



PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899 APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT JOHN BULTSMA IS COMING!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER *(Bob Eickhoff)*

This month we are honored to welcome SD NARFE Federation President John Bultsma from Sioux Falls as our guest speaker. John has served as President for the past three years and has been an exceptional leader! He currently serves on the National Communications Advisory Council. He has attended several National Conventions and will share his views on why it is so important to become actively involved in our local chapter. Please invite other active and prospective members to attend and hear John speak to a FULL HOUSE!

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.

APRIL MEETING

Wed, Apr 25, 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 turkey/dressing with mashed potatoes/gravy.

AGENDA

Fed. convention silent auction, review of membership types

UPCOMING RENEWALS

January expiration date – Lyla Rice (Chapter Dues Only)

May Renewals – Delbert Minske, Dianne Wedge

Jun Renewals – Frank Amundson, Dorothy Evenson, Deb Kludt, George Olson

MEMBERSHIP – Pat Bentley (new member)

109 Pheasant Chapter members. Recruit!

COURTESY COMMITTEE *(Clarence & Judy Hanson)*

Condolence cards were sent to Doug Hart (death of daughter) and Diane Clayton (mother-in-law). 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

Big Sioux Chapter 0872 of Brookings is hosting the 52nd South Dakota Federation of NARFE Annual Convention from May 15-17 at Royal River Casino & Hotel. To make hotel room reservation(s), call (605) 997-3746 or toll-free (877) 912-5825. Hotel room cost is \$69 per night plus tax. To receive this rate, specify attending the SD Federation of NARFE Convention. There will be a 10% discount 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. **Please make reservations by Monday, April 23rd** to receive this rate. Check-in is 4 pm and check-out is 11 am. Registration fee of \$70 includes Wednesday lunch and Wednesday evening buffet banquet featuring both beef and turkey. For guests paying separately, the cost for lunch is \$15 and the buffet banquet is \$25. Keynote speaker will be National NARFE President Richard Thissen. Pheasant Chapter will pay convention-related expenses.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 2..... Frank & Donna Amundson (anniv)
Apr 7..... Burlyn Hanson
Apr 9..... Eva Solem
Apr 10..... Twyla Folk
Apr 13..... Debby Kludt
Apr 14..... Bill & Twyla Folk (anniv)
Apr 17..... Gerald Peterson
Apr 21..... Pat Bentley
Apr 23..... Linda Baum
Apr 23..... Carol Milbrandt
Apr 28..... Dick Sievert
Apr 28..... Emil Thompson
Apr 29..... Deb Pearl
Apr 30..... Ronald Miller
Anyone else?

Meals on Wheels *(Al Thomas)*

Pheasant Chapter members who helped deliver Meals on Wheels the week of April 9-12 (snowed out on April 13th) were: Allen & Diana Barton, Diane Clayton, Bob Eickhoff, Twyla Folk, Clarence & Judy Hanson, Keith (and nephew Brent) McMillan, Jerry & Sandra Mencke, Ron Miller, Janice Peterson, Cheryl Severtson, Dick Sievert, Karen Swanda, Al Thomas and Keith Zolobkowski. Special appreciation is extended to Al Thomas for coordinating the Meals on Wheels for NARFE for many years. **THANK YOU TO ALL!**

LEGISLATION *(Jim Valer)*

LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE: If you are not already receiving it, I encourage you to log on to the NARFE web site and subscribe to the Legislative Hotline. The Hotline will keep you current on issues affecting the Federal workforce. A recent Hotline story describes the Postal Reform Act of 2018. The bill would force postal retirees to enroll in Medicare or lose their Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) coverage. This adds a new condition to the receipt of promised and earned benefits.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Recipe Page in Plainsman.....May 9
Federation Convention in Flandreau.....May 15-17
Senior Living Fair.....May 16
NARFE Meeting with Senator Jim White.....May 23
Meals on Wheels.....Jul 9-13, Oct 8-12
AARP Lobby Day in Pierre.....Jan 29

MEDICARE FRAUD

With new Medicare cards (minus social security numbers) being issued starting this month, scammers are contacting recipients asking to verify personal information or to pay a fee for a temporary card. Do not fall into this trap!

NARFE-PAC REPORT CARD

In the 2015-2016 period, 22 members of Pheasant Chapter donated \$1665. So far in the 2017-2018 period, 11 members have donated \$1125. Please contribute to help protect OUR earned pay and benefits!

ALZHEIMER'S REPORT CARD

In the donation year beginning on May 1 (2017), Pheasant Chapter has donated \$888 to Alzheimer's Research.

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

~~Theodore Roosevelt~~

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!