



“OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

MAY 2015

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Vena Rowbottom, a member of NARFE for 48 years will be 102 years young on 21 May 2015. NARFE National President Richard Thissen sent a Letter of Appreciation to be presented to Mrs. Rowbottom. In addition to her Sunflower card and the letter, let's all shower her with cards from her NARFE fellow members. Please send her a card to celebrate her 102 year birthday. Her address is Vena Rowbottom, Cottonwood # 23, 1417 West Ash, Junction City, KS 66441. Thanks



May BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Barbara Rawlings, Carol Bondurant, Donald Stiers, Larry Langvardt, Marilynn Bielefeld, Therisha Jo Hudson, Tom Case, Vena Rowbotham, and Doris Maclaird-Nelson. 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.



May ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary to Jim and Stephany Walker. Many, Many more!



SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender, Secretary: National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees NARFE April 9, 2015 Opening: President Bob Norcross, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees NARFE called the April 2015 meeting to order at 11:30, at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

President Bob Norcross opened the Chapter meeting at 11:30; Maxine Kroeplin led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance. President Norcross extended birthday wishes (we will add Duane Bieler to the birthday list) and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of April. He greeted visitor Mary Reed, and new member Vonnie Bryant.

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 Maxine Kroeplin, seconded by Florence Whitebread, motion passed. He then asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report, a motion was made by, Donna Schmutz, seconded by Diana Dowling, motion passed.

President Norcross announced in March we donated 85 pounds of food to the Food Pantry; he also announced that the American Legion is having a fund raiser Breakfast on April 17 from 7 until 10.

Pres. Norcross introduced Vanessa Avera, Assistant Director at the Milford Nature Center, the center falls under Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and their wages are paid by Hunting and Fishing Licenses. She clearly enjoys her job, to the point of taking animals home for special care. There are many groups that come to the center, she conducts tours, introducing children to wildlife that they have never seen; they see 22 to 23 thousand visitors a year. Besides the center there is a playground and walking trails. The center has many exhibits, Kansas birds of prey, various animals that are natural to Kansas; there is a Seasonal Butterfly House too. In October they have the

In Memoriam:

Gerald Vincent

Joe Gilmore

Kenneth Morgan

Robert Clowe

Marlene Kelley

Historian, Marie Sawyer



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Monster Myth by Moonlight walk; there are stations along the way that include Bats, Spiders and Snakes; they see approximately 800-1000 people in a 4 Hr. period. Another annual event is Eagle Days which is held on the 3rd Sat. of Jan. At the current time there are 4 permanent nesting sites. They are also an Eagle rehab site; they have had more Eagles in rehab this year than in the past. They also have an apiary on site and sell local raw honey in the gift shop. There have been many improvements recently and she invites everyone out to visit. A question was asked if pets were allowed, she said yes but it is requested that small dogs be kept from in front of the "birds of Prey", and also the bobcat cage. She gave a very interesting talk, and she was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Legislative Report: Jim Dodd provided a copy of the March 27th Hotline message, in which it shows Congress is targeting the Federal Workforce to balance the budget. The index for the budget is 77 pages; this means the budget runs into hundreds of pages. What NARFE HQ does is to go through the budget and earmark the sections that affect Government workers and retirees. Jim strongly advises members to contact our Congressmen and let them know how we feel about these actions. He has posted information on the State NARFE website. He said there is also a group of NARFE people in Topeka that pay attention to events there that will affect us.

There were no reports from the Service Officer, Membership Chair or Public Relations. Wally Mitchell said the Sunshine Report was in the Newsletter.

There were 59 reservations and 57 present. We collected \$87.00 for Alzheimer's.

Door prizes were won by Peg Anderson, Peggy Blevins, Florence Whitebread and Helmut Hoelle.

Our next meeting will be May 14th. Meeting was adjourned at 12:50



TREASURER'S REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Beginning Balance, March 2015:	\$2,326.02
Receipts:	440.09
Expenses:	371.77
Ending Balance, 28 February 2015:	\$2,394.34



SUNSHINE REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Wally Mitchell sent get well cards to Vi Martin. Please get well soon.



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

HOLD YOUR SENATOR ACCOUNTABLE FOR VOTE ON HARMFUL SENATE BUDGET!

The Senate Fiscal Year 2016 budget, which passed the Senate on March 27, attacks federal and postal employees and retirees by assuming Congress will raise the cost of health insurance for current federal and postal employees as well as retirees, eliminate federal jobs and increase retirement contributions for current employees. The "savings" from these cuts total \$170 billion. If your Senators voted "YES" on the budget, you will be able to send a letter expressing disappointment and asking him/her for an explanation of that vote. If your Senators voted "NO" on the budget, you will be able to send them a thank you letter. The correct letter will appear after you enter your address.