

NARFE HURON PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

President/Service Officer (Beth Picek)

What an exciting time for Pheasant Chapter! We recently were the recipient of a bequest by former member, Farrell Johnson, who passed away in June 2016. His estate was left to a number of organizations and NARFE Pheasant Chapter 0899 received approximately \$37,000. Now we have the task of determining how best to invest these funds and what Farrell's legacy should be through the income it generates. Your executive board is meeting this month to go over investment options and will be reporting at the January meeting. If you have any input, please feel free to contact one of the executive board members.

Next Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7th St SW, in Huron. Guest speaker will be Tom Glanzer from NorthWestern Energy discussing saving energy, keeping warm and options for seniors. Chapter members are encouraged to make dinner reservations the day before our meeting by calling 352-8291 before 4:00 p.m. Identify yourself as a NARFE member. Suggested donation is \$4 for those over 60. Please check in and pay at the front desk. The menu will be porcupine meatballs. Please bring an inactive or prospective member.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan 8 – Mimi Johnson
Jan 13 – Arden Holt
Jan 14 – Gene Grabin
Jan 14 – Dorothy Turner
Jan 19 – Dwight Hale
Jan 24 – Delbert Minske
Jan 28 – Barb DeJong
Jan 30 – Rick Hohn
Any others we may have missed?

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 February 2017

According to our national records, February 1 dues expiration dates include Michael Burr, Arden Holt, Delores LeRoux and Dianna Neuharth. Those listed as past due include Dorothy Turner (Dec – National Life), Judy Bowder (Jan), Charles Johnson (Jan) and Mimi Johnson (Jan). **Dropped for non-renewal in 2016 were Dan Beckwith and Dale Goreham.** Have you considered Dues Withholding? If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

AARP Lobby Days in Pierre

Bus will leave the Huron Area Senior Center on Tuesday, January 25, at 9 am. Each AARP member may take one guest but all must be registered by calling 1-877-926-8300. Bus will return to Huron by 4:45 pm. Snacks, lunch and dinner will be provided. Register early!

NARFE-PAC

From January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, Pheasant Chapter members have donated \$1635 to NARFE-PAC with one sustaining member. That puts us in 4th place behind Aberdeen with 6 sustainers, Sioux Falls and Rapid City with 3 sustainers each. Through that period, South Dakota had 214 contributors for a total of \$14,361.12.

Courtesy Committee (Clarence & Judy Hanson)

Condolence cards were sent to Mike Hall (father), Luella Longcor (husband), and families of Miriam Hauge, Joyl Friese and Charles Johnson (past member). If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

Financial Audit

The financial audit was completed by Keith McMillan, Gene Saarie and Karen Swanda. All records are in order and we thank the auditors for their time and effort. Form 990-N e-Postcard has been filed.

*"Rich people stay rich by living like they're broke.
Broke people stay broke by living like they're rich."*

Legislative (Jim Valer)

OPM has issued a proposed rule that would change the amount that the U.S. Postal Service puts into the federal employee retirement fund. The rule would allow USPS to calculate its payment using assumptions of its workforce specifically, rather than the federal workforce as a whole. Multiple reports have shown that USPS has paid a surplus of billions of dollars into the retirement fund. If implemented, the rule could save the Postal Service a substantial amount of money and would not impact Postal Service retiree pensions. Before becoming final, the proposal will be evaluated by stakeholders, who will have an opportunity to submit comments.

Alzheimer's Fundraiser

Since May 1, Pheasant Chapter members have donated \$1796 to Alzheimer's Research. From Jul 1–Nov 30 (2016) our Region V is leading the nation with \$40,235.93. Of this amount, South Dakota has donated \$18,955.33. The South Dakota Federation has donated \$27,163.55 since May 1.

Mark Your Calendar

April 10-14 Meals on Wheels
May 9-11 Federation Convention in Pierre
July 10-14 Meals on Wheels
October 9-13 Meals on Wheels

Lesson in Life

A wise man sat in the audience and cracked a joke. Everybody laughed like crazy. After a moment, he cracked the same joke again. This time less people laughed. He cracked the same joke again and again. When there was no laughter in the crowd, he smiled and said: You can't laugh at the same joke again and again, but why do you keep crying over the same thing over and over again?