

SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED ASCS/FSA OFFICE EMPLOYEES

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RASCOE NOTES from President Al Dangel

Here we are in 2010. Seems like only 10 years ago we were worried about Y2K and would it collapse the digital world we had come to rely on so much. Well we survived that many other things over the last ten years.

Christmas came and went and was not nearly as merry as we would have liked. Being stuck in the house, with the exception of several trips down the driveway with the snow blower is not my ideal Christmas. We did make it to Church; I guess that is the real thing anyway. The kids couldn't make it back for Christmas this year, so it was pretty quiet around here. Marsha and I had a Wii bowling tournament. It was a close match but I edged her out for the championship by a few pins. What did we do without video games when we were kids? Probably would have got into trouble for not getting the chores done, I suppose.

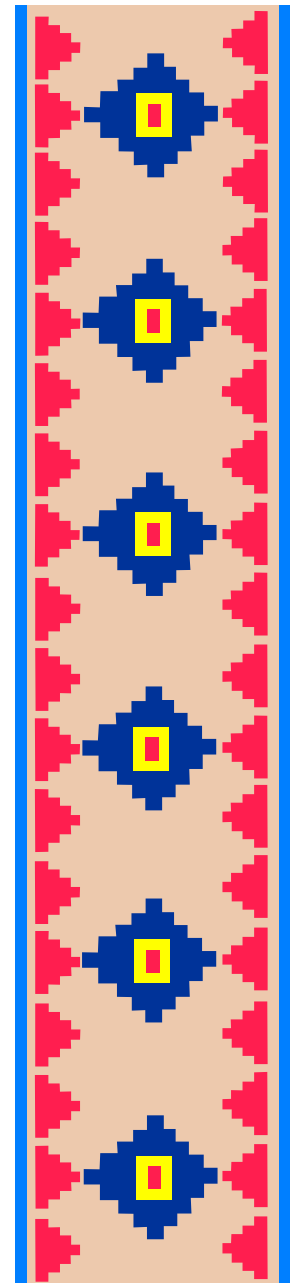
Speaking of time passing by, it will be 5 years since I became the SD RASCOE President. While it is not a strenuous position and I did enjoy it, I believe it is time for someone else to fill the positions of President. I will not be seeking re-election to President. I would like to thank all who helped make RASCOE what it is, especially Rose for her dedication, Doris, Gene, Shamu, Marilyn and Lynda and everyone else for helping me during the past 5 years. I couldn't forget JoAnn and the Parkston ladies for always taking care of the 50/50 raffle. Thank you all

So when we meet in Madison this spring for the annual State convention, I would like all of you to come and be prepared to offer your services to the RASCOE Officers. It would be so great to have candidates step forward and offer their talents and if asked to help on a committee, gladly respond with a positive and enthusiastic "YES".

Information on the SDASCOE/RASCOE convention in Madison is still sketchy. Lynda was going to try to get some more information as far as accommodations, etc. Last fall the agenda sounded like, golf/bowling on Friday morning, committee and RASCOE meeting for the afternoon, Friday night awards and Saturday wrap-up with the RASCOE luncheon at noon. Hope you all can make it. You know what they say "Be there to defend yourself"

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$20

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Greetings from Leon (Shamu) Edlund

I thought I retired at one time, but now I can hardly find time to do anything. I keep very busy as a crop adjuster. We had a large hail storm July 9th and are not done adjusting yet.

Seems like yesterday we were out at Wall for the State Convention. Hope everyone can make it to Madison April 30 and May 1. The weather should be nicer by that time.

Had a great time at Gatlinburg, TN as I drove my motor home down and slept outside with the bears.

Talked to Gene V as I stayed with them following my eye implant. Everything is fine but could not drive the day after the operation. It is really nice to see 20-20 with your eyes.

Not much to report on the issues as they are slow moving in Washington but what else is new?

Gene gave me some insight as we should all be on e-mail with Dave Senter. Our contact in Washington. He can keep you updated on "bill" activity and when he needs us to contact our congressional people. I will have more at Madison.

No more news, but think SPRING!



Past employees of Sanborn County

Congratulations to the following:

Curt Syltie, CED Roberts CO, 28 years with FSA. He and Jennell are moving back to Ipswich to build a new home and be close to his two sons and families.

Mavis Poelstra, PT Hamlin Co. 23 years with FSA. She hopes to get many projects done at home and appreciated all the friendships she made thru her association with the STO and County office employees.

