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March/April 2018 Newsletter

March 20 meeting:

There are families in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area who do not have beds to sleep on or utensils to fix a meal. Where do they turn? A local agency, Furniture Mission of Sioux Falls, fills that need. The Mission's Executive Director, Bart DeBoer, will speak on the Furniture Mission's history and impact on Making Houses into Homes.

April 17 meeting:

April showers bring May flowers. That is true, unless the flowers are not properly planted and ready to receive the rain. We are inviting a local Master Gardener to share bits of wisdom for producing the best flower or vegetable garden possible, regardless of its size.

SD NARFE Federation Meeting:

All members are encouraged to attend the state NARFE convention on May 15 to 17 at Royal River Casino and Hotel in Flandreau, SD. National NARFE President Richard Thissen will be the guest of honor and keynote speaker. The federation convention is a good opportunity to hear first hand what NARFE is doing for you. A major item of business will be approving changes to the federation bylaws to be in concert with the national bylaws approved at the last national convention. If you are attending or want more information, please contact John Bultsma. Specifics

on registration costs and hotel rooms will be available at the March 20 meeting.

March is NARFE-PAC Month:

It is hard to miss the wrapper on the March *narfe* magazine requesting your monetary support of NARFE-PAC. NARFE-PAC protects NARFE members' pay and benefits by lobbying on the Hill and raising and spending money to elect members of Congress who support the federal community. Consider a donation an investment to keep what you have earned. So what is the value of what you want protected? For every \$500/month you receive or expect to receive through a retirement program, you would need roughly \$150,000 in a retirement account. If you receive \$2,000/month, that would mean your retirement account is worth about \$600,00. Also consider that roughly 65-70% of your medical insurance premium, depending on your provider, is paid by the government. That is worth \$5,000 to \$10,00 per year, depending on your plan. It is not a stretch to see that a NARFE-PAC Sustainer investment of \$10/month is money well spent to protect what is worth over half a million dollars. There are 29 Sioux Falls chapter members who have invested in NARFE-PAC during this congressional cycle. Won't you do your part? Any investment, regardless of size will ensure that NARFE-PAC can continue to do its job for all federal

employees and retirees. Please use the contribution (think investment) form on the March 2018 *narfe* magazine you received earlier this month. If you have

misplaced it, please see John Bultsma, Chapter NARFE-PAC coordinator at an upcoming chapter meeting or call him at his number listed above.



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Sioux Falls NARFE Chapter 0201 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon in room Sertoma B at Active Generations located at 2300 W. 46th Street, Sioux Falls, SD. Hope to see you there!

Do you have a comment or question you need answered about chapter activities? Send an email to narfesf@hotmail.com.

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