



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

SEPTEMBER 2014

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

November: Tom McRae, Red Cross
December: JC Singers
January: Gabrielle Thompson, Elder Law Attorney



October BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Daisy

McTavish, Dixie Thomas, Eva Freeman, James Nelson, Jim Mitchell, Judy Germann, Kathy Triplett, Llewlyn McTavish, Marilyn Stephen, Max Albin, Melba Easley, Orval Rodgers, Vaughan Llewelyn, Verleen Byrn, Jean Boyd, and Diana Dowling. Hope you have many more happy birthdays!



October ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary Ken and Sharon Griffin, Jim and Jean King, Jim and Wally Mitchell, Robert and Carol Bondurant and Nancy and Dean Wiehl. Many Many More!



SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender, Secretary: The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) met September 11, 2014, for their monthly meeting and luncheon at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. President, Bob Norcross presided over the meeting and Chaplain Maxine Kroplin led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No new members or guests were present. President Norcross extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in September. President Norcross asked the members to review the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Maxine Kroplin and seconded by Donna Schmutz to approve the minutes; the motion passed. He then asked for a review of the Treasurer's report and for a motion to file the report for audit. A motion was made by Barbara Rawlins and seconded by Vi Martin; motion passed.

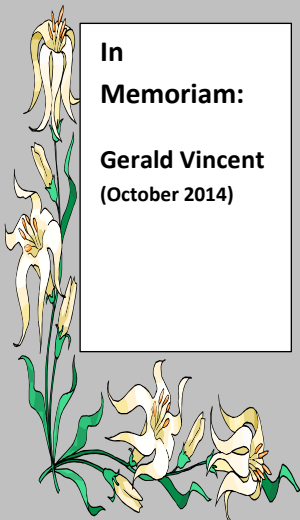
NEW BUSINESS: Our Food Pantry collection is slated for October; please bring your contribution to the October meeting. We received a thank you from the Scroggins family and a thank you from the State Alzheimer's Chair for the Chapter contribution. Vi Martin asked that people be accurate with the callers, some say they are coming and don't and neglect to call and cancel, this throws the count of meals off. If you need to call and cancel, you may call the Senior Center by the Tuesday before the Chapter meeting. Kathy Triplett, reminded everyone of the performance at the Opera House, Jesus Christ Super Star. There were no reports from the Legislative Officer, Service Officer, Membership Chair or Public Relations.

DISCUSSION: There were 55 reservations with 47 in attendance. We collected \$83.00 for Alzheimer's Fund. Jennifer Gfeller from the Animal Shelter was the speaker. She informed us that this is the only open admission shelter in the area. When the animals come into the shelter, they get shots and are held 3-4 days before they go to the adopted floor. When the animals are adopted, if they do not come back in the door within a week, it was a good match. Most municipal shelters have no beds, this one does. They rotate the cats in and out of the window side of the building. Ms. Gfeller left a wish list for donated items. The Shelter is in need of harnesses, food, old towels and blankets and several other items.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Wally Mitchell: Joyce Peoples is home from the Hospital Door Prizes were won by Florence and Don Whitbread and Helmut Hoelle - twice. The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

In Memoriam:

Gerald Vincent
(October 2014)





TREASURER'S REPORT by Peg Anderson:

Beginning Balance, 1 September 2014:	\$2,410.79
Receipts:	419.78
Expenses:	<u>267.52</u>
Ending Balance, 30 September 2014:	\$2,563.05



SUNSHINE REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Wally Mitchell sent get well cards to Edward Gates and Mary Ann Brown. Sympathy cards were sent to Jim Miller (Topeka Chapter) and Celina Vincent. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



NARFE Legislative Hotline – September 19, 2014

Message from NARFE President Joseph A. Beaudoin

“As predicted in the last Hotline, Congress now has passed a [stopgap funding measure](#) or continuing resolution that provides funding to keep the federal government operating through early December. Congress is now in [recess](#) until November 12. Because campaigns listen closely to voters, I urge NARFE members to be active electors in the run-up to the midterm elections. If we use the resources in the [Protect America's Heartbeat Toolkit](#), the election recess provides another opportunity for NARFE leaders and grass-roots activists to impact politics and policy for years to come.”

Stopgap Spending Bill Cleared for White House

Memories of last year's 16-day government shutdown, combined with their eagerness to return home to campaign for re-election, convinced [319 representatives](#) and [78 senators](#) to vote for passage of a [short-term funding bill](#) that provides funding for all government operations through December 11. With President Obama's promised signature, Congress has recessed so that [388 representatives](#) and [28 senators](#) can resume re-election campaigns. However, this stopgap measure, providing eight weeks of funding, is far from ideal. Its enactment kicks the necessary funding decisions down the road to a post-election or “lame duck” session, set to begin November 12.

Thrift Savings Plan Automatic Enrollment Change

On September 16, the Senate passed, by unanimous consent, the Smart Savings Act, [S. 2117](#), introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-MA. The legislation would change the automatic enrollment for new federal employees in the Thrift Savings Plan from the G fund to one of the Lifecycle funds. The bill now moves on to conference, as the House passed similar, bipartisan legislation, sponsored by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-CA, on July 14.

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