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Chapter 383, 2005 Officers

President: James Martin, 238-8539

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• Chapter 383, 2006 Committee Chairpersons

Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041

Membership, Carl Shell, 238-8330

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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

Calling, 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



A time for Thanksgiving!

!!IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM RONALD C. FLOM, Associate Director Management Services Division, & Chief Human Capital Officer

Suspicious Contacts With Federal Employees

"OPM has been alerted by an employee of the Department of Homeland Security that employees at DHS have been contacted by an individual representing himself as working for "Bynum Associates" and collecting information from Federal employees in reference to their retirement. The "Bynum Associate" is requesting SSN and other personal data from DHS employees.

No firm has been engaged by OPM to contact Federal employees and obtain personal identification data."



December 2006 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be December 14, 2006, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. T.J. Taylor and the JCHS JAZZ BAND will be performing at the luncheon.



November Birthdays

Happy birthday to Madelyn Brown, Vanetta Brumbaugh, Jim Dodd, Hughes Edgerton, Joe Gilmore, Paul Hood, Beverly Huffman, Billie Jo Rivera, Martha Upshaw, Auguster Davis, Sherman Washburn, Dorothy Osburn, Carl Wright, and Mary Kramer.



November Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pancake, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Strom. Many more!





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.

Someone asked me if I had a recipe for Friendship Bread - I found one in the "Stop, Drop & Cook" Cookbook - A collection of Recipes by Junction City Firefighters Local 3309 and Auxiliary, Junction City, Kansas. With permission to reprint from Lisa Thomas, the recipe is:

Friendship Bread

In a 2 quart jar add:

- 1 T. yeast
- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. milk

Stir for 5 days; add the above again, minus the yeast. Stir for 5 days and add above

Sunshine Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman

Janet reported that a sympathy card was sent to the Blixt family and a get well was sent to Marie Sawyer.

Minutes of the October MEETING

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383 met at the Senior Citizens Center on October 12, 2006 at 11:30. President Jim Martin called the meeting to order with Otis Scroggins leading us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy Germann was added to the October Birthdays. Anniversaries were read with no changes.

Guest was Carolyn Cook and Leonetta Chaves-Bibby was at the luncheon as our newest member. Welcome to Lucy Gonzales who recently retired and joined us. Marcia Smith, United Way, and LTG (Retired) Richard Seitz, United Way Honorary Chairman, were in attendance as guests

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

LEGISLATIVE: Jim Dodd stated that the next hot line message would be October 18th. This new message will have the September consumer price index news and the COLA for 2007. The increases in FEHBP health Insurance premiums for 2007 will be 1.8%. The legislative report charts in the October Retirement Life Magazine lists how the 109th congress voted on bills of interest to NARFE members. Only Representative Moore voted in our favor all of the time. Neither Senator Brownback nor Roberts voted for any of the NARFE sponsored bills. The latest hotline message was available for members to pick up.

SERVICE OFFICER: Walt Germann stated he has continued to contact OPM Retirement Services in an attempt to improve responses. His phone number is 209-1938.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Janet thanked everyone who donated cards.

CONVENTION NEWS: Joe Gilmore asked committee chairpersons to stay after the luncheon for an update convention meeting.

We had reservations for 98 with 87 in attendance. Again we remind you if you make reservations and can't attend, please cancel.

Alzheimer's collection was \$97.86.

Jim announced that at the November meeting we would be collecting food for the Food Pantry.

Jim said that we need two Sergeants of Arms for the Convention.



again. Divide into 4 parts, which is 1 cup, each part. Give 3 parts away to friends, they then grow their own started for 10 days, and give a batch back to you.

On the 10th day add:

- 1 c. sugar
 - 2 c. flour
 - 1 tsp. Salt
 - 1 ¼ tsp. Baking soda
 - 1 tsp. Cinnamon
 - 3 eggs
 - ¾ c. oil
 - 1 tsp. Vanilla
- (You can also add 1 cup of your favorite fruit - kids love cherry pie)

Bake at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes, this will make 6 small loaves or 2 large loaves. You will have homemade bread to freeze and new loaves every 10 days.

Divine Humor:
Children's Science
Exam Answers

These are real answers given by children.

