



# "OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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## In Memoriam:

Lena Rowbotham

Lela Russ

Mabel Kane

## 2016 FEGLI Open Season

OPM will hold the 2016 FEGLI open season from September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. During this time, federal employees who are eligible can elect or increase their FEGLI life insurance by submitting an election to their human resources office. Eligible employees may elect changes by electronic means where this option is available through their employing agency.

OPM noted that subject to FEGLI law and regulation, including applicable pay and duty status requirements, the effective date for changes to FEGLI coverage under an open season election will be delayed one full year to the beginning of the first full pay period on or after October 1, 2017.

This is an excerpt from the "My Federal Retirement" newsletter

## Senior Center Food Costs Rising

Robert Norcross, Old Trooper Chapter President was advised that Senior Center meals would be increased to \$3.50 for those over 60 and \$5.50 for those under 60.

Reason for the increase is an \$80,000.00 short fall in an 18 county area. Further discussion will be entertained at the Executive Board Meeting in October and members will be updated at the following NARFE monthly luncheon on October 8<sup>th</sup>.



**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. We hope you have a great day!

**Note:** Please give Dixie Thomas the month of your birthday and anniversary so that we may honor you in that month.



**September ANNIVERSARIES:** Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gates. Many, Many more!



**SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender, Secretary:** June minutes were not available at time of preparing the newsletter.





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**PROGRAM CORNER:  
Karen Brough and  
Darlene Gaskins**

Donna Cox, to sing  
on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Deb Andres, SHICK  
Rep, is speaking on  
Medicare/ Medicaid in  
October.

Mr. Workman, Saint  
Xavier Music will  
present a Christmas  
program in  
December.



**TREASURER'S REPORT by Wally Mitchell:**

Beginning Balance, March 2015:	\$2,411.71
Receipts:	116.89
Expenses:	20.00
Ending Balance, 28 February 2015:	\$2,508.60



**SUNSHINE REPORT by Wally Mitchell:**

Over the summer, sympathy cards were sent to the families of Lena Rowbotham, Mabel Kane and Lela Russ. Sympathy cards were sent to Judith Gardner and Florence Whitebread. Get Well cards were sent to Joan Martin, Janet Harrell, Marlene Van Sickle, Marie Sawyer, Peggy Blevins, Vaughn Llewelyn, and Dorothy Luttmann. Here's hoping all get well soon and of course, our thoughts and prayers go to those losing family members.



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

**Message from NARFE President Richard G. Thissen**

"Congress is about to return from its August recess, with only one month left to authorize government funding for all or part of the 2016 fiscal year. NARFE members need to stay alert this fall, as some members of Congress may seek to use cuts to federal employee or retiree pay or benefits to offset the cost of other spending priorities, such as highway construction. We also will be facing a fight to prevent a huge spike in Medicare Part B premiums for many federal retirees and others.

"Meanwhile, President Obama announced his intention to give a modest pay raise to federal employees, and a contractor was announced to provide identity theft insurance and other services to those individuals affected by the background investigations data breach."

**President Obama Announces Pay Raise for Federal Employees**

On August 28, President Obama sent a [letter](#) to Congress announcing his alternative pay plan to provide federal employees a 1.3 percent pay raise for 2016. The plan proposes a 1 percent across-the-board increase, with additional locality pay increases that will total no more than a 1.3 percent increase to overall basic payroll.

In the absence of the alternative pay plan, federal employees would receive a 1.8 percent raise for 2016, which equals the average private-sector pay increase (2.3 percent) minus 0.5 percent. The pay raise will not be official until the President issues an Executive Order to implement it, expected in December. Congress also has the power to adjust the pay raise up or down as part of the appropriations process. In the past two years, it has remained silent, allowing the President's pay raise to go through.

In a [press statement](#), NARFE President Richard G. Thissen said: Today, federal employees moved one step closer to a modest, 1 percent pay raise for the third year in a row. That certainly provides reason for thanks, but it is still a step too short, lagging behind the 2.3 percent increase recorded in the private sector."