



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



Active and Retired Federal Employees “Old Trooper” Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

May 2012

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## Upcoming Events

11:30, 10 May: NARFE Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 1025 South Spring Valley Road, entertainment is the Junction City High School Jazz Band. (Donations for their trip to a bowl game will be appreciated.)

5:30, 14 June: NARFE potluck / meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 1025 South Spring Valley Road, and entertainment will be “CUZ” from Chapman who performs country music to the members and guests. “Cuz” is Richard Garver from Chapman – recently with the Opera House “Patsy Cline” presentation.



Happy Birthday to Barbara Rawlings, Carol Bondurant, Donald Stiers, Larry Langvardt, Marilynn Bielefeld, Therisha Jo Hudson, Tom Case and Vena Rowbotham.



Happy Anniversary to Jim and Stephany Walker. Many Many More!

**SECRETARY’S REPORT by Lannie Pender:** President Jim Mitchell, of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the April 12, 2012 Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. Invocation: Chaplin Maxine Kroepelin, led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Mitchell requested that all birthday and anniversary people please stand, he then extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of April. Willa Herron will be added to the April Birthday list, her Birthday is April 2nd. President Mitchell asked for a motion from the floor for the approval or modification of the April 2012 Minutes, a motion was made by Joan Martin, motion passed. He asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report; a motion was made by Ray Thompson and seconded by Dixie Rahorst, motion passed.

New Business: Maxine Kroepelin asked for help each month with putting out the flatware and sorting and wrapping it for the following monthly meeting. Lannie Pender led the voting on the proposed amendments to the State By-Laws. The first proposed revision would change the length of the term for federation officers to two years, this proposed revision passed. The 2nd proposed revision would establish the Kansas Federation convention sites by Federation Area rather than by bid from Chapters, this proposed revision passed. The 3rd proposed revision would move the timeline of the Per-capita assessment up three months from November 30th to August 31st, this proposed revision failed. The Delegates to the State Convention in Salina will vote on these proposed amendments as above.

The Legislative Report had been printed out by Jim Dodd, to be picked up by the members. There was no report from Walt Germann, Service Officer. The Membership Chair Sharon Strain asked that each member recruit a new member. The Sunshine Chair requested that



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everyone stay well. Public Relations Chair Dixie Thomas, reinforced what Sharon said by stating the members need to tell retired and active Civil Servants that NARFE is the organization that is fighting to keep the benefits that we have, since those benefits are in jeopardy.

The entertainment was pianist Lois Graham, she played and sang Crazy, the Tennessee Waltz, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, and she took several requests. She gave a brief explanation of her background and finished up with all of the members singing God Bless America and Home on the Range. It was a good time and we thank her for her time and talent.

There were 79 reservations with 77 members present; we collected \$106.00 for Alzheimer's. The Door Prize winners were Laveta Horner, Marshall Heath, Dorothy Osborn and Ray Thompson.



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

| DATE    | CK   | DESCRIPTION                           | CREDIT           | RECEIPT          | BALANCE            |
|---------|------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 4/1/12  |      | Balance Forwarded                     |                  |                  | <b>\$ 1,957.65</b> |
| 4/12/12 | 2565 | Geary Extension (Rent)                | \$ 72.00         | \$ -             | \$ 1,885.65        |
| 4/12/12 | 2564 | Key Office (Newsletter)               | \$ 7.20          | \$ -             | \$ 1,878.45        |
| 4/12/12 | 2566 | Senior Center (lunch)                 | \$ 218.75        |                  | \$ 1,659.70        |
| 4/12/12 | 2567 | Opal Dalton (Decorations)             | \$ 10.85         |                  | \$ 1,648.85        |
| 4/13/12 |      | Deposit (Lunch)                       |                  | \$ 310.00        | \$ 1,958.85        |
| 4/13/12 |      | Deposit (NARFE Alzheimer's/Research)  |                  | \$ 106.00        | \$ 2,064.85        |
| 4/16/12 | 2568 | Madelyn Brown (Convention Door Prize) | \$ 10.00         |                  | \$ 2,054.85        |
| 4/16/12 | 2569 | NARFE Alzheimer's/Research            | \$ 106.00        |                  | \$ 1,948.85        |
| 4/16/12 | 2570 | A Woman's Center (Larkin Memorial)    | \$ 10.00         |                  | \$ 1,938.85        |
| 4/20/12 |      | Deposit (HQ Dues)                     |                  | \$ 117.02        | \$ 2,055.87        |
|         |      | <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$ 434.80</b> | <b>\$ 533.02</b> | <b>\$ 2,055.87</b> |



### **SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel:**

Our thoughts and prayers go to all of you. (Please make sure you call Janet on members that need best wishes, sympathy or just a thinking of you.)  
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Lines to make you smile::

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.