



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

President/Service Officer (*Beth Picek*)

Open Season starts Monday, November 13 and runs through Monday, December 11. Everyone should review his/her health insurance coverage to determine if any changes should be made. Of course, you will be able to enroll in a different plan if you so choose. There are other decisions as well, such as changing your option (e.g., from self and family to self plus one, etc.) or enrolling in, or cancelling enrollment in, the FEDVIP (Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program). NARFE will be publishing the new premium rates and information both in "narfe" magazine and on the NARFE website. There are two Webinars available on topics related to Open Season as well. These are listed on Page 42 of your October "narfe" magazine.

NEXT MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, October 25, 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 roast beef with mashed potatoes and gravy. Our guest speaker will be Federation 2nd Vice-President Bob Eickhoff discussing CONK, District II Fall Meeting and the Fall Executive Board Meeting. Please bring a less active or prospective member.

NOTE: November meeting has been pushed back to November 29 due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Courtesy Committee (*Clarence & Judy Hanson*)

A condolence card was sent to Judy Bowder on the death of her brother. 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*)

Broken Promises: The House of Representatives has passed a fiscal year 2018 budget resolution that targets the hard earned retirement and health benefits of our nation's federal employees and retirees for substantial cuts in an effort to offset the cost of expected tax policy changes. This budget resolution is touted as setting the stage for tax changes that will provide a break to hard-working, middle class Americans. In reality, it sets the stage for broken promises, lower paychecks, and less retirement and health security for hard-working, middle class public servants. As always, we encourage you to contact our local political representatives, but perhaps even more importantly, please consider a financial contribution to NARFE-PAC. Money talks!

"Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you meant what you promised. Silly me!"

NARFE DUES

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

PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899 OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to these Pheasant Chapter members who participated in delivering Meals on Wheels the week of October 9-13: Jerry Bisterfeldt, Kathy Chase, Diane Clayton, Twyla Folk, Clarence & Judy Hanson, Roger & Ann Hazuka, Bob Jones, Marlene Maddock, Keith McMillan, Ron Miller, Beth Picek, Cheryl Severtson, Dick Sievert, Karen Swanda, Al Thomas and Keith Zolobkowski. Also helping were Friends of NARFE Doug Hart, Carolyn Lembcke, Jim & Bonnie Sheridan and Graham Smith. Special appreciation to Al Thomas for coordinating this effort for the entire year!

Membership Renewals in November 2017

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National Only 3

According to national records, no members are due to renew in November. Those listed as past due include Jerry Hutchinson (Sep), David Nelson (Sep) and Elaine Richter (Oct). **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

Oct 1.....Linda Smith, Bob & Sharon Jones (anniv)
Oct 8.....Janet Hohn, Ken Soderberg
Oct 12.....Chuck & Mimi Johnson (anniv)
Oct 14.....Jackie Butler
Oct 21.....Al Thomas
Oct 26.....Nancy Winters
Oct 27.....Jackie Owens
Oct 28.....Barbara & Milo DeJong (anniv)

Did we miss any?

Membership Drive

Membership Drive thru December 31. Earn \$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.

Alzheimer's (*Carol Grabin*)

THANK YOU to Pheasant members who bussed tables at Godfather's Pizza on October 3: Diane Clayton, Dale Cundy, Carol and Gene Grabin, Barb Hall, Bob Jones, Beth Picek, Keith Zolobkowski and Bob Eickhoff. Godfather's gave \$175 for our efforts with another \$42 in donations received. **SINCERE APOLOGY** to Deb Kludt who was not recognized for her help in the Alzheimer's Walk last month.

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

SHIINE Medicare Part D Assistance

SHIINE Program is having open enrollments for the Medicare "Med D" medication benefits through Dec. 7. Volunteers will be available at the Huron Area Senior Center for assistance. Call 352-8291 any morning to schedule an appointment.

"People don't really care about what you know until they know that you care."