



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

MARCH 2015

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Historian, Marie Sawyer



March BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Dee Campbell, Dorothy Beckman, Edward Gates, Geraldine Hinz, Jean King, Joan Martin, Leroy Walters, Wally Mitchell and Wanda Llewelyn Hope you have a great birthday!

Note: Please give Dixie Thomas the month of your birthday and anniversary so that we may honor you in that month.



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



SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender, Secretary:

President Bob Norcross opened the Chapter Feb. 2015 meeting at 11:30; Maxine Kroeplin led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance. President Norcross extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of February.

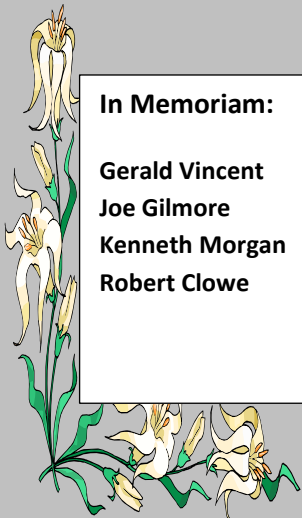
President Norcross stated the minutes are in the bulletin. He then asked for a motion and second from the floor to approve or modify the minutes. A motion was made by Ray Thompson, seconded by Maxine Kroeplin motion passed. He then asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Maxine Kroeplin seconded by Barb Rawlins, motion passed.

A thank you letter was read by President Norcross from the Robert W. Clowe family. President Norcross announced that there would be a dinner and dance at the Senior Center on February 27th.

The speaker for this meeting was Debra Allen from the Geary Co. Extension Office; she is the Senior Health Advisor for the Family Science Consumer Services. She gives classes at the Food Pantry to show families how to use their commodities. There is a plan to conduct classes to enable students to transition from Elementary School to Middle school, it is anticipated there will be approximately 600 children. She also spoke about Radon Testing; there are kits at the extension office. The Extension has information on Budget counseling and Medicare counseling. There was a Question and Answer session. Q: How do you test for Radon. A: The kit is \$5.00 and change; there are instructions on the use. If you are buying a house make sure the house has been tested. Q: What is the extension Office? It was created in 1905 to educate the people in land use. There is a Land Grant University, in each state (ours is KSU). Ms. Allen brought several items for the Door Prize Drawing.

In Memoriam:

Gerald Vincent
Joe Gilmore
Kenneth Morgan
Robert Clowe





Send a message,
letter or call your
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"I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf
Clover" (originally by Art
Mooney)

I'm looking over a four leaf
clover
I overlooked before
One leaf is sunshine, the
second is rain
Third is the roses that grow in
the lane

No need explaining
The one remaining is
somebody I adore
I'm looking over a four leaf
clover
I overlooked before



**PROGRAM CORNER: Karen
Brough and Darlene
Gaskins**

April Program:
JCHS Jr. ROTC
Competition
Drill Team
Performance



Per Jim Dodd, Dixie printed a summary of the hot line message in the Bulletin.

Remember March is Food Pantry Month. There were 59 reservations and 51 present. The Alzheimer's collection was \$61.00.

Door Prizes were won by Virginia Adams, Stephany Walker, Bob Norcross, Opal Dalton, Lannie Pender, two for Doris MacLaird-Nelson, Dorothy Luttmann, Donna Schumtz and Clarence Lehner.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50. The next meeting is March 12, 2015.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Beginning Balance, 1 February 2015:	\$2,622.73
Receipts:	396.19
Expenses:	636.86
Ending Balance, 28 February 2015:	\$2,382.06



SUNSHINE REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Wally Mitchell sent get well cards to Dan Rickman, Stephany Walker, Marshall Heath, Carlos Buckles and Melba Easley. Get Well soon!



LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Jim Dodd: (Excerpts from the latest Legislative Hotline):

Message from NARFE President Richard G. Thissen

"In the battle to defend federal employees' pay and benefits, another shot in the 114th Congress was fired this week when a freshman member of the House filed a bill to base federal employee annuities on the highest five years of salary instead of the current highest three years. Yes, the 'high-three to high-five' idea has been floated for several years in Washington. And, yes, it is one that we have successfully warded off every time it has been raised. Significantly, however, this is the first time that it has been proposed in a stand-alone piece of legislation. In a statement on the bill, sponsor Rep. Westerman says it 'ensures that the program employees of the federal government have paid into for their careers are available in retirement and sustainable for future generations.' I think we can all see through that misleading pronouncement. We will vigorously fight this once again."

Bill Introduced to Repeal GPO and WEP

The Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) have an impact on more than two million retirees by taking away their earned Social Security benefits, costing them thousands of dollars of income each year. Recently introduced in the House by Rep. Rodney Davis, R-IL, and the Social Security Fairness Act of 2015 (H.R. 973) aims to repeal these two unfair provisions. The GPO prevents retirees who receive a government annuity based on work in non-Social Security-covered employment from collecting full Social Security benefits based on their spouse's work. The WEP greatly reduces the Social Security benefit of retirees who worked in Social Security-covered employment and who also receive an annuity based on their non-Social Security-covered government jobs. The GPO and WEP penalize individuals who have dedicated their lives to public service. (NARFE supports H.R. 973 and the repeal of the GPO and WEP. Now available on the [Legislative Action Center](#) is an [action letter](#) you can send to your members of Congress, urging them to cosponsor H.R. 973 or thanking them for supporting this legislation.)