

NARFE HURON PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899

MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

President/Service Officer (*Beth Picek*)

The SD Federation Convention will be held in Pierre at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center, 920 W. Sioux Avenue, on May 9, 10, and 11. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other NARFE members from throughout the state and to learn more about our organization. Our chapter may send six delegates to convention and our budget allows for paying each delegate's registration (which includes a lunch and a banquet meal) as well as some travel/lodging costs. **Registration deadline is April 1.** Please consider serving as a delegate. If asked, say YES!

IMPORTANT NEXT MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7th St SW, in Huron. **Instead of a guest speaker, we will discuss and vote on investment options for the \$35,000 gift from Farrell Johnson.** 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 Swiss steak and parselied potatoes. Please bring an inactive or prospective member.

"Don't spend your whole life trying to prove you're a good person. Just be one."

Alzheimer's (*Carol Grabin*)

No Report

Membership Renewals in April 2017

According to national records, April 1 dues expirations include Douglas Hart, Judy Hanson, Sharon Jones, Gerald Peterson (\$8 Chapter Dues Only) and Richard Sievert (\$8 Chapter Dues Only). Those listed as past due include Charles Johnson (Jan), Mimi Johnson (Jan), Dianna Neuharth (Feb), Arden Holt (Feb), Frances Kallenberger (Mar) and Jim Uthe (Mar). **Dropped for non-renewal in the last 12 months is 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 this month's meeting. See pages 28-34 in your March 2017 *narfe* magazine. From Jan 2015 thru Dec 2016, Pheasant Chapter had 22 members contribute \$1665 with one sustainer. That puts us 4th of 14 chapters in SD. Can we top that figure this time!

"Being negative only makes a difficult journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it."

Courtesy Committee (*Clarence & Judy Hanson*)

A condolence card was sent to the family of Marvis Godber. If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at 353-1550.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mar 5 - Mary Loos
Mar 6 - Kathy Chase and Roger Hazuka
Mar 15 - Deannie LeRoux
Mar 16 - Jim Gropper and Ruth Sievert
Mar 19 - Phyllis Arwood
Mar 21 - Antonio Lopez
Mar 22 - Arlene Van Scharrel
Mar 23 - Ronald Hendricks
Mar 24 - Ward Butler
Mar 26 - Pearl DeKramer
Mar 27 - Keith & Shirley McMillan (anniv)
Mar 30 - Janice Peterson and Roy Milliken
Any others we don't have on the list?

THE BONES ABOUT IT

The body of any organization has four bones:

*There are the **WISH BONES** who wish the organization had done more and wish someone else would do the work. There are the **JAW BONES** who do a lot of talking and not much else. There are the **KNUCKLE BONES** who generally knock whatever anyone else tried to do. Finally, there are the **BACK BONES** who get under the load and do most of the work! **WE COULD USE MORE OF THOSE – WON'T YOU PLEASE VOLUNTEER?***

Legislative (*Jim Valer*)

Make your voice heard in Congress. NARFE members are encouraged to use the new, easy-to-use NARFE Legislative Action Center to send letters to members of Congress on a variety of NARFE issues, sign up for action alerts and track NARFE-related bills and votes. Above all, take upon yourself to get involved and stay involved!

Contact Information

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

Meals on Wheels (*Al Thomas*)

Pheasant Chapter will be delivering Meals on Wheels the week of **April 10-14**. Members will be contacted the week of April 3 and asked to volunteer. Or you may call Al Thomas at 352-5747 if you have a favorite route.

Pheasant Chapter Stats as of March 16, 2017

National Paid Up For Life (8), Dues Withholding (37), Pay Every Year (42), Pay Two Years (11), Pay Three Years (17), New Within Past 12 Months (5) = Total 120 Members

Mark Your Calendar

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

*Teacher: How old is your father? Kid: He is 6 years.
Teacher: What? How is this possible? Kid: He became a father only when I was born.*