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May – June 2017 Newsletter

May 16 meeting:

We welcome to our meeting Margot Nelson, PhD, Professor Emerita of Nursing, Augustana University. She will speak about the Circle of Life study that will be of interest to members.

June 20 meeting:

It has been this chapter's tradition to honor the families of chapter members or spouses who passed away the previous year with a Service of Remembrance. It is fitting to thank the families for the public service their loved ones provided during their time as federal servants. Please come and say Thank You

State NARFE Federation Convention:

The SD Federation of NARFE Chapters Convention will be meeting or will have met by the time you read this newsletter. We want to thank the chapter delegates who are taking time to represent chapter members at this annual meeting. The delegates are Stan Christopherson, David Maddox, Karen Jensen, Jan Tollefson, June Schnieder, Jan Oltman, Jeff Oltman and John Bultsma. Please tell them thank you for their time and effort. We did not fill three of the delegate positions that our chapter was allocated so our voting representation is less than it should have been. What this means in reality is that 75 members are not represented by a delegate in this representative convention. This is one large reason that the delegates at last year's national convention voted to change the national bylaws to One Member One Vote, giving each member a vote if they chose to cast it. Implementation of One Member One Vote at the state federation level will be a

major topic of discussion at the state convention.

Legislation Update:

Do you know what legislation is before Congress right now that may affect your pay and benefits? NARFE President Thissen and others have said time and again that silence is acceptance. People are usually silent because they don't know what is happening. If you go to the Legislative page of the NARFE website, www.narfe.org/legislation, click on the red Take Action button, and then click View Key Legislation, you will find links to 14 pieces of legislation on Pay & Benefits, Campaign Finance, Postal Reform, Federal Compensation, Taxes, GPO/WEP, COLA and Health Care. There is a wealth of information available on each bill. You can send an email to our congressional delegation on nine of these bills by clicking on the link 9 Advocacy Links under the blue Actions banner. One of the main benefits of NARFE membership is knowledge. From knowledge you get the ability to speak for or against what our representatives will eventually vote on. This is something each member must do for themselves, rather than relying on chapter or federation officers to do for them. There is a great article on advocacy in the May issue of *narfe* magazine on page 36. Be sure to read it!

Recruiting:

Have you recruited anyone to join NARFE lately? You have a wonderful tool in your mailbox each month, the *narfe* magazine! After you read it, you can give it to an eligible friend and explain how he

information in the magazine alone is worth the cost of joining. The Questions & Answers section invariably has at least one question that the prospective member

would find valuable. Don't forget to fill out your name and NARFE number on the application found in the magazine to get credit for recruiting your friend.



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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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