Q: Name the four seasons.
A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Tom Strom and Don Campbell said that they would help.

T-shirts with the Chapter logo are available through Madelyn Brown; please see her for orders. The cost is \$15.35 for Small to XL and \$18.26 for larger ones. Madelyn said it would be nice if everyone working at the convention would have one. Our visitors will know who could help them if they had a problem.

Rachel Bickerstaff, Larry Young, Carolyn Cook and Hilde Mukai won the door prizes.

The next meeting will be November 9th at the Senior Center. A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be the guest speaker.

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Treasurer's Report for September 2006

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, October 1, 2006	\$487.56
Receipts	\$796.33
Expenses	\$570.04
Ending Balance, October 31, 2006	\$713.85

"Dixie Thomas, Chapter 383 Newsletter Editor, has been selected--and has accepted---the position of Kansas Federation Newsletter Editor, replacing John Lancaster, who is stepping down after editing the federation newsletter for several years. She is taking on this additional duty while staying on as our chapter newsletter editor. Congratulations to Dixie on her selection. I'm certain that she will maintain the same level of excellence at the federation level that she has brought to our chapter newsletter."

Jim Martin, President
Old Trooper, NARFE Chapter 383

WHEN YOU NO LONGER CAN DECIDE

"We all dread losing control at the end of our lives--but most of us avoid the relatively simple planning that assures that our wishes regarding health care will be followed. Two methods to make our wishes known are: Living Wills and/or Health-Care Powers of Attorney. I recommend that you think about what you want in this case. Please check with me on any questions you may have."

Walt Germann, (785) 209-1938, Service Officer
NARFE Old Trooper Chapter 383



Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental?

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

UPDATE ON CONVENTION PLANNING!

- **Decoration Committee:** The Decoration Committee met, toured, viewed, contacted others that have used the hotel and have ideas for decorations.
- **Hospitality, Host and Hostess and the Information Committees:** These committees have met – however, the week before the convention, these members will be given a tour of the hotel meeting rooms to become familiar with what/where/when meetings will take place. Further into the planning, we will know names of VIPs expected and what/where they will be presenting – this information will be presented to these committees for their information.
- **Alzheimer's Committee:** The Alzheimer's Committee met with the State Alzheimer's Chairman, Linda Surritte, to discuss plans for the actions needed regarding the live and silent auctions.
- **Photographer:** Jean Nickell, Chapter 2098, Tri River Chapter, Parker, Kansas, accepted the responsibilities as the Convention photographer. A list of photos for her to take will be completed prior to the Convention.
- **Convention Timekeeper:** The timekeeper is identified, and aware of duties.
- **Memorial Service:** Abilene Chapter is working on the memorial service and are in contact with Jim Martin but the decoration committee has the decorations under consideration.
- **Sergeants of Arms:** These are identified but will also be included in the walk-through of the hotel prior to the convention.
- **Chaplain:** The Chaplain is our Chapter Chaplain and has accepted the responsibility for the Convention duties.
- **Publicity Committee:** The publicity committee sent out over 115 letters to merchants and as recently as last Friday, requested more be printed so they could visit other merchants in person soliciting ads in the booklet. Approximately 120 letters were sent to State Board Members and areas Vice Presidents, Chapter Presidents and Secretaries soliciting ads for the booklet.
- **Printing Committee:** The program booklet in a perpetual forward motion as it changes daily/hourly (as well as the budget and contract). Tickets for drawings, voting tickets and luncheon tickets are completed and color designated. The evaluation sheet is in draft.
- **Registration/Credentials Committee:** The Registration/Credentials Committees met with the Convention Bureau and will be receiving badges, and other items for the packets when we get closer to the convention. The Junction City and Topeka newspapers were contacted on necessary procedures to publicize our convention.
- **Honor Guard:** The Honor Guard is in progress – not decided at this time. Under consideration is the Legion, VFW, Jr. ROTC and/or the Fort Riley Commanding General's Color Guard.
- There are some issues with the hotel contract but very minor and after an upcoming meeting with sales, the contract will hopefully be signed.

If you have updates or if items were omitted, please contact Dixie Thomas, Convention Committee, (785) 238-1455.

