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September 2016 Newsletter

September 20 meeting:

There's a small change to our September meeting. We will still have a presentation by the SD Alzheimer's Association but we will be welcoming Edie Renner, Special Events & Outreach Coordinator, rather than Kathy Herreid, who will not be able to attend. Edie spoke to our group in 2013 and is looking forward to updating us on what is going on in the local area as well as nationally. NARFE has surpassed the \$11 million donation goal this year and a goal of \$12 million was set at the National Convention completed in Reno, NV.

October 18 meeting:

The 34th NARFE National Convention took place August 28 through September 1. Chapter and Federation President John Bultsma attended the convention and will present a report to the chapter on what transpired and how it will affect the NARFE organization for the years to come. Two major changes to the bylaws and changes to the legislative agenda for the next Congress will be two of the topics covered.

November 15 meeting:

Representatives from major Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan providers have been asked to attend to give the latest information for 2017. Open season will run from November 14 to December 12 this year. Information on premiums should be published in the October *narfe* magazine. Bring questions about health benefits you need clarified.

Legislative:

Are you affected by the increase in long-term care premiums? Will you pay more in

Medicare Part B premiums if there's a small cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and you're not held harmless? Now's the time to act! We know that silence equals acceptance. This is not the time to be silent. Call or write our legislators to voice your opinion. Their contact information is at the end of this newsletter. Action letters are also available on the Legislative Action Center on the NARFE website (www.narfe.org). There is one letter about the sharp premium increases in the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) and another on the disproportionate Medicare Part B premium increases for those not held harmless. Remember to personalize these action letters to let them know how these affect you personally. Personalizing these boilerplate letters increases their impact

Chapter Officer Elections in November:

In our last newsletter, we noted Vice President Judy Haushalter is seeking members to fill a slate of chapter officers for 2017. You might wonder "What's in it for me?" Here are some good reasons to join the leadership team: hone skills developed in the work place, receive in-depth insight on issues affecting active and retired federal employees, establish new friendships, increase social interactions, and increase feelings of self worth. We are offering a no-commitment opportunity for interested members to learn what each chapter position entails. If there is a position that interests you, please contact the person currently in that position to get an overview. You are cordially invited to attend an Executive Committee meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month at

8:30 a.m. at Camille's Sidewalk Café, 1216 W 41st Street.

National Convention Tidbit:

Did you know that NARFE now has an official slogan? Delegates at the National

Convention approved a resolution making the following statement NARFE's official slogan:

NARFE: The "E" is silent, but we are not!



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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!

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