



# SOUTH DAKOTA RASCOE

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I wonder if there is anyone left working in FSA. Our RASCOE group should have some growing pains.... Welcome to the group. Hope everyone will join our dedicated family and all work to protect the benefits that you have worked to attain. I have enjoyed my 15 years to date. There is not a day that I don't stop and think of people like Gene who were in on the ground floor for these benefits and is still dedicated to its well being. Enjoy your new freedom. Nothing going on in Washington that really concerns RASCOE now.

Just talked to Gene and he had no knew information either. I just finished with my crop adjusting. It was active with all moisture this spring and may be drought next spring. Hang on for the rollercoaster ride that you will not have to be involved in anymore. Already looking forward to the SDACOE convention in Brookings and getting another fish and fun hat for this years event. Will look forward to seeing everyone this spring and hopefully some



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

more news on RASCOE happenings.

SHAMU

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## HELPFUL TIPS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS —

### PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR RECEIPTS

**Check your receipts before leaving any cashier's station! Be sure you are not charged for items not purchased.**

**In Case of emergency...**if you carry a mobile phone, consider adding ICE to numbers anyone you would want contacted if you are unable to. It will help emergency or health personnel contact your family.

Wishing you all the special magic of the season.

### WHEN IS TOO MANY ENOUGH

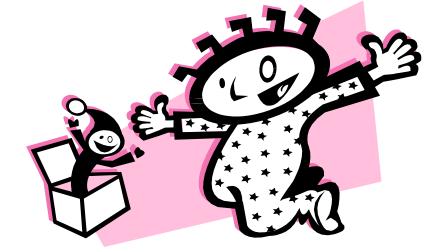
I have often wondered who really calls the shots in the Department of Ag. Over the years of my career I saw employee numbers go up and down based on WORKLOAD. The present reduction of employees has nothing to do with workload but rather budget reduction. To my knowledge there is no plan as to how the workload would be done. It is sad to watch an agency that was known as the "can do" agency will soon become a "no can do" agency. To balance the budget on the backs of the workers without really looking at the big picture then we are

We need to thank these people, whenever we meet them, for their dedicated hard work. There are a lot of things we need to be thankful for during the upcoming holidays. We may see some things that are not too pleasant, but we still need to look at the big picture and look for the good. We need to be positive and always be moving forward.

.heading for a wreck

There is some good coming out of the retirements -- RASCOE is sure to gain more members. Will RASCOE have a rough road ahead -- no question about that. It will be very important to keep focused on what congress does in the future. The old saying "you snooze - you lose" could be a much larger concern then one might think. I do have to say that RASCOE has some great leadership and they are willing to go the extra mile to insure that our benefits stay intact.

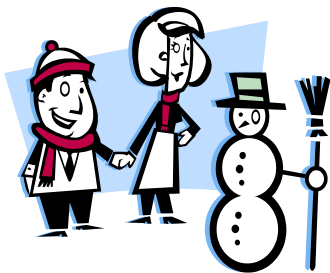
There are a few items that seem to make the news --- The economic condition of many countries such as Greece, Spain, and the US --- The Wall Street Occupy group and the 99% to 1% --- Congress and the want to tax the rich more even though 268 in Congress are in the 1% group --- Job creation when big companies have already created many jobs, sadly they are all in the



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jim and Eleanor Iverson

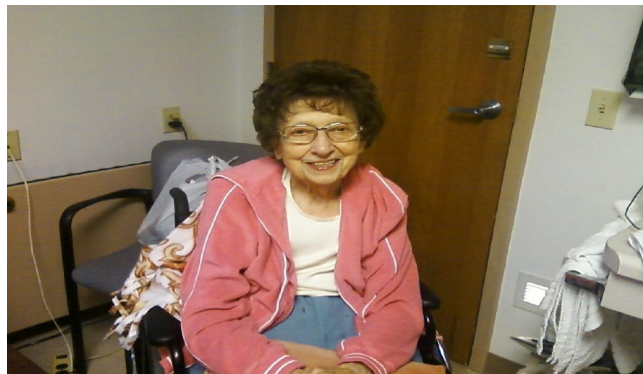
country of China --- Unemployment numbers that seem to go nowhere. That's enough --- be thankful for all we have.



MARJORIE MILLER

### SEND MARJ A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

It's a world of possibilities.



MARJORIE MILLER

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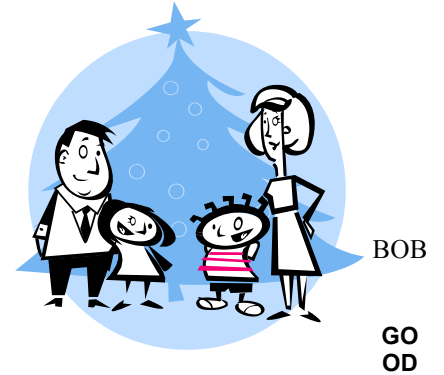
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PHONE: 605 642 2716

