



## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER** (Bob Eickhoff)

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas/New Year and that you are ready to tackle another challenging year. A very special THANK YOU goes out to Beth Picek for successfully guiding Pheasant Chapter through the past two years. Additional thanks and appreciation go out to those who helped with calling, Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer's fundraisers, various elected and appointed leaders and everyone else who helped and attended our chapter meetings on a regular basis. While the national numbers are dropping, our Pheasant Chapter remains strong. We are a TEAM and will continue to work together this year to make our chapter healthier and stronger than ever before. We will focus on educating our members on matters important to keeping NARFE alive and well. Please read the *narfe* magazine, contact your Congressional delegates, visit [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) and stay informed on what's happening in Washington and how it affects YOUR future.

### **JANUARY MEETING**

Wed, Jan 24, 10:30 am at Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7<sup>th</sup> St SW. Please make dinner reservations before Tuesday at 4 pm at 352-8291. Identify yourself as a NARFE member and check in and pay at the front desk. Suggested donation is \$4 for those over 60. The menu will include pork chop with mushroom gravy and mashed potatoes. Please bring a less active or prospective member. Guest speaker will be Kurt Johns of Welter Funeral Home discussing pre-arranged funeral planning, cremation, traditional embalming and funeral services, funeral trusts, caskets, transportation expense, protection of assets, and anything else of interest.

### **AGENDA**

Approve proposed budget, authorize officers to conduct business at M-O FCU, designate 50/50 funds for Alzheimer's research, authorize payment of expenses for meetings and conventions, discuss free meals for prospective members.

### **UPCOMING RENEWALS**

January expiration date – Lyla Rice  
February expiration date – Delores LeRoux

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome to our newest Pheasant Chapter members Cindy Loban, Mary Hendricks and Sandy Kuhns.

### **LEGISLATION** (Jim Valer)

Scholarships of \$1,000 each are available to high school seniors who are the children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of NARFE members in good standing. Applications are available on the NARFE website. The application deadline is March 21. Winners will be announced in fall 2018. While only 20 scholarships are available nationwide, encourage eligible high school seniors to apply. The grandchild of one of our Pheasant Chapter members was awarded a scholarship two years ago.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

AARP Lobby Day in Pierre.....Jan 30  
M-O Federal Credit Union meeting.....Feb 3  
NARFE Meeting Speaker Doug Fosheim.....Feb 28  
Meals on Wheels.....Apr 9-13, Jul 9-13, Oct 8-12  
Recipe Page in Plainsman.....May 9  
Federation Convention in Flandreau.....May 15-17

## PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899 JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### **DUES WITHHOLDING**

Regular dues are \$40 with a 15% savings or \$6. Balance is \$34 + \$8 Chapter Dues = \$42 divided by 12 months results in \$3.50 deducted from your annuity check every month. This is (by far) the simplest way to manage your membership! No more mislaid first notices. No more second notices. No more getting your name in this newsletter. No more writing a check. No more looking for stamps. No more special trips to the post office. Try it, you'll like it!

### **COURTESY COMMITTEE** (Clarence & Judy Hanson)

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

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Jan 8.....Mimi Johnson  
Jan 13.....Arden Holt  
Jan 14.....Gene Grabin  
Jan 19.....Dwight Hale  
Jan 24.....Delbert Minske  
Jan 28.....Barb DeJong  
Jan 30.....Rick Hohn

Anyone else?

*Bibles aren't allowed in schools but they're encouraged in prison. If kids were encouraged to read them in school, maybe the kids wouldn't end up in prison.*

### **SERVICE OFFICER** (Beth Picek)

Have you reviewed your beneficiary designations lately? It's a good idea to take a look at your life insurance, TSP, IRA's, etc. to make sure you have designated the beneficiaries you want to inherit when you are gone. Often this aids in the process – even bypassing probate in some cases. Do your survivors a favor and review all of your financial assets to determine whether you've made the designation you intend. It might even be beneficial to speak with your financial advisor or attorney. There are estate planning tools that may be of use to you as well. A little pre-planning can save your family a lot of money and heartache. We will have NARFE's "Be Prepared for Life's Events" booklets available at the January meeting. It will help you to organize your personal and financial information.

### **FINANCIAL AUDIT AND 990-N**

Thank you to Mimi Johnson, Cheryl Severtson and Connie Vicuna for conducting a thorough audit of Pheasant Chapter's financial records. We received another great report. The 990-N e-Postcard has been electronically filed and accepted by the Internal Revenue Service.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

With thanks to HASC chef Doug Stevens and crew, 25 members and guests enjoyed delicious appetizers and a huge turkey dinner. Gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed a good time.

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*