



OLD TROOPER NEWSLETTER

Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

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Jim Martin, Is "Gettin' In the Groove" as Chapter 383 President!!



- Next Meeting will be April 14, 2005, 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center, Spring Valley Road

- April program will be the Girls Trio from Chapman High School!



Friendly!



Informative!



A good Listener!



Always helpful!



(Left to right: Dorothy Luttman, 2nd VP, Jim Martin, President, and Vi Smith, Secretary)



• **Chapter 383, 2005
Officers**

President: James
Martin, 238-8539

1st Vice President: June
Buckles, 238-6776

2nd Vice President:
Dorothy Luttman, 461-
5577

Secretary: Virginia
Smith, 238-5567

Treasurer: Madelyn
Brown, 238-5623

• **Chapter 383, 2005
Committee
Chairpersons**

Legislative, James
Dodd, 238-8041

Membership, June
Buckles, 238-6776

Public Relations,

Dorothy Luttman, 461-
5577

Service Officer, Morris
Beckman, 238-5917

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



March Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Edward Gates, Alice Hoover, Vincent Huey, Carol Ibarra, Steven Kosovich, Bessie Lighthall, Wanda Llewelyn, Donna Motley, Helen Norris, Joan Martin, Bill Martin, Dorothy Beckman, and Leroy Walters. We hope each of you have many, many more birthdays.

March Anniversaries

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norcross, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. George Mailen, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miles. Congratulations to you and your fellow celebrants.

Sunshine Report

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Helen Yenser and Thomas May. Our prayers are with you and yours. (Remember; call Janet Harrel, our Sunshine representative. Her number is 238-7488.)

Treasurer's Report February 2005

Beginning Balance:	\$	743.17
Receipts:		580.45
Expenses:		(512.72)
Ending Balance:	\$	810.90

Madelyn Brown, Treasurer

Minutes of the February Meeting

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383, N.A.R.F.E., met at the Senior Citizens Center at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 10, 2005. Ninety-two were in attendance. Lillian Young and her committee provided lovely valentine decorations.

Jim Martin, President, called the meeting to order. Otis Scroggins, Chaplain, lead the group in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

New member, Barbara Rawlins, was introduced. A guest from Dwight, Helmut Holly, was present.

Jim Martin read the February birthdays. There were two changes: Clifford Rector replaced Jonetta Rector and Virginia Smith was added. Jim read the anniversaries.

Minutes to the January meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to accept them as written. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Larry Young moved the report be accepted and filed for audit. Motion seconded and carried.



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

- **Chapter 385, Advisors to the President**

Madelyn Brown, 238-5623

Larry Young, 238-3047

June Buckles, 238-6776

Jim Dodd, 238-8041

Morris Beckman, 238-5917

Vi Martin, 238-8539



CONTACT JUNE BUCKLES, 238-6776
or any Executive Board member for an application to join a fun group - NARFE.



Jim Martin presented the new Suggestion Box to be used for ideas to improve the Chapter, or any other suggestions or comments.

The Chapter has one delegate position available for the April State Convention.

Junction City has a Business Showcase scheduled April 16 and 17. The Chapter needs volunteers to man the booth. Contributions of door prizes are requested. Other Chapters in the area will be invited to join with us.

Thank you notes were read from the family of Helen Yenser, the Geary County Health Foundation and the family of Blanche Zellner.

Jim Martin announced that Dale Bergstrom had been awarded an honorary Life Membership by National Headquarters.

Jim Dodd, Legislative Chairman, reported that both NARFE and AARP are opposed to changes being suggested for Social Security.

Entertainment for the February meeting was the Band of Ahs. Harold Williams played the guitar and sang and Barbara Hartly sang.

Morris Beckman, Service Officer, announced that former federal employees who did not take out benefits for a spouse now have an option to do so. See a service representative.

There is a possibility that injured veterans or those who received a purple heart may be eligible for a government payment.

There is also a plan in the making to get I.D.'s for former federal employees so they can get on and off military bases without so much delay.

June Buckles, Membership Chairman, announced that 50% of current members are now using dues withholding. The committee is trying to get more signed up.

Carlos and June Buckles have just returned from the Mardi Gras. They brought dozens of strands of beads, which were given to attendees. Thanks Carlos and June.

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman, announced that no cards or flowers were sent in January.

Alzheimer's collection was \$84.25.

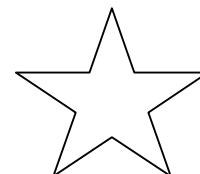
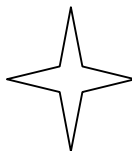
There was no unfinished, new or old business.

Carol Bondurant, Melba Easley, Bob Bondurant and Dick Lacey won door prizes.

Motion was made, second and carried to adjourn.

Virginia P. Smith, Secretary

Entertainment for February – Band of Ahs Band Member, Harold Williams, entertains the members.





FUNNY STUFF!

Just wanted you all to know that I have entered the "snapdragon part of my life.....

Part of me has snapped... and

The rest of me is draggin.....!

One Liners:

Consciousness: The annoying time between naps!

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?



This NARFE Legislative Hotline, number 499 was released 23 February 2005. The tempered good news, that the Bush Administration fiscal 2006 budget presents no frontal assault on federal retiree benefits, must NOT lull NARFE members into a false sense that the budget process cannot harm their interests. We are at the very beginning of the public portion of the budget process. Among NARFE legislative priorities, only the Repeal of the Social Security Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision has an already introduced bill. The bill is H.R. 147 and was introduced by Rep. Buck McKeon (R-CA). H.R. 147 has 187 cosponsors. Social Security reform is much in the news but actual, and likely conflicting, proposals are still being shaped at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. While the debate is still in generalities, NARFE's convention-adopted position on the issue of establishing private accounts and on private investment of the Social Security Trust Fund is specifically spelled out in our Legislative Program in the January magazine. It clearly states: 1) NARFE opposes investment of the Social Security reserves in investments other than Treasury securities; and, 2) NARFE opposes replacing any portion of Social Security benefits with private individual accounts. NARFE's position has been made clear to the White House, and we are working with coalition partners (<http://www.narfe.org/leg/coalition.cfm>) on coordinating collective strategy and tactics on this issue.

The next Hotline will be issued Friday March 4, 2005. This weekly legislative message is available to telephone callers (703/838-7780 and toll free at 1-877-217-8234), posted for members on NARFE's Internet site, www.narfe.org.



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