



## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

### **President/Service Officer** (Beth Picek)

August is "Grassroots Advocacy Month". President Trump's 2018 budget proposal was released on May 23. According to *narfe* magazine, it "contains unprecedented threats to the earned pay and benefits of federal workers and retirees". We are urged to write to our legislators and urge them to reject any attempts to cut or reduce the earned pay and benefits of the federal community. You can do that by using NARFE's Legislative Action Center at [www.narfe.org/legislation](http://www.narfe.org/legislation). Congress needs to hear from us!

### **Next Meeting**

Please join us on Wednesday, August 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7<sup>th</sup> 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 menu will include barbecued chicken breast with baked potato. Please bring a less active or prospective member.

*"Laughter is like a windshield wiper: It doesn't stop the rain, but it allows us to keep going."*

### **Membership Renewals in September 2017**

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According to national records, September 1 dues expirations include Margaret Brauer, Ward Butler, Jerry Hutchinson, David Nelson and Betty Salvesson. Those listed as past due include Luella Longcor and Mary Larson on August 1. **Dropped for non-renewal in the past 12 months are Dale Goreham, Douglas Hart, Sharon Jones, Frances Kallenberger, Dorothy Lundgren and Jim Uthe.** Have you considered Dues Withholding? If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

### **New and Reinstated Members**

Welcome to Rustin Johnsen, our 6th new Pheasant Chapter member for 2017. Rustin is a letter carrier for the Huron Post Office. Thank you to these members who have been reinstated within the past year: Ward Butler, Arden Holt, Jerry Hutchinson, Charles Johnson, Mimi Johnson, David Nelson and Lyle Swanson.

### **Courtesy Committee** (Clarence & Judy Hanson)

Get well cards were sent to Ted Salvesson and Barb DeJong. Condolence cards were sent to Jim Milbrandt (Mom) and Keith Zolobkowski (Mom). If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

### **Alzheimer's** (Carol Grabin)

Alzheimer's Walk will be Wednesday, **September 20**, 2 pm, at SunQuest Health Care Center. NARFE members are invited to escort residents from the nursing home around Tiger Stadium track and back to enjoy ice cream sundaes. Pheasant Chapter will be bussing tables at Godfather's Pizza on Tuesday, **October 3**, from 5-7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help raise money for Alzheimer's Research.

# PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899 AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

### **Legislative** (Jim Valer)

In August, members of Congress return to their home states and districts to touch base with their constituents and listen to the concerns of their community. Because of this, August is NARFE's Grassroots Advocacy Month and the perfect opportunity to make your voice heard! NARFE's goal is to ensure legislators support protecting and enhancing the earned pay and retirement and health benefits of the federal community, not take these earned benefits away. Please join your fellow NARFE members across the country and engage with members of your congressional delegation during Grassroots Advocacy Month. We need every NARFE member to take action in order to prevent threats to the federal community from becoming law.

*"I don't have a Facebook or Twitter account so I just go around announcing out loud what I'm doing at random times. I already have 3 followers, but I think 2 are cops."*

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Aug 1..... Barb Valer  
Aug 2..... Larry & Beth Picek (anniv)  
Aug 4..... Melba Galliger  
Aug 5..... Roberta Ward  
Aug 8..... Rick & Janet Hohn (anniv)  
Aug 9..... Connie Vicuna  
Aug 9..... Ted Salvesson  
Aug 10..... Sandy Mencke  
Aug 13..... Keith & Annette Zolobkowski (anniv)  
Aug 15..... Cam & Melba Galliger (anniv)  
Aug 16..... Carol Grabin  
Aug 16..... Jorge Vicuna  
Aug 18..... Bill & Kathy Chase (anniv)  
Aug 19..... Jerry Mencke  
Aug 23..... Annette Zolobkowski  
Aug 27..... Pete Marcus  
Aug 27..... Gordon Peterson

Do we have YOUR special day listed?

*"Worry about your character, not your reputation. Your character is who you are. Your reputation is who people think you are."*

### **Mark Your Calendar**

August 28-30..... CONK in South Sioux City  
September 14..... District II Meeting in Watertown  
September 20..... Alzheimer's Walk at SunQuest  
October 3..... Godfather's Pizza Fundraiser  
October 9-13..... Meals on Wheels  
May 15-17..... SD Federation Convention in Flandreau

### **Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older**

*Death is the number one killer in the world. Life is sexually transmitted. Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die. Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism. In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal. Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.*