

# SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED ASCS/FSA OFFICE EMPLOYEES



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## **RASCOE Notes from President Al Dangel**

Here we are, summer's over and winter is staring us in the face. Seems like it was only yesterday it was 90 outside. Actually we just got back from Idaho and Colorado where it was 80-90. We got home just in time for cold and rain. WOW!!

We spent the last two weeks of September in Idaho. Marsha had her High School Class Reunion while there. I'm not going to say what year it was, but it comes right after 39. Of course everyone else looked much older than we did. It wasn't too bad. I found another spouse that looked bored and he and I had a few beers and conversation while the "girls" reminisced.

As I look forward to next year and spring time. It looks like the annual convention in Madison will be a good one. Thursday night – Sporting Clays target shooting, Friday morning – Golf and Bowling, Friday night – Dinner and Program, Saturday – Wrap up. RASCOE will have our luncheon Friday at noon with our meeting to follow. There will be a separate line item on the registration for RASCOE. This should clear up

any confusion similar to what happened last spring in Wall.

Of course this is the time of the year we remind everyone about membership. For those not yet enrolled for 2009-2010, please do so as soon as possible. Marilyn would be happy to accept your \$25 dues for regular members and \$15 for associates.

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Congratulations to Lynda Steichen elected our new National Sec/Treas. I know she will be a great addition to the group of National Officers and will do a great job.



Parkston Luncheon

**October News from Secretary-Treasurer,  
Marilyn Van Liere**

I just finished making my chicken noodle soup, pies, and items for the bake sale for our church's yearly soup day and my husband takes in different kinds of squash from his garden. As you read in your papers churches and other organizations are having their fall festivals and to some it means going out for a meal, but most of all it is the fellowship that we share with our neighbors and friends. Sometimes we get so busy we forget to take time and enjoy the beauty of the fall colors.

We had a busy summer as our daughter and family were here for a month and Grandma, Mom and granddaughters went for an afternoon of pedicures, manicures and facials. Did we every feel special!! Our grandson got married in July, went to Colorado Springs to visit our daughter and Pierre to play with grandchildren. Sure glad I retired.

The memberships have been coming in great as we have 127 members (99 retired and 28 associates) but we still have a way to go to beat Georgia. Welcome to retirement letters and free membership to RASCOE were sent to Lois Buss, Brookings Co. Diane Dangel, Spink CO., Sarah Hargens, Aurora Co., Jeanine Lutz, Deuel Co., Wayne Morgan, DD, Mary Putman , Douglas Co. and newly retired Maureen Rutten, Hamlin Co. If they were members of SDASCOE, RASCOE will pay their first year membership.

**CONGRATUALIONS!!** We hope they will continue to support RASCOE in the coming years.

The winners of this year's free paid memberships were Marjorie Freudenthal Retiree, Marshall Co. and Marvin Mannie

Retiree, Spink CO. Those members who have paid their membership by September 1 are entered in an early bird drawing which is \$25.00. I didn't do it last year (oh!oh!) so I drew two names this year. The winners were Darlene Moak, Selby SD, and I have Joan & Ron Russell listed on one line so they received \$25.00. Enjoy.

I enjoy the notes you send with your membership and try to include them for Lynda to publish, also the questions you have about your memberships.

Congratulations to Lynda Steichen on being elected our new National Secretary/Treasurer. We know she will do a great job.

Have a great fall and remember to take time to enjoy the beauty of God's fall colors.

Marilyn Van Liere Secretary/Treasurer

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At our spring convention meeting it was discussed sending the newsletter by email to save money on postage. If you would be interested in receiving the South Dakota RASCOE newsletter by email you must send Lynda Steichen [lynjeanstei@hotmail.com](mailto:lynjeanstei@hotmail.com) or Marilyn Van Liere [vanliere@itctel.com](mailto:vanliere@itctel.com) your email address along with your request. We will try this to see how well it works if we get any requests. We will continue to send the RASCOE newsletter by mail to everyone else.

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2010 LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

The luncheons have been graciously scheduled by the Doris Stucky. If you would to schedule a luncheon in your town/area, contact Doris with your request/information.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

**Thank You**

Dear RASCOE Friends, Many, many thanks for drawing my name for a free year membership. I cherish the good memories I have with all the good times shared with you SDASCOE/RASCOE Friends over the 37 ½ years I worked for ASCS/FSA! I am grateful to God for every day he gives me to enjoy retirement and do volunteer work. Thanks again and God Bless You All. Your Friend **Marj Freudenthal** Marshal Co.

RASCOE Staff, Enclosed is 25.00 for my dues. A Special thank you for all you do for us. Our benefits have been a blessing and I still am able to enjoy. Sincerely **Irene Cavanaugh**, Day County Webster.

Please find enclosed my check for 25.00. I'm sure my 09/10 dues must be due and payable. Or if not, just make a note of them and sooner than later they will be due. Your retiree luncheons sound like fun but I never get close enough when you are meeting. Mitchell is about the closest. I have a daughter who lives between Vermillion and Elk Point, but it's usually a family affair when I go that way. Keep up the good work! **Devota Hutchinson**, White River SD

Enclosed check for RASCOE dues. Thanks for the work you do for RASCOE. **Mary K Eriksen**, Lebanon SD

Hi! I am sending my RASCOE dues a bit late but thanks for the reminder. Ernie & I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting a small dinner party. We had a great time. Mid June found me spending 12 days in the hospital to clear up a severe infection. Since then I have been released from the hospital, but have physical therapy twice a week to improve walking and other basic skills with my walker. **Doris Schmidt**, Vermillion.

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Hi I am fine. Thank you for all you do for RASCOE. I am proud to be a member. **Joan Sommer**, Hutchinson Co.

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Hi! Just a note to send along my dues to let you and the other officers know that we appreciate all you do to keep RASCOE going **STRONG!** Thanks **Doris Moriarty**, Brookings Co.

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Enclosed are my RASCOE dues and thank you and I do enjoy the newsletters **Dorene Becker**, Meckling

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**In Memoriam** Dean W. Anderson, 82, Bryant, State Executive Director 1989-92  
Betty Donovan, wife of Charles Donovan, Yankton County CED  
Carvel Johnson, CED Lake County Madison



*SDASCOE/RASOCE members attending 50<sup>th</sup> NASCOE CONVENTION in Gatlinburg, TN.*  
 Back row: Gene Vognild, RASCOE President, Cindy Mengershauser, and Jim Iverson, RASCOE Membership Chair. Middle row: Dianna Shafer, SDASCOE Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Johnson, and Peggy Groen, SDASCOE Vice-President. Front row: Shirley Vognild, Lynda Steichen and Becky Zirpel NASCOE Northwest Area Benefits Chair.

Not pictured Leon Edlund, Rich and Mary Ellen Rische, Doug and Diane Dangel, Larry Olsen and Cindy Peterson NWA Executive, Ron Russell and Eleanor Iverson..

2009 Retiree Luncheon Schedule

Scheduled on 3rd Monday of every month unless designated otherwise

**OCT 20\* Tues Sportsman's Rendezvous - Main Street, Tyndall**

**NOV 16 Pizza Ranch - 15<sup>th</sup> & Broadway, Yankton**

**DEC 21 Minerva's Restaurant - E Hwy 50, Yankton**



August Luncheon, Mitchell



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