

NARFE HURON PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899

FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

President/Service Officer (Beth Picek)

It's time again for high school seniors to be looking for scholarship opportunities. The NARFE-FEEA scholarship application period started February 1 and runs through April 28. The application process is online this year instead of the paper application which was always printed in the February *narfe* magazine. Lauren Kattner, granddaughter of our own member Jim Valer, was awarded a \$1000 scholarship last year. If you have a child, grandchild or maybe even a great-grandchild who is a senior in high school, have him or her check it out at www.narfe.org. The Scholarship Program link is found under the Special Programs icon on the left of the home page.

Next Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7th St SW, in Huron. Guest speaker will be a representative of the South Dakota Highway Patrol. 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 roast beef. Please bring an inactive or prospective member.

Three Ways to Fail at Everything in Life

1. Blame all your problems on others
2. Complain about everything
3. Don't be grateful

Membership Renewals in March 2017

According to our national records, March 1 dues expiration dates include Raymond Barnes (National Only), Ella Decker, Roger Hazuka, Jacqueline Jager, Frances Kallenberger and Jim Utte. Those listed as past due include Dorothy Turner (Dec – National Life), Charles Johnson (Jan), Mimi Johnson (Jan), Arden Holt (Feb) and Diana Neuharth (Feb). **Dropped for non-renewal in the last 12 months were Dan Beckwith and Dale Goreham.** Have you considered Dues Withholding? If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

NARFE-PAC (Bob Jones)

March is NARFE-PAC month and NARFE will need lots of funds to fight reductions in retirement and salaries. Please make your checks payable to NARFE-PAC and bring them to our March meeting.

Courtesy Committee (Clarence & Judy Hanson)

Dear NARFE 0899-

"Thank you for your lovely card and kind words about Aunt Miriam Hauge. The loss is great but I know she is in a wonderful place in Heaven. Your courtesy is appreciated. Many Blessings."

If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

Alzheimer's (Carol Grabin)

No Report

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2-6 Sharon Jones
2-7 Dianne Gropper
2-8 Luella Longcor
2-10 Frances Kallenberger
2-10 Keith McMillan
2-11 Diane Clayton
2-11 Camden Galliger
2-16 Mrs. Roy (Marjy) Milliken
2-20 Elaine Richter
2-24 Virginia Rist
2-28 Mike & Marlene Maddock (anniv)
Any others we don't have on the list?

Doctor: Do any of your relatives suffer from mental illness? Patient: No, they all seem to enjoy it!

Legislative (Jim Valer)

NARFE strongly opposes a proposed bill that would require current postal retirees to enroll in Medicare, costing them an additional \$134 a month (or more), or face losing their Federal Employees Health Benefits Program coverage. This breaks a promise to nearly 76,000 current retirees who previously had declined Medicare coverage. NARFE urges its members to write their legislators and ask them to oppose this bill. Changing postal retiree's benefits, after the fact, not only breaks a promise made to them, but also sets a terrible precedent for the rest of the federal community. A letter opposing this bill is available online on the NARFE Legislative Action Center.

You can't pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself first.

Mark Your Calendar

March 22 – Important Chapter Vote on Investment Options
April 10-14 Meals on Wheels
May 9-11 Federation Convention in Pierre
July 10-14 Meals on Wheels
August 28-30 – CONK in South Sioux City
October 9-13 Meals on Wheels

New Member Update

Welcome to Carol and Jim Milbrandt who became the newest members of Pheasant Chapter effective Jan. 31. THANK YOU for choosing Dues Withholding!

Pheasant Chapter Stats as of February 15, 2017

Total Members (120) Voting (118) Non-Voting (2)
With Huron Address (85) In SD (28) Out SD (7)
With Email Access (81) Without (39)
With Phone Access (111) Without (9)
With Dues Withholding (37) Without (83)

Contact Information

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