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Chapter 383, 2005 Officers

President: James Martin, 238-8539

1st Vice President: Carl Shell, 238-8330

2nd Vice President: June Buckles, 238-6776

Secretary/Treasurer: Madelyn Brown, 238-5623

• Chapter 383, 2006 Committee Chairpersons

Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041

Membership, Carl Shell, 238-8330

Public Relations, June Buckles, 238-6776

Service Officer, Walt Germann, 209-1938

Alzheimer's, Opal Dalton and Virginia Adam, 922-6551 & 922-6706

Sunshine, Janet Harrel, 238-7488

NARFE-PAC, Larry Young, 238-3047

Callinq, Violet (Vi) Martin, 238-8539

Decorating, Lillian Young, 238-3047 and Carlye Gilmore, 238-1897, Opal Dalton, 922-6551 and Virginia Adam, 238-1897

Program – Vacant

Newsletter, Dixie Thomas, 238-1455

Chaplain, Otis Scroggins, 238-1342

Special Projects Appointed as Needed

WELCOME BACK!! **Looking forward to “fall” and** **Cooler Days!!!**

From Jim Martin, President:

Where does the time go? Already we are into the “fall” season and it seems like Christmas was yesterday. We have a lot to look forward to this year. Along with some of the Chapter Officers, I met with the Federation President, Secretary and Treasurer to discuss hosting the 2007 NARFE State Convention April 28 - 1 May 2007.

It's time to commence various committees to ensure a successful 2007 State NARFE Convention. The wheels are beginning to roll, but, as most of you know, there is a lot of work to make a successful Convention. The committees will commence meeting for a few minutes after each of the luncheons (as needed) to discuss various requirements. I invite each and every one of you to volunteer to help with this major endeavor. In addition, I invited surrounding Chapters to volunteer and assist us in making this a “Great convention.”

Volunteers are desperately needed to assist on the various committees and in the hospitality room. For example, the Alzheimer's State Chairperson needs approximately 20 individuals to assist with the acceptance of items for the live and silent auctions. Other committees can use volunteers in all aspects of the Convention. We would like to have all volunteers identified no later than the middle of October so that names may be inserted into the Convention Program.

There will be a sign up list for those of you not already identified can sign up and please, sign up on the ones you are interested in. If you are on one that holds



If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please send your request to Dixie Thomas at bthomas56@cox.net

Of course, those attending the luncheon will receive newsletter at the luncheon - no change.

The Origin of Labor Day:

Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and union leader, generally receives credit for suggesting a holiday to honor workers in 1882. McGuire chose the September date to give workers a holiday midway through the long stretch between [Independence Day](#) (July 4) and [Thanksgiving](#) (the fourth Thursday in November). The first Labor Day observance was held in New York City on September 5, 1882. Thousands of workers marched in a parade from City Hall to Union Square. Afterward, they gathered in a park

no interest to you, let one of the Officers know and we will gladly change your name to a committee that interests you.

This is my third Convention but my first as Host and the myriad of requirements is eye opening! So, I need your help and I do invite you to volunteer. I know we will have a lot of fun along with the hard work required to have a successful Convention. (I will keep everyone up-to-date on what is needed/required/completed each and every month.)

October 2006 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be October 12, 2006, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. The Chapman Music Department will be featured for entertainment. After the meeting, Convention committees will meet briefly to catch up-to-date on current topics.

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September Birthdays

Happy birthday to Carlos Buckles, Pauline Dutton, Patricia Hartung, Alta McCluskey, Virginia Adam, Naida Sanders, Donna Schmutz, Darlene Topping, Mildred Smith, Arthur Baresel, Ingeborg Barton, Karen Harris, and Dorothy Leslie.

September Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clowe, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vincent and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bennett. Many, many more!

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Minutes of the JUNE MEETING

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383 met at 6:00 p.m., June 8, 2006, at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center, for the annual potluck dinner. President Jim Martin called the meeting to order; Otis Scroggins lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays, anniversaries were read with no changes.

Iris Boyer, Charles Bickerstaff, Denese Harrell Cheryl Scroggins, the Ingram family and Lorena Clark were introduced as guests.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved for file. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Those members attending enjoyed good fellowship, good food and a funny, enjoyable evening. Marjorie Chamberlin,



with their families for a picnic and speeches.

In 1887 Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day a legal holiday. Other states soon followed. Early Labor Day parades were demonstrations in support of an eight-hour workday. During the 1800s most laborers worked long hours at low pay.

Labor Day Becomes a Federal Holiday

In 1894 the United States Congress passed legislation that made Labor Day a federal holiday, and President [Grover Cleveland](#) signed the bill into law. That year, railway workers in Pullman, Illinois, had gone on [strike](#) to protest wage cuts. Cleveland sent in federal troops to end the strike. Strikers were killed, and their leaders were jailed. Congress and the president hoped to pacify labor with the holiday.

guest speaker, spoke of her humorous experiences as a farm wife and mother.

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd provided copies of the latest hotline message to those present.

SERVICE OFFICER: Walter Germann was introduced as the new Service Officer. His phone number is (785) 209-1938.

Dorothy Beckman, Vera and Elton Vaughn and Chery Scroggins won the door prizes.

The next meeting will be in September at the Senior Center. Chuck Otte will be our guest speaker.

Treasurer's Report for June 2006

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, June 1, 2006	\$824.04
Receipts	\$313.38
Expenses	\$554.06
Ending Balance, August 31, 2006	\$583.36

Sunshine Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman

Janet reported that a get-well card was sent to Marie Sawyer, thinking of you cards were sent to Lorna Lehner and Ilene Wright, sympathy cards were sent to Mabel Kane, Carlos Buckles and the family of Carrie Westover and a Happy 88th birthday card was sent to Leslie Worrell.



Walt Germann, Service Officer

Walt Germann has taken over the position of Service Officer. The TOP 10 Reasons Members Contact Service Officers for information are:

1. Death benefit claims
2. Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP)
3. How to contact the federal Office of Personnel Management
4. Medicare
5. Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI)
6. Taxes
7. Social Security



A Few Ways to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity

At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars, see if they slow down!

Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over his or her caffeine additions, switch to espresso!

Finish all your sentences with "in accordance with the Prophecy."

Procrastinate Now!

And Now, A Few Thoughts:

Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!

He who dies with the most toys is non-the-less dead!

The trouble with life is there's no background music!

Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!

8. Federal retirement benefits in general
9. Divorce and/or remarriage and the impact on benefits
10. NARFE membership topics.

Other reasons listed: For help with beneficiary forms, Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP), direct deposit of annuity checks, and veterans/military retirement benefits.

If you have any questions, or if you see Walt, shake his hand and thank him for taking on this diverse position with the Chapter. Thanks, Walt! And, thank Morris Beckman for his generosity in serving as the Service Officer these past few years.



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