



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899 DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

President/Service Officer (Beth Picek)

As I reflect on the last two years serving as NARFE Pheasant Chapter 0899 president, I am so grateful for all the chapter members who said "yes" every time (or nearly every time) I asked for assistance or a commitment to do something. You are the best! I thank you all. I also want to encourage everyone to say "yes" whenever possible in the future. For any organization to be successful, it takes members who are willing to put forth the effort to get the job done. I know Bob Eickhoff will lead the chapter well next year so, please, support him in the coming year. THANKS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

NO DECEMBER MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, January 24, when the guest speaker will be Kurt Johns (Welter Funeral Home) discussing pre-planning, cremation vs traditional funeral, funeral trusts and related matters.

Upcoming Renewals

January expiration date – Lyla Rice

February expiration date – Michael Burr, Delores LeRoux and Peter Marcus. No members are past due!!

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

Membership

Welcome to Cindy Loban, our newest Pheasant Chapter member as of Dec. 21. Membership Drive is ongoing thru December 31. Earn \$10 from National, \$5 from Federation and \$50 from a chapter challenge for each new member, active or retired, who joins during this time frame.

Legislation (Jim Valer)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!! Congress kicked the can down the road back in Oct, and now has until Dec 22 to negotiate a budget deal. Bipartisan budget agreements often open the federal community to risk. NARFE members must make it clear that cuts to federal pay and benefits should be off the table. Contact your legislators today and make sure that your voice is heard." The easiest way to take action is by using the **NARFE Legislative Action Center**. There you can send letters to your legislators and find information about NARFE's legislative priorities. You can also call your legislators using NARFE's toll-free phone number (866) 220-0044.

Note: Government funding has been extended to January 19

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec 2.....Betty Salvesson
Dec 11.....Pete & Linda Marcus (anniv)
Dec 11.....Larry Picek, Byron Severtson
Dec 12.....Marlene Maddock
Dec 19.....Cindy Loban, Delbert & Ruth Ann Minske (anniv)
Dec 24.....Bob Jones
Dec 26...Keith Zolobkowski, Clarence & Judy Hanson (anniv)
Dec 31.....Roy & Marjy Milliken (anniv)

"You want to know the difference between master and a beginner? The master has failed more times than the beginner has ever tried."

Pheasant Chapter Synopsis for 2017

Deceased:

1. Miriam Hauge – Jan 2
2. Joyl Frieze – Jan 13
3. Marvis Godber – Feb 19
4. Arlene Van Scharrel – Mar 29
5. Michael Maddock – Apr 7
6. Thomas Brauer – Apr 7
7. A.M. Johnston – Jun 2
8. Virginia Rist – Jul 5
9. Marvin Nelson – Dec 6

(11 Members Deceased in 2016)

New Members:

1. Carol Milbrandt – Jan 31
2. James Milbrandt – Jan 31
3. Margaret Brauer – Apr 13
4. Dale Cundy – July 7
5. Delores LeRoux – July 26
6. Rustin Johnsen – Aug 4
7. Allen Barton – Nov 20
8. Diana Barton – Nov 20
9. Cindy Loban – Dec 21

(9 New Members in 2016)

Reinstated:

1. Arden Holt – May 24
2. Charles Johnson – Aug 4
3. Mimi Johnson – Aug 4

(4 Members Reinstated in 2016)

Dropped for Non-Renewal

1. Jim Uthe – Jun 10
2. Sharon Jones – Jul 12
3. Dorothy Lundgren – Aug 7
4. Jerry Hutchinson – Dec 8

(3 Members Dropped in 2016)

Transferred Out of Chapter

1. Eva Solem – Jul 16
2. J. Ward Butler – Aug 18
3. Emil Thompson – Aug 31
4. Colleen Swenson – Sep 22
5. John Harris – Oct 7
6. David Nelson – Oct 30
7. Diann Steinheuser – Nov 1

(You will be contacted in January)

AARP Lobby Day in Pierre

Set for Tuesday, January 30. Registration will open after Jan. 1 to 1) those on AARP SD Advocacy email list, 2) the volunteer email list, and 3) members if space remains. To get on email list, contact Lindsey Holmquest at lhholmquest@aarp.org but be aware so far only two buses are scheduled - Spearfish/Rapid City and Sioux Falls. They are still working to get the Watertown/Redfield/Huron bus.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!