



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Bob Eickhoff)

March is NARFE-PAC month. President Trump's proposed \$1.3 trillion budget is still in negotiations. The big ticket items appear to be in place but the Federal community may still not be out of the woods. It is imperative that NARFE stay in the forefront with legislators who are "on our side" to help protect our interests. Those legislators depend on political action committees to help influence their votes. Please make your checks payable to NARFE-PAC and bring them to our next meeting. Money talks!

MARCH MEETING

Wed, Mar 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 chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes. Please bring a less active or prospective member. Guest speakers will be Jim Borszich and Laurie Shelton discussing the process, challenges and successes of recruiting new businesses to Huron; the failure of Huron Mall and the future of downtown Huron.

AGENDA

Federation convention, Meals on Wheels, review of membership types, May 9 recipe page in Plainsman

UPCOMING RENEWALS

January expiration date – Lyla Rice (past due)
May Renewals – Delbert Minske, Dianne Wedge, Nancy Winters (Try Dues Withholding)

MEMBERSHIP

106 Pheasant Chapter members. Recruit!

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

COURTESY COMMITTEE (Clarence & Judy Hanson)

Get well cards were sent to Deb Kludt and Dale Cundy following surgeries. If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

SD NARFE 2018 FEDERATION CONVENTION

The Big Sioux Chapter #0872 of Brookings is hosting the 52nd South Dakota Federation of NARFE Annual Convention from Tuesday, May 15, through Thursday, May 17, at Royal River Casino & Hotel (a non-smoking hotel) located at 607 South Veterans Street, Flandreau SD 57028. To make hotel room reservation(s), call (605) 997-3746 or toll-free (877) 912-5825. Hotel room cost per room, per night is \$69.00 plus tax. To receive this rate, specify attending the SD Federation of NARFE Convention. There will be a 10% discount (from the negotiated rate of \$69.) for guests who have AARP, Royal River Casino Player Club Card, and Military. Card must be presented at check-in and discounts are not transferable. If you have this discount the room rate will be \$62.10 plus tax. **Please make reservations by Monday, April 23rd** to receive this rate. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m. Their web site is www.royalrivercasino.com The registration fee for each person attending is \$70.00 which includes Wednesday lunch and Wednesday evening buffet banquet featuring both beef and turkey. For guests paying separately, the cost for lunch is \$15.00 and the buffet banquet is \$25.00. Keynote speaker will be National NARFE President Richard Thissen.

PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899 MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Sam walks into his boss's office. "Sir, I'll be straight with you, I know the economy isn't great, but I have over three companies after me, and I would like to respectfully ask for a raise." After a few minutes of haggling the boss finally agrees to a 5% raise, and Sam happily gets up to leave. "By the way", asks the boss as Sam is getting up, "which three companies are after you?" "The electric company, water company, and phone company", Sam replied.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 6.....Kathy Chase and Roger Hazuka
Mar 15.....Deannie LeRoux
Mar 16.....Jim Gropper
Mar 19.....Phyllis Arwood
Mar 21.....Antonio Lopez
Mar 23.....Ronald Hendricks
Mar 24.....Ward Butler
Mar 26.....Pearl DeKramer
Mar 27.....Keith & Shirley McMillan (anniv)
Mar 30.....Janice Peterson and Roy Milliken
Anyone else?

Meals on Wheels (Al Thomas)

Pheasant Chapter will be delivering Meals on Wheels the week of **April 9-13**. Members will be contacted the week of April 2 or before and asked to volunteer. Or you may call Al Thomas at 352-5747 if you have a favorite route.

WARNING

Older people shouldn't eat healthy food. They need all the preservatives they can get!

LEGISLATION (Jim Valer)

One of the hot button NARFE items this month is the president's proposed FY19 federal employee pay freeze. NARFE members should continue to urge their lawmakers to support a federal pay raise. Contact your legislators using NARFE's Legislative Action Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meals on Wheels.....Apr 9-13, Jul 9-13, Oct 8-12
Federal Income Tax Deadline.....Apr 17
NARFE Meeting with President John Bultsma.....Apr 25
Recipe Page in Plainsman.....May 9
Federation Convention in Flandreau.....May 15-17
AARP Lobby Day in Pierre.....Jan 29

Blowing out someone else's candle won't make yours shine brighter.

SPRING CLEANING

Do you have any items in good condition that you don't need or want anymore? Donate them to the Alzheimer's silent auction to be held at the Federation Convention. See Bob Eickhoff for pickup connections.

ALZHEIMER'S AND PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUPS

The Huron Alzheimer's Support Group will be discontinued soon if more people don't attend. The Parkinson's Support Group is doing well but can use more attendees. Please spread the word about these two important activities and watch the *Huron Plainsman* for dates and times.

If only closed minds came with closed mouths!