

# "Old Trooper" Newsletter

Old "Trooper" Chapter 383, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Junction City,  
Kansas 66441  
March 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Dixie Thomas, 238-1455

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Ray Thompson, 762-5249

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jim Mitchell, 238-3423

Secretary: Lannie Pender, 238-6503

Treasurer: Wally Mitchell, 238-3423

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Legislative: Jim Dodd, 238-8041

Membership/Public Relations/Editor: Dixie Thomas, 238-1455

Service Officer:

Parliamentarian: Ray Thompson, 762-5249

Alzheimer's: Ruth Linville, 223-1550

Sunshine: Wally Mitchell, 238-3423

NARFE-PAC: Jim Martin, 238-8539

Program: Karen Brough, 210-7420

Chaplain: Dan Rickman, 238-4148

Calling: Mary Reed, 223-6203



We have received the state convention information from the Federation.

### Timelines for the Convention:

Registration Form and Payment is April 1, 2017

Meal Cancellation and Refund is April 18, 2017

Hotel Registrations Cutoff Date April 9, 2017

### SEE LANNIE PENDER FOR REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION:

The convention is 23-25 April 2017 and will be held at the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center, Hutchinson, Kansas. We have all the costs and cutoff dates here if you are interested and I hope you will attend. 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.

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. So far, National reports have Harold Macumber as the only member that has signed up a new member. He will receive a \$10.00 gift card but I know for a fact that he is working on other possible members.

**Happy Birthday** to Alice Hoover, Dee Campbell, Geraldine Hinz, Jean King, Joan Martin, Leroy Walters, Wally Mitchell and Wanda Llewelyn. I hope you all enjoy or enjoyed your day. Happy Birthday!

**Happy Anniversary** to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles. Congratulations to you and may you have many more anniversaries.

**Sunshine Report (Wally Mitchell):** Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you on this bright sunshine day!

### Treasurer's Report (Wally Mitchell):

Beginning balance 1 February 2017:	\$2001.80
Receipts	411.85
Expenses	371.01
Ending Balance 28 February 2017:	\$2042.64



**Secretary's Report (Lana Pender):** National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) met February 9, 2017. President Dixie Thomas opened the meeting at 11:30. Dan Rickman gave the benediction and led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Thomas welcomed guest Roberta Horner from Wakefield and welcomed back member Connie Puett. Dixie extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of February and added Ron and Darca Ridley to the February anniversary list (they are celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this year).

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 Maxine Kroeplin and seconded by Ray Thompson, motion passed. She then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report, motion made by Jim Mitchell, seconded by Ray Thompson; motion passed, subject to audit.

Florence Whitebread announced that on February 17<sup>th</sup> the Historical Society will have a dinner and an antique show at the Museum. Dinner cost is \$15.00 and if you want an item appraised, cost is \$25.00 Call 238-1666 to make reservations. Dixie announced on February 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a Scholarship fund raiser put on by the Ladies Book club. She also announced that Marlene Ensley made some fund raiser items for Alzheimer's; they are on the table as you come in. Dixie announced the NARFE State Convention will be in Hutchinson in April, she asked if anyone planned on attending; she has 50/50 tickets for the drawing which will be held at the State Convention, the donation is \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six tickets. Each Chapter is to bring items for the silent auction and the Alzheimer's live auction. Jim Mitchell said there will be a Kiwanis fund raiser at Freddie's on February 22 from 5-8 p.m.

Legislative report from Jim Dodd: The latest Hotline message deals with Postal Reform Legislation that has been reintroduced in Congress, which is opposed by NARFE. It requires Postal retirees to enroll in Medicare Part B to continue receiving their current health insurance coverage through the FEHBP program; ultimately, raising their overall health insurance premiums by \$134.00 per month. NARFE is adamantly against this action.

Membership: Dixie announced the membership contest is extended another month.

Sunshine Report: Wally Mitchell sent cards to Clarence Lehner on the passing of his brother and to the family of Mary Brown. We were also informed of the passing of Edward Gates.

There were 58 reservations for the meeting and 51 in attendance. We collected \$72.00 for Alzheimer's.

Our speaker was Pat Silovsky. She gave a very informative talk complete with slides on her trip to Finland to visit her son. Finland is a Nordic country and they speak Swedish. Finland is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest country, but the least settled. However, it is still growing. It is heavily timbered and in the Broclin Forest the Timber Ants construct huge mounds. Blueberry picking is one of the many pastimes. We thank Pat for sharing her pictures and her experience with us.

Door prize winners were Willadeen Kamm, Florence Whitebread, Bert Thomas (and someone else -sorry didn't get all the names), but everyone received their meal tickets.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40



#### AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the bottom of his hand.

