



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

SEPTEMBER 2014

Chapter 383, 2014 Officers

President: Robert Norcross 762-2218
1st Vice President: Ray Thompson,
762-5249
2nd Vice President: Dixie Thomas
238-1455
Secretary, Lannie Pender, 238-6503
Treasurer: Peg Anderson

Committee Chairpersons:

Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041
Membership Dixie Thomas 238-2455
Public Relations, Dixie Thomas,
238-1455
Service Officer, Walt Germann,
209-1938
Parliamentarian, Ray Thompson,
762-5249
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 Kroepin
Calling, Vi Martin, 238-8539/Cell
210-6037
Historian, Marie Sawyer



FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PLANNING: Provided by

Joan Martin and Carolyn Cook

October: BC/BS Pam Maxwell or Julie Munker

November: Tom McRae, Red Cross

December: JC Singers

January: Gabrielle Thompson, Elder Law Attorney



September BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Carlos Buckles, Dixie Rahorst, Donna Schmutz, Florence Whitebread, Karen Harris, Mildred Smith, Naida Sanders, Patricia Hartung, Virginia Adam, and Becky Fechner. Happy Birthday!!!

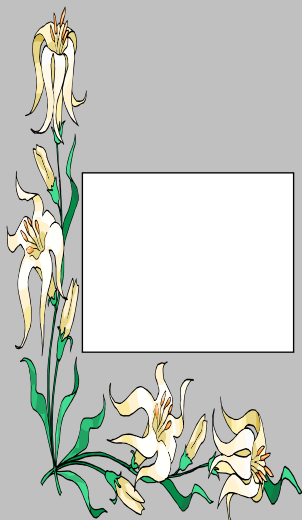


September ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clowe, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vincent. Many many more!

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender (June Buckles substituted for Lannie):

Chapter 383 Minutes for May 8, 2014 Meeting. President Bob Norcross called the meeting. Maxine Kroepin gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no new members or guests present at the meeting. The president read all birthdays and anniversaries of members as written in the April Newsletter. Tom Case was the only birthday not on the newsletter. Bob Norcross asked for motions to approve the minutes and the Treasurers report as written in April Newsletter. Maxine Moved that the Minutes be approved as written and Joan Martin made a motion that the Treasurer's report be approved as written. The treasure's report had a mistake. The Expenses and the receipts were reversed. Reports were approved as written. There was no correspondence, Membership, Public Relations or Service reports due to absence of the Committee chairmen. Wally Mitchell, sunshine committee chairman, reported a card was sent to Tom Case due to the illness of his wife, Bobby. Opal Dalton reported that the Alzheimer's collection for this date was \$69.00. She also had the President read a suggestion on a possible way to collect money for Alzheimer's by having everyone save up all their pennies each month then bring them to the next meeting. The possibility of raising quite a lot of charity money if everyone does this thru the year will be much higher than anyone can imagine. It was reported how many pennies make a pound and what the yearend total would be, if everyone brought their saved pennies, for a year. As always, Opal did an outstanding job of decorating. Thank you to her for her dedication and hard work. Jim Dodd gave a report on the legislative interests in the National NARFE HQ. He explained information that is required in the form of a survey, to be filled out by the membership and returned to Carol Ek so she can take the information to the National HQ and the National Convention. The questions are applicable to requested/proposed changes to the structure of the NARFE. There was no unfinished business. New Business was covered in more detail than was covered by the legislative Chairman. Additionally a suggestion from Maxine Kroepin was to purchase containers to hold silverware for self-serving of silverware, as is done in Buffet Restaurants. This would help to alleviate the added work of volunteers to dry and wrap silverware in napkins, as well as the need to purchase napkins. (Napkins are placed on the tables by the decorating committee) A motion was made and seconded for the purchase of the plastic holders. Our program was Chuck Otte, KS State Extension Office. His topic was on Recycling. He reported the need for recycling has been around for many years and that we should all do everything we can do to save our natural resources. Chuck said the program consists of the three 'R's, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Most all of materials can be reused in many different ways, in a different form than the original use. To reduce example is to eliminate the need of packing supplies such as plastic bags. If you do get plastic bags, they can be taken to the Recycling point on E. 8th Street. To reuse example is to;

- Take newspaper to the Animal Shelter or shred and use it for compost materials.
- Paint and Oils can be reused. Latex paints are mixed together and are given to anyone desiring paint, not caring about the color. All one has to do is to go to the recycling point and ask for it.
- Other items accepted at the recycle point are aluminum cans (these can be sold for a nominal amount at a separate collection service point), plastic bottles containing a recycle code of 1(one) or 2 (two), Lawn and garden chemicals and electronic devices as well as some small kitchen appliances, Cardboard boxes, and Office paper.
- Glass is too costly to recycle so prefer not to get any glass. If a program is established for the use of glass, then the collection will commence at that time.
- The POC for all these items is Teresa at the Noxious Weed Office.





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

President told the membership that everyone is invited to the Board Meeting held on the Monday prior to the Thursday NARFE meeting. They welcome any and all input. Next meeting is pot luck, to be held at the Senior Center at 6 PM on June 12, 2014. Everyone is to bring a covered dish. A program is scheduled for that meeting. After this meeting there will be no meetings until the September meeting. The meeting closed with the drawings for four free dinner tickets for the September meeting. Those winning the tickets were: Peggy Blevins, Dick Mathis, Ed Gates, and Marie Sawyer.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Peg Anderson:

Beginning Balance, 1 May 2014:	\$2,327.82
Receipts:	631.64
Expenses:	<u>548.67</u>
Ending Balance, 31 May 2014 :	\$2,410.79



SUNSHINE REPORT by Wally Mitchell:

Wally Mitchell sent get well cards to Janet Harrel and Joyce Peoples. Sympathy cards were sent to Otis Scroggins and Kathy Triplett. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

GEMS message is being distributed to: All NARFE chapter and federation officers, regional vice presidents and National Officers

September 2014 Membership Drive Extended Through December 31st
Special Recruitment Incentives Are Being Offered for the Months of September, October, November and December

Based on requests by members at the National Convention in Orlando, the membership drive originally planned for September 2014 only will be extended through the end of the year. This will allow for incentivized recruitment through the upcoming health fairs.

As a reminder...

The Incentives:

- Recruiters will receive \$10 for each new member, current OR retired, who joins between September 1 and December 31, 2014. (Applications must be postmarked, and calls or website joins must be received, by the December 31 deadline.)
- All September through December recruiters will be entered into a drawing, once for each new member they have recruited.
- A Kindle Fire tablet will be awarded to a recruiter randomly selected from this pool.

Gather Your Materials:

- The NARFE membership brochure, F-135 (08/13), is available to order if your stock is low. The brochure can help you through recruitment talking points and includes an application with a prepaid return envelope.
- A sample "Elevator Speech," or summary of our focused sales pitch, is available online at www.narfe.org. Once logged in, go to Officer Resources, "Tips, Tools and Templates," and you'll find it is the last link on that page.
- The current Recruiting and Retention Journal includes a great article titled "Articulating Value." It will walk you through the concept and its application to the NARFE pitch.

Familiarize Yourself With All the Avenues to Join...

- Mail in the F-135 brochure;
- Go online to narfe.org and click the Join link;
- Call us at 800-627-3394; or
- Use the application that appears in every issue of NARFE magazine.

Don't Forget Your Recruiter ID...

Credit for recruitment can be given only if the ID number of the recruiting member is provided upon joining.

We look forward to a terrific recruitment season – one that will reinvigorate all the would-be recruiters among us!

Sincerely,
Elaine Hughes2
NARFE National Secretary

