



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

PRESIDENT'S CORNER *(Bob Eickhoff)*

February is National Heart Month. Along with the many other observances celebrated this month, none is more important than our heart. Take care of yourselves by doing everything necessary to help you live longer. But also try to have a "heart" for others. Be kind to others. If you see a need, try to fill it. Invite Federal employees, retirees or survivors to lunch and tell them how to protect their future by joining NARFE today! It is only \$40 per year plus \$8 for chapter dues. Save 15% by signing up for Dues Withholding and only \$3.50 per person will be deducted from your annuity check each month. They won't even miss it!

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wed, Feb 28, 10:30 am at Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7th 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 Swiss steak with parsnip potatoes. Please bring a less active or prospective member. Guest speaker will be Attorney Doug Fosheim discussing probate with a will (testate succession), probate without a will (intestate succession), revocable and irrevocable trusts, joint tenancy, tenancy in common and transfer on death deeds. Prepare to ask questions!

AGENDA

Scholarship committee, Blue Cross Basic incentive, Alzheimer's fundraiser, meeting attendance incentive, review of membership types

UPCOMING RENEWALS

January expiration date – Lyla Rice (past due)
March expiration date – Jacqueline Jager

MEMBERSHIP

106 Pheasant Chapter members

LEGISLATION *(Jim Valer)*

Does calling / writing your congressional delegation do any good? Check out this reprint from NARFE NewsWatch:

Big win for federal community as spending agreement passes! After passing the House and Senate in the early hours last week, the President signed into law a two-year, bipartisan agreement to lift strict budget caps on annual defense and domestic spending without using federal pay and benefits as offsets. This is a big win for the federal community, and NARFE wants to thank all of its members who took action by contacting their legislators over the past several months. Your advocacy played a vital role in this victory.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NARFE Meeting - Jim Borszich & Laurie Shelton..... Mar 28
Meals on Wheels.....Apr 9-13, Jul 9-13, Oct 8-12
Federal Income Tax Deadline.....Apr 17
Recipe Page in Plainsman.....May 9
Federation Convention in Flandreau.....May 15-17
AARP Lobby Day in Pierre.....Jan 29

COURTESY COMMITTEE *(Clarence & Judy Hanson)*

Condolence cards were sent to the families of Mary Loos and Cam Galliger (son-in-law). If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2-6..... Sharon Jones
2-7..... Dianne Gropper
2-8..... Luella Longcor
2-10..... Keith McMillan
2-11..... Diane Clayton
2-11..... Camden Galliger
2-16..... Mrs. Roy (Marjy) Milliken
2-20..... Elaine Richter
Anyone else?

*"How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?
Only one, but it might take all day".*

SERVICE OFFICER *(Beth Picek)*

Do you have a child, grandchild or great grandchild who is currently a senior in high school and looking for scholarship opportunities to further their education? Tell them about the NARFE-FEEA scholarship program. Applications are currently being accepted through **March 21**. The program plans to award (20) \$1000 scholarships this year. The NARFE-FEEA scholarship fund is administered by the Federal Employees Education Fund (FEEA) but funded by NARFE members. As of 2016, a total of \$1,029,000 had been awarded to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of NARFE members. Applications can be downloaded from the NARFE website www.narfe.org

NOTE: M-O Federal Credit Union will award (2) \$500 scholarships with a **March 1** deadline. Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas will award (10) \$500 scholarships with a **March 30** deadline. Contact M-O FCU for details.

"Where there's a will, there are dissatisfied relatives."

NARFE-PAC

March is NARFE-PAC month and NARFE will need lots of funds to fight reductions in retirement and salaries. Please make your checks payable to NARFE-PAC and bring them to our March meeting.

THANKS FOR ASKING

I know you have been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies" and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends." Well, here is the low down on the whole thing. When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em and Hug'em and Pamper'em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will. Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE MARCH 2018 *narfe* MAGAZINE?

National President Richard Thissen and National Secretary-Treasurer Jon Dowie are term-limited and are running for each other's offices. Region V Vice-President Carol Ek is retiring this year and two candidates are seeking her office. Their candidate statements can be found inside the March issue. **Thrift Savings Plan** Modernization Act offers more flexible withdrawal options. **United States Postal Service** semi postal Alzheimer's Stamp is on sale for \$.60 with proceeds to Alzheimer's. **GOP Tax Overhaul** might lower your taxes. **NARFE-PAC** contributions can help protect your earned pay and benefits.

"The President of today is the postage stamp of tomorrow."