



# "OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

December 2010

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*Merry Christmas to  
all of you and your  
families. May your  
New Year be happy  
and prosperous.*

*Dixie Thomas,  
Editor*

## Upcoming Events

9 Dec – 11:30: Old Trooper Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Center, 1025 S. Spring Valley Rd

9 Dec – Swear in 2011 Chapter Officers

**CONVENTION UPDATE!** The meals and prices for the NARFE State Convention April 10-12, 2011 have been finalized and forwarded to State. We are still trying to come up with a "theme" for the Convention. Next year Kansas will be 150 years old and we are thinking something to



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

**ALZHEIMER'S FUND:** If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund, you can send a check to: Madelyn Brown, Treasurer, 1141 St. Mary's Road, Junction City, KS 66441. Please make checks out to "NARFE Alzheimer's Research" and write "Alzheimer's Fund" on the memo line.

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

do with sunflowers and the State's birthday. Any ideas? Let us know! **DON'T FORGET TO CARRY SOME "ADS" WITH YOU WHEN YOU VISIT THOSE MERCHANTS ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK. FOR YOUR BUSINESS, THEY NEED TO SHOW SOME APRECIATION – SO ASK THEM TO BUY AN AD IN OUR PROGRAM BOOKLET.**

**COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS:**

- Convention Chairperson: Jim Mitchell
- Convention Co-Chair: Dixie Thomas
- Banquet & Decorations: Still pending
- Financial: Nancy Wiehl
- Host and Hostess: Wally Mitchell, Jim & Vi Martin, Don & Marilyn Bielefeld (?),
- Information Chair: Joan Martin, Donna Schmutz
- Memorial Service: Still pending
- Publicity Chair: Madelyn Brown
- Printing Chair: Jim Dodd
- Registration Chair: Barbara Thibodeau with/ Madelyn Brown, June and Carlos Buckles, Joan Martin, Dixie Thomas, Nancy Wiehl, Celina Vincent (
- Hospitality Chair: Maxine Kroeplin, Karen Baldwin, Sharon Griffin
- Credential Chair: Lanny Pender
- Sergeants of Arms: Ray Thompson with / Bert Thomas, Jim Nelson, Don Campbell, Bob Norcross, Clarence Lehner
- Chaplain: Otis Scroggins
- Convention Time Keeper: Carole Blixt
- Alzheimer's Committee: Opal Dalton with / Virginia Adam, Dee Campbell, Joyce Peoples (?), Marie Sawyer (Sunday), Billie Jo Rivera (Sunday)



**CHAPTER NEWS**



**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:** June Walters, Bobbi Davis, Carl White, Donald Whitebread, Donna Yenser, Jim King, Joyce Peoples, Norman Lee, Opal Dalton, Peter Kolrus, Raymond Bennett and Ruth Asbury



**HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO:** Bert and Dixie Thomas, Clarice and Roger Longhofer, Don and Dee Campbell, Tom and Bobby Case, and Walt and July Germann. Many, Many more to all of you!

(Remember – the only way your name(s) get on the list is if you tell the Editor – no where is there any birthday or anniversary in the NARFE files. Dixie Thomas)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender:**

**President Jim Martin, of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the November 12, 2010, Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.**  
**Invocation: Morris Beckman led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**  
**President Martin extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating**



**New Year's Reflections**

Looking back on the months gone by,  
As a new year starts and an old one ends,  
We contemplate what brought us joy,  
And we think of our loved ones and our friends.  
Recalling all the happy times,  
Remembering how they enriched our lives,  
We reflect upon who really counts,  
As the fresh and bright new year arrives.  
And when I/we ponder those who do,  
I/we immediately think of you.  
Thanks for being one of the reasons I'll/We'll have a Happy New Year!  
*By Joanna Fuchs*



**Happy New Year Wish**

My Happy New Year wish for you  
Is for your best year yet,  
A year where life is peaceful,  
And what you want, you get.  
A year in which you cherish  
The past year's memories,  
And live your life each new day,  
Full of bright expectancies.  
I wish for you a holiday  
With happiness galore;  
And when it's done, I wish you  
Happy New Year, and many more.  
*By Joanna Fuchs*

in the month of November, special recognition went to Dorothy Osborn whose birthday is November 12. He extended a welcome to Diana Dowling.

