete Kohlrus
Linda Koland
Joseph Knox
Elton Vaughn



**Send a message,
letter or call your
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Saint Patrick was a
gentleman
Who through strategy
and stealth
Drove all the snakes
from Ireland
Here's a drinkee to his
health!
But not too many
drinkees
Lest we lose ourselves
and then...
Forget the good Saint
Patrick
And see them snakes
again!



point, there is paint and cleaning supplies that people may come in and get for their use. County Fire runs are down, thanks to the moisture we have received. The cost of fuel is going up, the surcharge is going up. The Police Chief said the crime rate is down, however, the County has not gone down. Geary Co., is 9th in the State for incidents. She spoke about the Geary Co., Detention Center 15 Counties use the Center, as of June 1st we will own the Building. We do get reimbursed from other counties. There was a question and answer after her talk. One of the questions was, "Who pays for the ATA; Answer; we receive Public Transportation Funds and the riders pay a small fee. Another question was why there isn't an Info Booth at I70 and Hwy 177. Answer: Geary Co., would not receive enough benefit to offset the cost.

There were 67 reservations for the meeting and 58 in attendance. We collected \$145.00 for Alzheimer's.

Door Prizes were won by Marti Potter, June Buckles, LeRoy Walters and Carlos Buckles.

The March meeting will be March 13, 2014, the Executive meeting will be March 10th. The Chapter meeting adjourned at 12:50.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Peg Anderson:

Beginning Balance, 1 February 2014:	\$1852.13
Receipts:	743.58
Expenses:	424.24
Ending Balance, 28 February 2014 :	\$2171.47



SUNSHINE REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Wally Mitchell sent get well cards to Therisha Hudson, Jim and Vi Martin, Carolyn Cook, Helmut Hoelle, and Nguyen Slattery. Please get well. We miss you.

Message from NARFE President Joseph A. Beaudoin

"Primary elections began in Texas on Tuesday. Many congressional districts are competitive only in the primary. I urge NARFE members, especially chapter and federation leaders, to reach out to candidates prior to the primary when they are most willing to say 'yes' to a substantial constituency especially likely to vote in an off-year election."

Beaudoin Lauds and Faults Obama Administration Budget

In a press statement that earned media coverage, NARFE President Beaudoin expressed approval for what was left out of President Obama's FY15 budget proposal – use of the Chained CPI to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for federally administered retirement programs and higher contributions made by federal employees toward their retirement. Beaudoin also noted the 1 percent pay raise proposal is only half the amount that private-sector wages rose in the past year. It is unlikely the House and Senate will take further action on the President's budget. House Budget Committee Chair Paul D. Ryan, R-WI, will began crafting his own framework, while his Senate counterpart, Patty Murray, D-WA, has stated her committee will not do a budget for FY15, since funding levels were already agreed to in the budget deal earlier this year.