### HAPPY RETIREMENT AND 1ST YEAR FREE RASCOE MEMBERSHIP

Bob Small, STO ADMIN 32+ yrs  
 BONITA SHARP, CODINGTON  
 28+ yrs  
 BONNIE NICKELSON, HAND-HYDE  
 33+ YRS  
 CARLA MENTZER, JERAULD  
 39+ yrs  
 Cheryl McMillian, Jones 30 + yrs  
 DEB KRULL, HUGHES-STANLEY  
 31+ yrs  
 DICK THOMPSON, MccOOK 25+ yrs  
 ELAINE SELLERS, CHARLES MIX  
 31+ yrs  
 GAIL TENNANT, SULLY CO 33+ yrs  
 JAN LARSON, KINGSBURY 22+ yrs

JUDITH HOMAN, DEUEL 25+ yrs  
 JUDY Vanden BERGE HUTCHINSON  
 28+ yrs  
 KARLA BIRD, CLAY 36+ YRS  
 LAURIE STOLTENBURG, BEADLE  
 28+ YRS  
 LINDA BOSCHEE, JERALD 29+ yrs  
 LINDA BRUNS, LAKE 29+ yrs  
 LINDA SHUMAKER, MINNEHAHA  
 25+ yrs  
 SHARON BORGERS, TURNER 47+ yrs  
 STEVE CYRIACKS, STO PS 38+ yrs  
 RYAN WENZ, STO Print Shop 34+ yrs



MAAG, STO FLP  
 PAM HOWARD, ITS 26+ yrs  
 MARLENE MADDOCK, ITS 26+ yrs

### CALLING POSSIBLE BUS RIDERS

The NW Rally will be held on Tuesday at the beginning of the NASCOE convention week. We have done some tentative looking into the possibility of a taking a bus to Boise, and inviting other states to join in with us on the trip. The details found so far include:

Ballpark estimate of \$8900 for a 48 passage bus/galley. Leave Saturday or Sunday, leave midnight Saturday, August 11.

Quote is \$8900 divided by # of passengers. \$8900 divided by 35 = \$255.00 per rider. Flights about \$470.00

Estimate 22 hours driving time (do not exceed 70 mph). Each bus has dvd + tv, reclining seats, internet, & restroom.

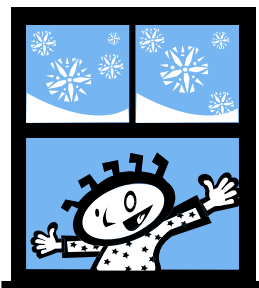
Allow 1 large bag and 1 carryon per passenger, refreshments (beer/liquor, food) allowed.

We are always looking for new and more travelers for the NASCOE convention. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to give me a holler! You can contact me at the office (605) 539-9232 or

Home (605) 853-3299. Or email me at mary.johnson@hur.midco.net.

Mary, your Travel Coordinator

**SD RASCOE DUES ARE \$25, DUES YEAR JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30. MULTI YEAR DUES \$25.00 x 5 YEARS OR \$125.00 MEMBERSHIP IN RASCOE OR NASCOE IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN REDUCED J M MARKETING PREMIUMS OR ACCESS TO RASCOE MEMBERS ONLY WEBPAGE.**



JOY TO THE WORLD

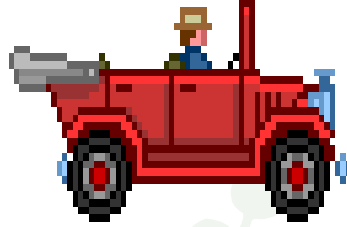
### LILLIAN GREGOIRE WAS MANY THINGS TO MANY PEOPLE 10/26/1919—11/7/2011



I believe Lillian was the first  
 Program Assistance to  
 Serve as SDASCOE  
 President.  
 Full obituary can be found  
 On the Mason Funeral Home  
 Winner SD website.

Cards may be sent to:  
 Family of Lillian Gregoire  
 245 Adams St  
 Winner SD 57380

  
SD RASCOE



## 2012 SDASCOE "HOBO" CONVENTION

BUM YOUR WAY TO BROOKINGS Gather all your "HOBO FRIENDS"  
April 20-21, 2012 and join us at the Staurolite Inn/Fireside Restaurant

RESERVATIONS: 605/692-3111 OR 800-362-1516

**2012 National Convention to be held in Boise, ID**  
August 8-11, 2012

ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BOISE CENTER  
*Please let all hotels know you are with the NASCOE Group  
to get the special NASCOE Room Rate!*

**WE'RE ON THE WEB**

**SDASCOE.ORG**

### HOST HOTEL –

#### **The Grove Hotel,**

Boise's only AAA Four-Diamond property.

Free airport shuttle, restaurant, lobby lounge, indoor pool and hot tub, FREE workout facility, concierge desk. Hospitality Rooms

[www.grovehotelboise.com](http://www.grovehotelboise.com) or  
888.961.5000

#### **Owyhee Plaza Hotel –**

[www.owyheeplaza.com](http://www.owyheeplaza.com) or  
208.343.4611 (3 blocks from the Centre)

#### **Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown –**

[www.boisedowntownsuites.hamptoninn.com](http://www.boisedowntownsuites.hamptoninn.com) or  
208.331.1900

(2 Blocks from the Centre)



**MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE  
FILLED WITH JOY, LOVE  
AND  
HAPPINESS.**