



SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED ASCS/FSA OFFICE EMPLOYEES



Spring 2010 ISSUE

Notes from the President Al Dangel

Finally we have spring, at least on the calendar. SDASCOE/RASCOE Convention is just around the corner. I remember one time we were trying to play the SDASCOE golf outing in Hartford and had to dodge snow showers. Everyone was glad to get inside and have hot chocolate; well some had hot toddies too.

This year's get together, commemorating 50 Years of SDASCOE, is in Madison South Dakota. I hope a lot of you can make it. I wasn't around for those days, but many of you were and it would be a great time remembering those days again.

Registration form is included; the agenda scheduled the RASCOE meeting at 2:30 PM on Friday April 30th at Nikki's. RASCOE will also meet in that same room for the noon luncheon on Saturday. The luncheon cost is \$10.00. It sounds like Madison will be fun, trap shooting on Thursday night, golf and bowling Friday morning, social and banquet that evening. And don't forget the "District Games". RASCOE will be fielding a team so come ready to play.

Hope to see all of you in Madison, we'll have a ball.

Vice President Update by Leon Edlund

Time really flies when you are having fun. Spent 10 days in Florida for golf with Gene and Shirley. Gene and I were part of a team that won a tournament. Back still sore from carrying Gene. Traveled to Panama City, Florida to see my sister. Got sunburn while cutting down a tree, only 65 to 75 degrees.

Was bus driver for DWU (Dakota Wesleyan) Boys to Branson MO for 5 days. Just could not win the second game.

Played cards at Gene's last night, did not make enough to pay for the new boat I got. Plan to fish at the 27th Annual FSA Fish & Fun outing June 25 & 26. Also will be heading to Lake Erie April 15. Does it sound like I'm retired?

Looking forward to the SDASCOE Convention April 30 at Madison. Hope to see everyone there. Cannot emphasize enough the importance of looking after our benefits. Everyone should join to keep RASCOE, who keeps us up to date on issues and is a strong force on Capitol Hill.

No changes in current issues at this time maybe will be some by convention time.

Got a call from June Faulk of Georgia, they have never in North Dakota ever. Offered to take them around if they would come to SD for Fish and Fun. . Will call her later, have to check our schedules.

Nothing else to write at this time, Shamu

Secretary – Treasurer News by Marilyn Van Liere

It just seems like I wrote a note for the newsletter, but here I go again. This will be my last article as your Secretary/Treasurer, so get ready RASCOE members to take over. I do want to thank those who have helped with my questions that I had these last 3 years. Special thanks to President Al, past Secretary Doris Stucky and Donna Webster and Lynda Steichen for doing the newsletter. You have done a great job. I have one more person to send a special thanks to.

When I started working for ASCS/FSA I was in awe of the girls I was working with. I had been raised on a farm and thought I had a good background of the farm and phrases, but never had I heard all the acronyms they used. It was just everyday language to them and I hated to ask what they meant. “NCA” was so popular so I thought I wouldn’t ask and assumed it meant “National Crops Approved” wrong, it meant “Normal Crop Acreage” (year 1978) and from there I learned the office had many more. I was also introduced to the acronym NASCOE/SDASCOE which was an organization I knew nothing about or did I care, but wrong again, I was. I was informed that when some had starting working there were NO BENEFITS and this organization worked to get us our benefits. There was no question that we would belong and when convention time came around we were encouraged to attend and support SDASCOE. Can you imagine working and not getting health benefits, TSP savings, life insurance, etc.? Thank you, Cleo Olerud for all your encouragement to support this great organization. The experience I have had and friends I have made are very special to me just as you are.

We have 165 paid 2009/2010 memberships and some are already paying for the 2010/2011 year. Just a reminder: RASCOE retirees the dues are **\$25.00** (\$20.00 are sent to National and \$5.00 stays with South Dakota RASCOE) and Associate membership is **\$15.00** for those who are still working. Thank you for being such faithful members. We all love retirement and our **benefits**.

Congratulations to Barb Bergh and Helen Squires, Hamlin Co. on your retirement plus the April retirements of Randy Richards, Beadle Co and Gloria Huber, Campbell Co. They will receive their 2010/2011 RASCOE memberships paid by RASCOE. They do have to be a member of SDASCOE for us to pay their dues. I receive retiree information through emails from Mary Johnson; if I have missed anyone please let me know. It has been fun being your Secretary/Treasurer and see you at the convention in Madison.

OLD FRIENDS

**When old friends get together, there’s something in their smiles
That has a way reaching out across the years and miles---
A special kind of magic that binds them heart-to-heart
And as they talk it’s hard to tell they’ve ever been apart.
Regardless of the time, the place, the season or the weather,
The feeling’s always extra warm when old friends get together.**

See you at the convention RASCOE Friends

RASCOE RAFFLE \$1.00 tickets – drawing 50%, split 5 ways, need not be present to win, tickets enclose And envelope have been enclosed FOR YOUR CONVIENCE. DRAWING DURING Saturday session of the SDASCOE CONVENTION ON MAY 1, 2010

NOTES

Invitation: Betty would like to have you celebrate Wayne's 90th birthday at an open house Sunday, March 14 from 2-4 PM at Riverview Methodist Church in Huron. Their home address is 1805 Maple Dr, Huron SD 57350.

TO THE RASCOE MEMBERS

My heartfelt thanks to RASCOE friends who sent cards and letters to me for my 90th birthday. A special thank you to Luella Longcor for getting the word to retirees. NASCOE was and is a great Association that gained so much for employees of the Farm Programs in the Department of Agriculture. RASCOE continues as supporters of the National Association. My health as well as Betty's is good. We have slowed down and don't care to spend six months away from home in the wintertime. We are both active in various organizations in Huron. **Wayne Testerman**

I see that our dues are coming due June 30, so I'm enclosing them with my "thank you". Life has been good and I like being busy every day. I enjoy RASCOE quarterly news of what's happening with retired employees. **Wayne Testerman**

Never do I lose contact with the "old" ASC'ers but we have lost a lot of them. My thanks to all who have worked so hard for RASCOE. **Lillian a Gregoire Winner SD**

So sorry to be so late, hope it will still be accepted. All is well at our house, hope it stays that way. **Ruth Hochhalter, Aberdeen, SD** (*You are never too late Ruth*)

Enclosed is a check for 2011 dues. I have no-email address. Keep up the good work. **Darlene Moak, Walworth Co.**

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Birthday greetings to Connie Boehmer, Hustchinson Co retiree is celebrating her 85th birthday on March 27, 2010. Greetings can be mailed to: Connie Boehmer, 136 W 1st St, Dimock SD 57331



March 2010 Lunch in Parkston Front row: Jim Sommer, Dort Fischer, Ruth Mannie, Marvin Mannie, Jerry Miller and Lassie Miller. Back row: Lynda Steichen, Charles Campbell, Joan Sommer, Franklin and Monica Horstman, JoAnn and Roy Weisz, Gladys Fredrichs, Doris Stucky, Dee Roschadl, Alice and Lawrence Weisz.

2010 RETIREE LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

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



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