



# "OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



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

## JANUARY 2012

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## Upcoming Events

11:30, 9 February 2012: NARFE Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 1025 South Spring Valley Road, Alice Jensen, Geary Community Hospital will be the visiting speaker

11:30, 8 March 2012: NARFE Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 1025 South Spring Valley Road

11:30, 12 April 2012: NARFE Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 1025 South Spring Valley Road

11:30, 10 May 2012: NARFE Luncheon / Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 1025 South Spring Valley Road

5:30, 14 June 2012: NARFE potluck / meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 1025 South Spring Valley Road, and entertainment will be "CUZ" from Chapman who performs country music to the members and guests.

### CHAPMAN VFW MEMBERS ARE COLLECTING YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS:

If, you have "ANYTHING" you no longer "NEED" please give me a call.... so we can come and pick it up. The Chapman VFW members will be collecting items for an Auction that will be held this spring to raise money to help support our many activities.

We really need your help....and most of all ..... everyone has a few things lying around and especially after Christmas; Household Items, Toys, Appliances, Tools, Bikes, Exercise Equipment, Military Items, and we'll also take clothing... The clothing will be donated to the VA Hospital or Clothing Closet. Need everyone's help....Jack Lucas, 785-922-6624, Chapman, Kansas...I'll come pick it up or just put it on my front porch.....God Bless



Happy Birthday to Alan Stephan, Barbara Hill, Cameron Davis, Carole Blixt, Celina Vincent, Clarice Longhofer, Corky Briestensky, Edna Patterson, Janet Harrel, Karen Baldwin, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby, Richard Mathes, Robert Norcross, Sharon Strain, Vi Martin, and Walt Germann.



Happy Anniversary to Cameron and Bobbie Davis, Llellwyn and Daisy McTavish, Don Marston and Lola Brighton-Marston and Otis and Shirley Scroggins. Many Many More!

**SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender:** Acting President Ray Thompson, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the 8 December 2011 Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30, 4H/Senior Citizens Center. Invocation: Chaplain Maxine Kroeplin led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Murlene Jones and Rhonda Gonzales were welcomed as guests. Acting President Thompson directed everyone's attention to the Nov and



**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*

*Ben Kitchens, friend  
and member*

Dec Newsletters; called a motion and second from the floor to approve or modify the minutes. A motion was made by Maxine Kroeplin and seconded by Sharon Strain. Motion carried. A motion made by Cameron Davis to accept the treasurer's report for filing was passed. Vi Martin passed out a new member list to the calling committee. The new officers were installed; President Jim Mitchell will be installed at a later date. The Alzheimer's 50/50 drawing was won by Janet Harrel. She won \$90.00 and \$90.00 was donated to Alzheimer's. Janet then donated \$40.00 back to Alzheimer's Thank you Janet.

Certificates of appreciation were handed to June and Carlos Buckles, Sharon Strain and Lannie Pender for attending the Health Fair at Fort Riley.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Jim Dodd recapped the hotline message and more specifically, stated that Congress has not renewed the payroll tax cut bill, which expires December 31, 2011. The NARFE – supported "Federal Workers Compensation Modernization & Improvement act," H-R 2456 passed by voice vote. He also mentioned that NARFE Web site has been revamped and there are links where members can send emails supporting NARFE issues to our Congressmen. There were no reports from Service Officer or Sunshine Chair. The Membership chair reported we handed out approximately 100 applications at the health fair, however, no new members have been gained from this activity. The entertainment was Vocalist Maria Potter and pianist Frances Clark from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Baptist Church. They performed Glory to the Newborn King; Mary did you Know and Happy Birth Jesus. They led the members in Silent Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. There were 88 reservations and 84 members and guests in attendance. The Alzheimer's fund collected \$85.50. Door prizes were 20 meal tickets donated by the Chapter to be used at the January Chapter Meeting and a turkey was won by Dee Campbell.

The next meeting will be January 12, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



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

**Beginning Balance December 1, 2011 \$2,253.15**

**Receipts \$6,88.10**

**Expenses \$662.58**

**Ending Balance December 31, 2011 \$2,277.67**



## **SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel**

Please make sure you call Janet on members that need best wishes, sympathy or just a thinking of you.

**IMPORTANT Information** provided by Madelyn Brown: Our Chapter donation to NARFE/Alzheimer's for 2011 is \$3,823.20 or \$15.60 per members. This amount includes what was sold at the convention. Barb Pretzer, NARFE National Alzheimer's Coordinator, is concerned about an issue that NARFE members are asking her about which is mailings soliciting money for Alzheimer's. The letters are from "Alzheimer's Disease Research" located at Clarksburg, Maryland. This is not part of the NARFE/Alzheimer's Research of Chicago that we donate to. The letter does not contain the Alzheimer's logo, but does use information from the Alzheimer's publication. She hopes our members have not contributed to this solicitation for money. **"REMEMBER AS NARFE MEMBERS YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE SOLICITATIONS FOR MONEY FROM THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION."**