



**National Active and Retired
Federal Employees Association**

PHEASANT CHAPTER 0899 JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

President/Service Officer *(Beth Picek)*

The 13th biennial College of NARFE Knowledge (CONK) will be held August 28 – 30, 2017, at the Marina Inn, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This excellent conference helps to inform delegates about what NARFE is doing to protect our benefits. New (and not so new) NARFE members should take this opportunity to learn more about NARFE's MISSION and ways to become an effective leader in working to protect our earned benefits! Pheasant Chapter has voted to pay all expenses! Sign up now!

Next Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the Huron Area Senior Center, 290 7th St SW, in Huron. Chapter members are encouraged to make dinner reservations the day before our meeting by calling [352-8291](tel: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 pork roast with mashed potatoes. Please bring a less active or prospective member.

When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change. Few cases of eyestrain have been developed by looking on the bright side of things.

Legislative *(Jim Valer)*

Take Action! Contact Your Legislators About the President's Budget.

The president's recently released 2018 budget proposal contains unprecedented threats to the earned pay and benefits of federal workers and retirees. Have you made your voice heard yet? This budget is a step in the wrong direction, and NARFE urges its members to contact their legislators and ask them to reject these egregious cuts aimed at the federal community.

Proposing to cut benefits for those who have already retired goes beyond any proposal we've seen before. This would renege on the government's promise to pay the full amount of retirement annuities – which includes cost-of-living adjustments – in exchange for years of hard work over long careers by our nation's public servants.

It is critical that your legislators hear from you now. If you have not done so already, write and call your legislators. If they do not hear from you and other federal retirees about the effects of these dangerous proposals, your silence will be viewed as acceptance. Take action now!

People's Transit

Rose Lee of People's Transit will appear before the Huron city commission meeting on Monday, July 17, at 5:30 pm, to request additional funding so evening and weekend transportation can be resumed. FREE RIDES are being offered to all current riders who attend in support.

Recruitment Incentive

A Pheasant Chapter member has offered a \$50 incentive for each of the next five recruiters who sign up a new member.

The Cemetery Club

Pheasant Chapter member Diane Clayton will appear in Huron Area Community Theatre's production of "The Cemetery Club" on August 3-6. Don't miss this show!

Membership Renewals in July 2017

Pheasant Chapter Members 109

National Only Members 3

According to national records, July 1 dues expirations include Ron Timperly and Connie Vicuna. Those listed as past due include Doug Hart and Sharon Jones on April 1, Dorothy Lundgren on May 1, and Frank Amundson and Deb Kludt on June 1. **Dropped for non-renewal in the last 12 months are Dale Goreham, Charles Johnson, Mimi Johnson, Frances Kallenberger (voluntary) and Jim Uthe.** Have you considered Dues Withholding? If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

Courtesy Committee *(Clarence & Judy Hanson)*

Get well cards were sent to Gerald Peterson, Delbert Minske and Sharon Jones. A sympathy card was sent to the family of A.M. Johnston. If you know of a member who is ill or deceased, please contact Clarence or Judy Hanson at [353-1550](tel:353-1550).

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jun 4Karen Swanda

Jun 6Sandy Fisher
 Jun 8..... Howard & Deb Pearl (anniv)
 Jun 14.....Ronald Russell
 Jun 15..... Doug Hart
 Jun 16..... Gene & Madelyne Saarie (anniv)
 Jun 17..... Linda Marcus
 Jun 19..... Bill Folk
 Jun 28..... Dianne Wedge

Kindly tell us about any we missed.

If you didn't see it with your own eyes or hear it with your own ears, don't invent it with your small mind or share it with your big mouth!

Meals on Wheels (Al Thomas)

Pheasant Chapter will be delivering Meals on Wheels the week of July 10-14. If you have a route preference, please contact Al Thomas at [352-5747](tel:352-5747) to volunteer. Others will be contacted. Please say YES!

Mark Your Calendar

July 10-14..... Meals on Wheels
 July 26.....Pheasant Chapter Meeting
 August 28-30..... CONK in South Sioux City
 September 14..... District II Meeting in Watertown
 October 9-13..... Meals on Wheels
 May 15-17..... SD Federation Convention in Flandreau

Federation Statistics

SD lost 55 members to death in 2015, 64 in 2016, and 28 YTD by mid-June. So far in 2017, 19 members have been reinstated and only 7 new members added. RECRUIT!

God heals, and the doctor takes the fees.