They both have been supporters of SDASCOE and will receive a free year's membership to RASCOE

Secretary Notes from Marilyn Van Liere

I hope by now all of you have had time to enjoy the delayed Holiday celebrations with your family. Once again we are reminded that we are not in charge of the weather and God wanted us to slow down and enjoy the beauty of our Saviors Birth in our own way. This is the first time in my "Many Years" we have not spent Christmas with family or went to Christmas Eve Service. We were able to get together later and had a great time. Our Christmas dinner tradition is to have a Halibut roast, baked and served with melted butter for our meal plus a ham or pork loin for the ones who don't eat fish. No, we don't travel to Alaska and fish to get this but Hy-Vee is a good store to order from. Between the snow filled country road and cold weather we have done a lot of bonding in our home but are able to attend Grandsons hockey and SDSU games.

The letter Linda sent out as a reminder to us to pay our memberships brought in 30 more memberships which bring us to a total of 154 members. As they talk about reducing federal benefits it is very important for us to keep our membership strong. Thanks Lynda for your extra effort as we know you are busy being the National Secretary /Treasurer.

I have been your SD-RASCOE secretary/treasurer for 3 years and will be looking for a replacement at the State convention in April 2010. It has been a good learning experience and I love all the notes I get from the ASCS/FSA friends as they pay their memberships. The notes that are included are a highlight for others to read about what you are doing in your retirement.

I received a few requests for the newsletter by email so Lynda will give it a try. We all enjoy getting the updates and newsletters. I appreciate those who make a note of address change when sending in your dues. Sometimes it takes awhile to get it to the right person. Just ask Charlie Johnson!!!!

May you stay safe and warm the rest of the winter.

Marilyn Van Liere: RASCOE Secretary /Treasurer

NOTES FROM RETIREES:

Hi, Can't find where I have paid my dues for this year. If I did then use this for next year.

Wilbert Diebert, Ipwich

Thank you for the reminder. The check contains a \$10.00 bonus to RASCOE for having to remind us who do put things off. It helps to the postage fees!!! Thanks again

Evelyn Peterson, Vermillion

WOW! Where does the time go? Hardly seems like a year should be gone and it's time to pay dues. Didn't know time would pass so quickly once retired. Thank you for all you do for RASCOE in South Dakota. SD has a great group of leaders. Till next year.

Geraldine Storm, Meadow SD

Thanks to all your people that keep our Association alive and well. Just got back home after spending a week in the hospital, not sure what I had but it developed into pneumonia, it sure good to be back home. I am so thankful for our health insurance. Enclosed are my dues for 2009/2010 and I promise to be more prompt next time. Thanks!

Connie Boehmer, Dimock SD

Article received in the mail:

Marjorie M Miller of Chamberlain was the guest of honor at a coffee/pie social at Casey's Café in Chamberlain on Thursday July 30. Miller retired as the Sanford Hospital and Long Term Auxiliary gift shop manager after more than 27 years of service. She was presented flowers, cards and a certificate of appreciation. She tracked over 14,000 hours of volunteering to the gift shop. Marge thanked the many volunteers who gave of their time as well as donations and those who made fancy work over the years. All profits go to the hospital and long-term care for their special needs.

IN MEMORIAM:

Janet Shelsta, 12/02/09 Retired CED Hamlin Co. % Clayton Shelsta PO Box 155, Hayti SD 57241

Bob Tycz, 12/22 09 husband of Hilda Tycz, PO Box 504, Tyndall SD 57066

Wayne Sultera, 10/09 husband of Shirley Sutera, PO Box 435, Tyndall SD 57066-0435

Tom Connelley, 06/15/09 husband of Dorothy Connelly, 705 Zenith St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

RASCOE Lunch, October 2009—Sportsman' Rendezvous', Tyndall



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RETIREE LUNCHEON SCHEDULE
Scheduled on the 3rd Monday of every month unless designated otherwise

January 18	Raziel's - 13 W. Main St, Vermillion
February 15	Fry'n Pan Restaurant - 21 st Broadway, Yankton
March 16 (Tues)	Pony Creek Hwy 37 - Parkston
April 30	SDASCOE Convention in Madison
May 17	Toby's Restaurant - Hwy 50, Meckling
June 21	Jo Dean's Restaurant - 2809 Broadway Yankton
July 19	The Waterfront Gourmet Grill - 201 Capitol, Yankton
August 16	Ramada Inn (Formerly Holiday Inn) Mitchell
Sept 21	Yesterday's Café - 2216 Broadway, Yankton
October 19 (Tues)	Sportsman's Rendezvous' - Main St, Tyndall
November 16	Pizza Ranch - 15 th Broadway, Yankton
December 20	Minerva's - E Hwy 50, Yankton