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January 2017 Newsletter

January 17 meeting:

Our speaker for the meeting will be Rebecca Wilson, JD, an attorney with Myers & Billion, LLP. Ms. Wilson spoke to us in 2012 and we welcome her back. Her specialty is Elder Law. She will discuss long term care options and other issues of importance to seniors. We will allot some time for questions of general interest pertaining to her area of expertise.

Results of Alzheimer's Research Silent Auction:

At the December meeting, members brought almost 50 items including all kinds of Christmas treats to be auctioned to benefit Alzheimer's Research. With the auction proceeds, donations and a generous matching gift by the Doug Uthe family, around \$1400 was raised. Thank you all who participated and special thanks to the Uthes who are honoring Doug's brother through their matching gift.

Upcoming meetings:

Dates for the next three month's meetings are February 21, March 21 and April 18. Remember 3Ts: Third Tuesday at Twelve!

Officer Installation:

At the December meeting, the following officers were elected for 2017: President Stan Christopherson, Vice-President Judy Haushalter, Secretary John Bultsma, and Treasurer David Maddox. They, and the appointed committee chairs, will be installed at the January 17 meeting. Please give these volunteers your support as we enter a new year! It is not too early to consider shadowing an officer to determine if the office is one that fits your interests.

The continued success of this chapter depends on new ideas brought in by new leaders.

NARFE Scholarships:

The NARFE Scholarship Fund exists to benefit the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of NARFE members. Each year, sixty \$1000 one-time awards are given – six in each NARFE region. Among the 2016 recipients for our region were two granddaughters of NARFE members from South Dakota. If you have children or grandchildren who are current high school seniors, watch for the 2017 NARFE Scholarship application and instructions in the February and March *narfe* magazine. Applications will be due April 28, 2017.

Legislative Update:

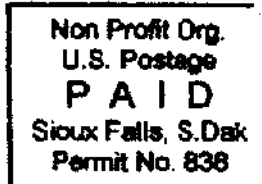
Please take time to read the Legislative Program for the 115th Congress (2017-2018) on pages 33 through 36 in the January *narfe* magazine. This document is the blue print for our organization's legislative focus. As you can see by the number of bullet points, NARFE and its members have a lot of issues which are impacted by legislation. Some may not apply to you; however, our members and potential members come from a broad spectrum of active and retired federal employees and all must be represented. If you find just a few issues which would impact your pay, annuity or benefits, the cost of membership and donations to NARFE-PAC, are a small investment by comparison to the losses which may occur if previously proposed legislation is enacted by the new Congress. Many tough battles lie ahead to protect our benefits so every member **MUST** become

active in voicing concerns to our congressional delegates. Please consider joining the NARFE Email System (NES) to receive action alerts when it is imperative to contact our Senators and/or Representative. Waiting for an announcement at a meeting or newsletter may not be soon enough to have an impact.

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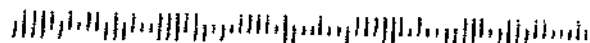
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Sioux Falls NARFE Chapter 0201 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon in room Sertoma B at Active Generations located at 2300 W. 46th Street, Sioux Falls, SD. Hope to see you there!

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