



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



Active and Retired Federal Employees “Old Trooper” Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

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Welcome back! Time to get busy and back in touch with what is going on for Federal employees, active and retired.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY and Happy Anniversary to:



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 Anniversary to 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:** Note – this is the May secretary’s report. June was our evening potluck and closing for the summer. President Jim Mitchell, of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the May 12, 2011 Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. Invocation: Maxine Kroeplin led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Mitchell extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of May. President Mitchell called for the reading of the Minutes and Treasurer’s report. He then asked for a motion and second from the floor to approve or modify the minutes. A motion was made by Maxine Kroeplin and seconded by Donna Schmutz; motion was passed. He asked for a motion to approve or modify the Treasurer’s report a motion was made by Tom Case and seconded by Wally Mitchell; motion passed. President Mitchell presented certificates of appreciation to the members that worked so hard during the State Convention. Madelyn Brown and June Buckles received recognition for their outstanding work raising funds for Alzheimer’s through the Eagles Bingo Games. President Mitchell announced that Vi Martin was in the GCH in room 2127. The Chapter received a thank you from the Food Pantry for the donation of 172 lbs., of nonperishable food items. President Mitchell stated he still has a couple of plates left over from the Hospitality Room and the Convention. Ray Thompson thanked President Mitchell for the outstanding job he did on the State Convention. Legislative Report: Jim Dodd encouraged the NARFE Members with Internet access go to the NARFE website, “Protect American’s Heartbeat” click on it and send Congress a message not to use our retirement benefits to balance the budget. Those without Internet can send letters with the same



**ALREADY  
RESERVED YOUR  
LUNCH AND  
SOMETHING  
CAME UP???** –  
**PLEASE CALL  
AND CANCEL  
YOUR MEAL  
RESERVATION –  
238-4015 –  
THANK YOU!!**



May 2011 – April  
2012

*Wanda Williams,  
friend and  
member*

*Danny Hartung,  
spouse of Pat  
Hartung*

*Pippy Engstrom,  
sister of Carolyn  
Cook*

*Catherine Simon,  
friend and  
member*

*Donald Kohls,  
friend and  
member*

message. There was no report from the Service Officer, and Janet Harrell, Sunshine Chair, thanked everyone for the phone calls concerning members. There was no membership report, President Mitchell did encourage all the members to recruit new members and Membership Chair, Sharon Strain, has the new forms.

Attendance: There were 80 reservations and 78 present. We collected \$163.50 (\$70.00 from the Eagles) for Alzheimer's.

Entertainment: We were entertained by the Sheridan School Singers under the direction of Karen Burkston; they sang several numbers and it was very enjoyable. President Mitchell presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Burkston. He thanked Leonetta Chaves-Bibby for arranging the program. Leonetta asked the members to provide her suggestions for entertainment.

Reference the June meeting Potluck was voted on whether to have it at 12 Noon or in the evening, the evening time frame won and the June meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H/Senior Center, June 9, 2011.



### **TREASURER'S REPORT by Madelyn Brown:**

<b>Beginning Balance June 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$1,015.98</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>1,188.74</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>134.55</b>
<b>Ending Balance August 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$2,070.17</b>



### **SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel**

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Catherine Simon. A thinking of you was sent to William McKale who is currently hospitalized in GCH.



## **LEGISLATIVE RELEASES**

August 18, 2011 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE WASHINGTON, DC – Joseph A. Beaudoin, President of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), released the following statement today in response to a proposal to remove health and retirement benefits of U.S. postal workers:

“Like many Americans, I am concerned about the financial straits of the U.S. Postal Service. I am also deeply troubled by attempts to plow through these challenges by taking away the proven and stable employment benefits that our postal workers earned. Removing the federal health and retirement benefits of our postal workers will undermine the vital service they provide to our nation's infrastructure – this is no way to manage an already struggling American enterprise.”

August 2, 2011 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 2, 2011 WASHINGTON, DC – Following the passage of a debt-ceiling agreement by both houses of Congress, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association President Joseph A. Beaudoin released the following statement:

“On behalf of our nation's more than four million federal workers and retirees and the Americans they serve, it is a great relief that a deal has been reached to keep the government moving forward. There is also temporary relief in the news that, so far, no sweeping plans have been enacted that would weaken our federal workers' retirement and health benefits.

“Unfortunately, the nearly \$1 trillion in spending reductions across federal agencies will be a challenge to absorb, and once again federal workers will get the chance to demonstrate their skill at doing more with less. As the debt negotiations continue through the end of the year, I hope our leaders continue to recognize the value of our nation's federal workforce and the sacrifices they are undertaking to get our country back on solid financial ground.”