

NARFE HURON PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

President/Service Officer (Beth Picek)

As you know, there will NOT be a regular NARFE meeting in December. Instead, we will be celebrating the season with a party on Thursday, December 22, at the Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7th St SW. A social hour featuring a meat and cheese tray along with punch will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The menu will include roast beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, fruit salad and a dinner roll. Dessert will be a Christmas cookie with peppermint ice cream. A gift exchange (limit \$15) will take place following the meal. Please mark your gift for "male" or "female". Reservations are due by **Monday, December 19**. Please contact President Beth Picek at 352-1819 or 350-2574 or email bpicek@santel.net before the deadline. **PHEASANT CHAPTER VOTED TO PAY FOR MEMBER AND GUEST!** We will install officers at the party and then resume our regular meeting schedule (4th Wednesday of the month) in January. Hope to see you all soon!!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec 2 - Betty Salvesson
Dec 11 - Pete & Linda Marcus (anniv)
Dec 11 - Larry Picek
Dec 11 - Byron Severtson
Dec 12 - Marlene Maddock
Dec 19 - Delbert & Ruth Ann Minske (anniv)
Dec 24 - Bob Jones
Dec 26 - Keith Zolobkowski
Dec 26 - Clarence & Judy Hanson (anniv)
Dec 31 - Roy & Marjy Milliken (anniv)
Have we missed any?

Alzheimer's (Carol Grabin)

Of the 110 "bakeless bake sale" letters sent out, 44 members responded with a total of \$1000! Thank you!!!

Contact Information

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, or if you would like a membership directory, contact any officer.

Membership Renewals in January 2017

According to our national records, January 1 dues expiration dates include Judy Bowder, Charles Johnson, Mimi Johnson and Lyla Rice. Those listed as past due include Elaine Richter (Oct 1), Colleen Swenson (Nov 1), Karen Swanda (Dec 1) and Dorothy Turner (Dec 1). **Dropped for non-renewal in 2016 include Dan Beckwith and Dale Goreham.** Have you considered Dues Withholding? If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

Legislative (Jim Valer)

Long term care insurance premium increase is still being discussed in Congress. Medicare Part B "Hold Harmless Bill" has failed. NARFE members now have raised more than \$12 million in cumulative donations for the NARFE-Alzheimer's Research Fund.

Pheasant Chapter Synopsis for 2016

Deceased:

1. Betty Testerman (Jan 23)
2. Janet Zavesky (Mar 25)
3. Farrell Johnson (Jun 16)
4. Jack Price (Sep 29)
5. Jackie Bjorke (Oct 20)
6. Floyd Kallenberger (Nov 6)
7. Edmund LeRoux (Nov 16)
8. Mavonne Larson (Nov 25)
9. Muriel Simmons (Nov 26)
10. Wayne Testerman (Dec 6)
11. Mildred Giordano Dec 12)

New Members:

1. Dianna Neuharth (Jan)
2. Pat Doak Jan)
3. James Curtis (Feb)
4. Douglas Hart (Mar)
5. Carol Grabin (May)
6. Marvin (Freddie) Coil (Jun)
7. Eileen Nenaber (Jun)
8. Delores LeRoux (Nov)
9. Frances Kallenberger (Nov)

Reinstated:

1. Ward Butler (Sep)
2. Jerry Hutchinson (Sep)
3. David Nelson (Sep)
4. Lyle Swanson (Nov)

Membership Drive ends on December 31. Earn \$10 from National and \$5 from Federation for each new member.

What did Adam say to his wife on Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!.....What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted flakes!.....We had grandma for Christmas dinner. Really? We had turkey..... What do you call a broke Santa? Saint-NICKEL-LESS..... What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinselitis!

Courtesy Committee (Clarence & Judy Hanson)

Get well cards were sent to Jim Valer (stroke), Sharon Jones (broken ankle) and Dick Sievert (hospitalized with pneumonia). Condolence cards to families of Mavonne Larson, Muriel Simmons, Wayne Testerman, Mildred Giordano, and Deb Kludt (father). If you know of a member who is ill or has passed away, please contact Clarence and Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

Lee, age seven, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandpa, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then Lee paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"