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December 2016 Newsletter

December 20 meeting:



Election of officers was postponed to the December meeting and will be the only item of business before the Christmas party. What a great opportunity this will be to buy some Christmas goodies or a small gift item at our silent auction for Alzheimer's Research. If you are able to provide a plate of goodies or a gift for the auction, please bring it before noon. This is a great opportunity to buy treats for the holiday and benefit a worthy cause. In addition, John Mogen will again entertain us with his piano and vocal talents. He may even tell some stories from his years of teaching music and performing with his band, Mogen's Heroes.

Upcoming meetings:

Just so you don't forget, dates for the next three month's meetings are January 17, February 21 and March 21. Programs for these meetings have not yet been finalized so watch for next month's newsletter to fill you in. If you have trouble remembering when we meet, just think of 3Ts: Third Tuesday at Twelve!

Membership Drive:

Time is getting short on the membership drive! It only lasts until December 31! Recruiters will receive \$10 from national and \$5 from the SD Federation for each new member who joins before December 31. (Applications must be postmarked, and calls or website joins must be received by

the December 31st deadline.) All recruiters will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize Apple iPad Air and monthly drawings for a \$25 Amazon.com gift card. Make sure your member number (found on your NARFE magazine label) is entered on the recruiter line of the application or you won't get credit for the new member!

What has NARFE done for YOU in 2016?

As we look to close out another year, you might wonder what NARFE has done for you this year and why you should start or continue your membership. First and foremost, through NARFE's lobbying efforts and members' contacts with their congressional representatives, all attacks on federal employee and retiree benefits were staved off in the 114th Congress. Remember the \$318 billion in cuts that were in the last budget? None of that came to being. Flawed postal reform bills did not pass. Changes to Medicare Part B premiums were lessened for those not held harmless. Increased contributions to the NARFE Political Action Committee (NARFE-PAC) were dispersed to help elect NARFE-friendly representatives and senators. NARFE continues to be a trusted source for information on the federal workforce and its retirees. Membership Perks were expanded and improved, including access to NARFE's online Federal Benefits Institute for online webinars on over a dozen subjects concerning federal benefits. Each one of these webinars alone is worth the cost of yearly dues. Obviously, the political post-election climate does not bode well for the federal employee or retiree because many of the issues noted above will return with the 115th Congress (2016-2017). We need

NARFE, and NARFE needs us in order to fend off the attacks that are sure to come.

Gift Memberships:

Did you know you can give someone eligible for NARFE membership a Gift Membership? This would be a great item to

give a friend or family member when it is hard to find something for someone who has all the "things" they need. Spread holiday cheer in a unique way! See page 66 in the December *narfe* magazine for an application!



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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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