President Martin called for the reading of the minutes. He asked for a motion, motion was made by Florence Whitebread, motion passed. A motion was made by Jim Walker to accept the Treasurer's report, motion was passed. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit. Business: We delivered 183 pounds of food to the Food Pantry. Madelyn Brown is the person to see for name tags. President Martin stated officers don't have to pay for name tags, so, a member can take an office and not pay for their name tag. Jim Mitchell stated that the deadline for State Convention Ads is late March not Nov. Jim Mitchell gave a very special thanks to Dixie Thomas and her financial committee for the hard work and organization thus far for the State Convention. Karen Baldwin reminded the members about the Jam sessions at the Arts Council on W. 7<sup>th</sup>, which takes place on Tuesday evenings 6-8, Karen, also thanked the Chapter for the beautiful sympathy card she received. Election of new officers was held. New officers are: Pres. Jim Mitchell; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ray Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Sharon Strain; Sec. Lannie Pender; and Tres. Madelyn Brown. Next month the new officers will be sworn in.

Legislative: Jim Dodd informed us that the latest Hot Line yesterday was a special emergency notice on the fiscal report. Please see [www.fiscalcommission.gov](http://www.fiscalcommission.gov). Another message announced John Kerry's bill "Medicare Premium Fairness Act", this bill is not on the floor yet. He also gave us a "heads up" about Health Ins. Plans, he cautioned everyone to compare difference in coverage not just price before changing plans.

No reports from Service Officer or a Sunshine Report.

The entertainment was Fred Meyers playing the accordion, his first selection was Amazing Grace which he double recorded, it was a lovely piece and he played a number of songs and gave a synopsis of how he came to this country from Germany and how he became an American Citizen. His performance was enjoyed by everyone, and we hope to have him back again.

December entertainment will be the JCHS Jazz Band. The December meeting will be Dec. 9. Opal Dalton made a Swedish Weave Afghan to raffle off for Alzheimer's, the winner was Greta Lyhte of Opal's Red Hat Club. Opal collected \$400 plus for Alzheimer's.

There were 99 reservations for November and 72 in attendance. There was \$71.00 collected for Alzheimer's.

Door Prizes were won by Bob Norcross, Alan Stephen a Helen Powers and Joan.



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

Beginning Balance Nov 1, 2010 - \$794.91  
Receipts - \$859.44  
Expenses - \$910.16  
Ending Balance Nov 30, 2010 - \$744.19



**SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel**

Janet sent a thinking of you note to June Wood and Vi Martin, sympathy cards to Karen Baldwin and Jonetta Rector and families and a get well to Bobbi Davis. Please make sure Janet gets your calls on our house bound members or someone that needs a cheering up.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### **NARFE Disappointed by President's Decision to Freeze Federal Worker Pay**

Joseph A. Beaudoin, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), reacted with disappointment to President Obama's announcement of a two-year pay freeze for civilian federal workers:

"We understand the purpose of shared sacrifice. But federal employees and their families once again are being singled out. This action comes at a time when the federal government can ill afford to put recruitment and retention at risk," said Beaudoin. "Indeed, freezing or cutting pay sends the wrong signal to the best and brightest workers federal agencies will need in these difficult times."

### **NARFE Applauds Kerry for Bill to Protect Federal Retirees from the 2011 Medicare Premium Increase**

Joseph A. Beaudoin, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), today praised Sen. John Kerry, D-MA, for his decision to introduce the "Medicare Premium Fairness Act" when the Senate convenes for the lame-duck session in mid-November. The bill would protect all Medicare beneficiaries -- including federal civil service annuitants who are not eligible to receive Social Security -- from an increase in their Part B premium in 2011, when they will not receive any cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)."



**IN MEMORIAM: THIS COLUMN IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEAR. PLEASE REMEMBER FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. MAY 2010, JUNE 2010, JULY 2010, AUGUST 2010, SEPTEMBER 2010, OCTOBER 2010, NOVEMBER 2010**

#### **Clifford M. Rector**

CHAPMAN -- Clifford Miles Rector, 87, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. Preceded in death: six brothers; two sisters; stepson, William "Bill" Durham; and two step grandchildren. Survivors: wife, Jonetta; sons, Dennis, Larry, Randall and Steven; daughter, Debra Edwards; stepdaughters, Janet Williams and Carol Crowley; two brothers; eight grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 11 step great-grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jonetta and family.



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