

"Old Trooper" Newsletter

Old "Trooper" Chapter 383, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Junction City,
Kansas 66441
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BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to Daisy McTavish, Dixie Thomas, Eva Freeman, Jim Mitchell, Kathy Triplett, Llewellyn McTavish, Marilyn Stephen, Max Albin, Melba Easley, Orval Rodgers, Vaughan Llewelyn, Verleen Byrn, Jean Boyd, and Diana Dowling. We hope you all enjoy or enjoyed your day. Happy Birthday!

ANNIVERSARIES!

Happy Anniversary to Ken and Sharon Griffin, Jim and Jean King, Nancy and Dean Wiehl, Jim and Wally Mitchell and Robert and Carol Bondurant.

SUNSHINE REPORT (WALLY MITCHELL)!

Get well cards were sent to Peggy Blevins and Florence Whitebread. Sympathy cards were sent to Dorothy Luttmann and the family of Joyce Peoples.

TREASURER'S REPORT (WALLY MITCHELL)!

Beginning balance 1 August 2017: \$2042.04

Receipts 365.85

Expenses 457.84

Ending Balance 31 September 2017: \$1950.05

SECRETARY'S REPORT (LANA PENDER)! Secretary's Report (Lana

Pender): National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees NARFE September 14, 2017: President Dixie Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Chaplain Dan Rickman, led the invocation, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Thomas extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of September. She introduced new members Bonnie and Brian Spurlock.

President Thomas stated the Minutes are in the Newsletter, and asked for a motion and a second to approve them; a motion was made by Diana Dowling and seconded by Jim Mitchell, motion passed. She then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report, motion made by Diana Dowling and seconded by Ray Thompson, motion passed, subject to audit.

President Thomas went over the details of the College of NARFE Knowledge (CONK), in south Sioux, City, NE (none of our people went). Most of the conference had to do with the new structure of NARFE, which is not all that popular to the old guard. One of the new rules should do with the funding. When members renew their yearly dues of \$40.00, it does not include the \$5.00 Chapter dues, which affects our funding. We are asking the members that have paid the \$40.00, to also pay the \$5.00 Chapter dues to our treasurer. We have members that are being dropped from the Chapter roster because of this. If members are on automatic withdrawal, this does not affect them, members should remember that automatic withdrawal is cheaper than paying yearly.

Legislative Report: Jim Dodd stated the report is in the hand out. He did state President Trump has submitted an alternative pay plan for civilian federal employees of approximately 1.4 percent increase. His plan would provide a lower pay increase than the regular policy to increase at the rate of the Employment Cost index for private-sector wages and salaries, which should have been 1.9 percent. The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) has announced a temporary change in its rules regarding financial hardship withdrawals for Hurricane Harvey losses. There is an increase in FERS supplement.

Sunshine Report: We are sad to report that Joyce Peoples passed away, as has Bill Miller's son. We really want to thank Vonnie Bryant for stepping up and taking over as the Sunshine Chair.

There were 60 reservations for the meeting and 60 in attendance. We collected \$111.00 for Alzheimer's.

The speaker was Officer Jeremiah Ruffin from the Junction City, Police Department speaking about Frauds and Scams. Now the widely used Scams are I.D. theft, and then there are 7 or 8 others that are being used. Some are quite scary. One of the Scams is "you owe the IRS XX amount of dollars and if you don't pay it you will be arrested"; the IRS does not work that way. He emphasized DO NOT give out any personal information; also, ask the caller "how long have you been doing this job, where are you located". Chances are they will hang up. If you do receive questionable calls, get the number and call the Police. Even the Police Officers are not free from Scams, Officer Ruffin received a call saying you owe \$5000.00. Whatever you do, do not say "Yes" at any time during a questionable call, it may trigger an electronic signal. It was an informative talk, various members then recounted incidents that has happened to them. We appreciate Officer Ruffin's time to present this program.

Door Prizes were won by Don Bielefeld, Vonnie Bryant, Terry Reed, and Williadeen Kamm.

The October meeting will be October 12, 2017, same time same place.