



“OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

November 2014

Chapter 383, 2014 Officers

President: Robert Norcross 762-2218
1st Vice President: Ray Thompson,
762-5249
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238-1455
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Treasurer: Peg Anderson

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Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041
Membership Dixie Thomas 238-2455
Public Relations, Dixie Thomas, 238-1455
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Alzheimer's, Opal Dalton, 922-6551 and June Buckles
Sunshine, Wally Mitchell 238-3423
NARFE-PAC, Jim Martin 238-8539
Decorating, Opal Dalton, 922-6551
Program, Joan Martin 210-0211 or Carolyn Cook 762-3488
Editor, Dixie Thomas, 238 1455
Chaplain, Maxine Kroepelin
Calling, Vi Martin, 238-8539/Cell 210-6037
Historian, Marie Sawyer



FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PLANNING: *Provided by
Joan Martin and Carolyn Cook*

*December: JC Singers
January: Gabrielle Thompson, Elder Law Attorney*



November BIRTHDAYS: *Happy Birthday to Billie Jo Rivera, Dorothy Osburn, James Dodd, Madelyn Brown, Marshall Heath, Peggy Blevins, Paul Hood, Vanetta Brumbaugh and Connie Puett. Hope you have many more happy birthdays!*



November ANNIVERSARIES: *Happy Anniversary to Don and Florence Whitebread and Jim and Vi Martin. Many Many More!*



SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender, Secretary: The Old Trooper Chapter 383, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees met October 9, 2014, 11:30 a.m., met for the monthly meeting at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. President Bob Norcross called the meeting to order. Chaplain Maxine Kroepelin led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. President Norcross extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in October. Harold Macomber was welcomed as a new member. President Norcross asked the members to review the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were passed for filing. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and passed to be filed for audit.

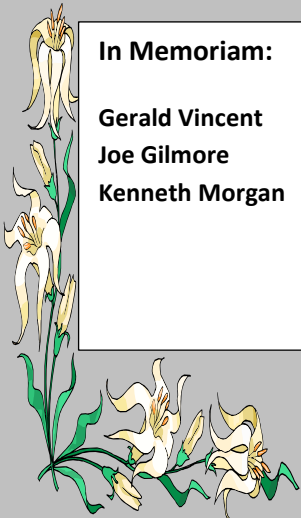
NEW BUSINESS: President Norcross announced that Joanne Miller is the new Alzheimer's Chairperson for Kansas. He also announced that the Executive Committee tried to get some members to step forward to accept a board position. Wally Mitchell stated she would take the Treasurer's position for FY 15 filling the position being left open by Peg Anderson who moved out of the area.

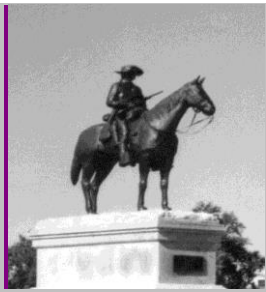
LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd, Legislative Officer, provided the latest Hotline Report dated September 19, 2014. There is a bill to make changes to the TSP that has been passed by the House and is on the way to the Senate. To find out how the Congressional Reps voted on bills concerning NARFE, go to pages 28-48 in the October issue of the NARFE magazine. Medicare open season is October 15 through December 7, 2014.

No reports from the Service, Membership, Sunshine or Public Relations Officers. Pam Maxwell, Blue Cross/Blue Shield was the guest speaker. She made BC/BS bags available which contained 2015 Pharmacy Benefit Summary Books as well as quick reference sheets outlining many of the changes for FY15. There are many changes and improvements to the coverage with slight increases due to the Affordable Care Act. The increase for single coverage is 3.2% (\$6.96 per month). The Wellness Incentive Program has been improved when you complete the Blue Health Assessment (BHA), you may receive \$50 on a health card to be used for qualified medical expenses. You may also receive up to an additional \$35 on the card for achieving goals related to exercise, nutrition, stress, weight management and emotional health. For those who do not have computers, they may call 1-866-852-6435. There is a Nurse Line either on computer or phone 1-888-258-3432 to get reliable health information from registered nurses. If you have any Government Health Pharmacy Plan, you do not need Medicare Plan D. One important thing to remember when you are retired, once you drop your Government Health Plan you cannot get it back. Everyone should study their

In Memoriam:

Gerald Vincent
Joe Gilmore
Kenneth Morgan





Send a message,
letter or call your
Senators:

Senator Pat Roberts, Frank
Carlson Federal Bldg., 444 SE
Quincy, Room 392, Topeka,
KS 66683 Phone: (785) 295-
2745

Senator Jerry Moran, 923
Westport Place, Suite 210,
P.O. Box 967, Manhattan, KS
66502 Phone: (785) 539-
8973

benefit package to see what changes pertain to them.

There were 68 reservations for the meeting, with 70 in attendance. We collected \$99.50 for Alzheimer's. There will be a report at the next meeting on the amount of food that was collected for the Food Pantry.

Door prizes were won by Karen Baldwin, Walt Germann, Joan Martin and Llewlyn McTavish. Meeting adjourned at 12:50.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Peg Anderson:

Beginning Balance, 1 September 2014:	\$2,563.06
Receipts:	544.44
Expenses:	<u>416.57</u>
Ending Balance, 30 September 2014:	\$2,690.92



SUNSHINE REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Wally Mitchell sent get well cards to Vi Martin and Virginia Adams. Sympathy cards were sent to the Joe Gilmore family and the Kenneth Morgan family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

It's time to vote on the new board for 2015. The following is provided for your information. The lines are provided for write-ins.

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- Mr. Robert Norcross
- _____

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2d Vice President:

- Mrs. Dixie Thomas
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Secretary:

- Mrs. Lannie Pender
- _____

Treasurer:

- Mrs. Wally Mitchell
- _____