



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

President/Service Officer (Beth Picek)

I, again, want to encourage everyone who can do so to attend College of NARFE Knowledge (CONK) August 28-30 especially if you've never attended before. It is a great way to learn more about NARFE's mission and how to accomplish it as well as network with other NARFE members from around the region. Pheasant Chapter has voted to pay expenses for attendees. What an opportunity! Contact one of the officers to get your name on the list. Deadline for hotel registration is August 10.

Next Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7th St SW, in Huron. Chapter members are encouraged to make dinner reservations the day before our meeting by calling 352-8291 before 4:00 p.m. Identify yourself as a NARFE member. Suggested donation is \$4 for those over 60. Please check in and pay at the front desk. The picnic menu will include grilled burgers with potato salad and melon. Please bring a less active or prospective member.

New Member

Our 4th new Pheasant Chapter member of 2017 is Dale Cundy! WELCOME and THANK YOU for choosing Dues Withholding! Dale joins Carol and Jim Milbrandt along with Margaret Brauer. In related news, a Pheasant Chapter member has offered a \$50 incentive for each of the next five recruiters who sign up a new member.

Membership Renewals in August 2017

Pheasant Chapter Members 106 – National Only Members 3 According to national records, August 1 dues expirations include Clarence Hanson, Mary Larson, Luella Longcor, Sandra Mencke and Marvin Nelson. Those listed as past due include Dorothy Lundgren on May 1 and Ron Timperly on July 1. **Dropped for non-renewal in the past 12 months are Dale Goreham, Douglas Hart, Charles Johnson, Mimi Johnson, Sharon Jones, Frances Kallenberger (voluntary) and Jim Uthe.** Have you considered Dues Withholding? If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

Courtesy Committee (Clarence & Judy Hanson)

A condolence card was sent to the family of Virginia Rist. If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

Did you hear about the calendar thief? He got 12 months. They say his days are numbered!

NARFE Webinars

Non-members can watch any NARFE webinar for \$39.95 which includes a one-year membership. NARFE members can watch ALL webinars for FREE 24 hours a day! To see a list of topics and share with prospective members, visit www.narfe.org/federalbenefitsinstitute

Support Groups – Spread the Word

Parkinson's on 4th Wednesday at 1:30 HRMC Legacy Plaza
Alzheimer's on 2nd Thursday at 2:00 SunQuest Village
For more information, contact Jenny at 352-8471

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 2..... Judy Hanson
July 24..... Mike Hall
July 24..... Marsha Coil
July 27..... Judy Bowder
July 29..... Freddy Coil
July 29..... Jorge & Connie Vicuna (anniv)
July 30..... Ward & Jackie Butler (anniv)
July 31..... Shirley McMillan

Do we have YOUR special day listed?

Social Security and Medicare

Initial projections indicate Social Security recipients could receive a 2.2% increase in 2018. This comes after a 0.3% increase this year and no increase last year. Related good news is that Medicare Part B will remain unchanged. Official announcements are anticipated in the fall.

"The most unwelcome advice in the world is that which is unasked for."

Meals on Wheels (Al Thomas)

Pheasant Chapter members helped deliver Meals on Wheels the week of July 10-14. Thank you to Phyllis Arwood, Jerry Bisterfeldt, Bob Eickhoff, Twyla Folk, Doug Hart, Keith McMillan, Sandra & Jerry Mencke, Cheryl Severtson, Dick Sievert, Karen Swanda, Lloyd Timperly and Keith Zolobkowski for helping. Also thank you to friends of NARFE Graham Smith and Janette Tarbock with her grandchildren and especially to Al Thomas for coordinating this huge project.

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable!

The Cemetery Club

Pheasant Chapter member Diane Clayton will appear in Huron Area Community Theatre's comedy production of "The Cemetery Club" on August 3-6 in Huron and August 11-12 in DeSmet. Don't miss this hilarious show!

Mark Your Calendar

August 23..... Pheasant Chapter Meeting
August 28-30..... CONK in South Sioux City
September 14..... District II Meeting in Watertown
September 20..... Alzheimer's Walk at SunQuest
October 9-13..... Meals on Wheels
May 15-17..... SD Federation Convention in Flandreau

Legislative (Jim Valer)

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OMG, I'm rich! Silver in my hair, Gold in my teeth, Crystals in my kidney, Sugar in my blood, Lead in my butt, Iron in my arteries, and an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas! I never thought I would accumulate such wealth!