



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

President/Service Officer (*Beth Picek*)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Pheasant Chapter members that have served as an officer, on a committee, or filled in for one of us this year – you all know who you are! We will be nominating new officers next month. Please consider serving in some capacity for NARFE. This is the organization that helps to protect YOUR BENEFITS. If we all do a small part then nobody's part is overwhelming. Seriously consider saying yes when the nominating committee contacts you.

GREAT GUEST SPEAKER

Please join us on Wednesday, September 27, 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 menu will include low-sodium ham with parsnip potatoes. Our guest speaker will be Clareen Menzies speaking on "Everything you've always wanted to know about Muslims but were afraid to ask." This will be highly entertaining and informative. Please bring a less active or prospective member.

Courtesy Committee (*Clarence & Judy Hanson*)

Thankfully all members of Pheasant Chapter are alive and well. If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

Santa for a Senior

Please consider submitting the name(s) of persons who will be alone for Christmas and won't get gifts. More details next month.

Legislative (*Jim Valer*)

HOLY BIPARTISANSHIP BATMAN!!!

White House and congressional leaders agreed to a measure to fund the government, raise the debt ceiling and provide Hurricane Harvey disaster aid. The agreement funds the government and extends the debt ceiling until December 8. This move pushes back any decisions regarding budget proposals impacting the federal community, such as eliminating the Federal Employees Retirement System Annuity Supplement and decreasing or eliminating cost-of-living adjustments. NARFE is closely following the latest budget developments and is working with lawmakers to prevent proposals that would negatively impact the federal community from being included in any final budget agreement. NARFE members are strongly encouraged to write and call their legislators about attempts to reduce their earned pay and benefits.

NARFE-PAC

Pheasant Chapter members have contributed \$840 through the first two quarters of 2017.

NARFE DUES

Paying one year \$48 - two years \$80 - three years \$110
Save 15% by paying with Dues Withholding

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Membership Renewals in October 2017

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According to national records, October 1 dues expirations include Elaine Richter. Those listed as past due include Mary Larson (Aug), Jerry Hutchinson (Sep), David Nelson (Sep) and Betty Salvesson (Sep). **Dropped for non-renewal in the past 12 months are Dale Goreham, Douglas Hart, Sharon Jones, Dorothy Lundgren and Jim Uthe.** Have you considered Dues Withholding? If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sep 4.....Gordon & Janice Peterson (anniv)
Sep 15.....Cheryl Severtson
Sep 16.....Mary A. Larson
Sep 26.....Jim Valer
Did we miss any?

Membership Drive

The 2017 Membership Drive is on through December 31. Recruiters will receive \$10 from National and \$5 from Federation for each new member, active or retired, who joins during this time frame. Plus a Pheasant Chapter member has offered an additional \$50 bonus for each new member recruited. One person has accepted this offer but four more remain. Each recruiter's name will be entered into a drawing, one time for each new member recruited. Grand Prize will be an Apple Watch with monthly drawings on Oct 1, Nov 2 and Dec 1 for a \$25 Amazon.com gift card. Winners of a monthly prize remain eligible for the Grand Prize as well as all monthly drawings. Be sure to add your membership ID# to each application given.

Mark Your Calendar

October 3.....Godfather's Pizza Fundraiser
October 9-13.....Meals on Wheels
May 15-17.....SD Federation Convention in Flandreau

Alzheimer's (*Carol Grabin*)

September is World Alzheimer's Month. THANK YOU to President Beth Picek, Past President Keith Zolobkowski, Alzheimer's Coordinator Carol and Keith Grabin, and Bob Eickhoff for participating in the Alzheimer's Walk on September 20 at SunQuest Healthcare. Pheasant Chapter has donated \$455 to date. Pheasant Chapter will be bussing tables at Godfather's Pizza on Tuesday, **October 3**, from 5-6:15 and 6:15-7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help raise money for Alzheimer's.

New Medicare Card

Beginning in April 2018, new Medicare cards will be mailed to all Medicare recipients. Benefits will not change and risk for identity theft will be reduced by removing the Social Security number and replacing it with a NEW number.

Sen. John Thune.....(202) 224-2321 or 866-850-3855

Sen. Mike Rounds.....(202) 224-5842 or 844-875-5268

Rep. Kristi Noem.....(202) 225-2801 or 855-225-2801