

RASCOE OF SD UPDATE

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President Jim Iverson

Well folks by the time you read this the Government will be out of money and will be shutting down and more yadda, yadda and more yadda as to whose fault it is. I have seen this situation a couple of times during my career. The last time there was a furlough the government sent the nonessential agency personnel home. Guess who was the essential party that had to stay and man the office? Yep, you got it : ASCS (FSA). Some of you may remember the FHA and NRCS got to go home for a day and a half. They got paid and were not charged annual leave. This left a sour taste in many ASCS employees.

In view of the above statement of essential and nonessential personnel, wouldn't you think that if you wanted to save money you would eliminate the nonessential employees first and then move to the essential personnel next. It only makes sense, but those in WDC think on some other level- incompetence.

Congress couldn't find common ground on any issue in the past and it doesn't look too good in the future. I don't think we have much to worry about as far as losing any benefits. But, at the same time I don't see any gains in benefits either.

There is good around, as we just have to look a little harder for it. You just have to listen to the news from other countries and we are pretty lucky as a whole. Some fun was had at Ashville, NC. We met old friends and spent time with them and gained a few new ones along the way. Can you just see Gene V, on a ZIP line soaring through the tree tops screaming Norwegian obscenities all the way. Didn't happen as there was a cost to do this and you know how cheap he is. We did tour a house with 43 bathrooms known as the Biltmore which is the largest privately owned house in the US. There was some adventure down there as my luggage didn't make the same destination as I did. But, later that afternoon it arrived at the hotel. Call that LUCKY.

I want to extend an invitation to all the folks that recently retired to join RASCOE. Remember the first year is free for you. I hope after the first year that you join and become active in RASCOE. We have a lot of fun and for our age we are still pretty active.

Again thank you for your support. My E-mail address is jim.Iverson@hotmail.com .





<u>RASCOE of SD</u>	<u>FY 13-14</u>	<u>FINANCIAL</u>	<u>REPORT</u>
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>4/26/2013</u>		<u>\$ 10,183.34</u>
Income			
Dues	\$ 1,900.00		
2013 Raffle	\$ 438.00		
Office Max chgd wrong acct	\$ 126.27		
Checking Acct Interest	\$ 2.04		
Total Income			\$2,466.31
Expenses			
Dues - National RASCOE	\$ 1,810.00		
Raffle cash	\$ 295.00		
Darlene Moak - 50/50 winner	\$ 100.00		
Secretary-Treasurer Stipend	\$ 250.00		
SD Secretary of State	\$ 10.00		
Office Max	\$ 126.27		
Supplies-ink, envelopes, etc	\$ 122.19		
National Convention - Officers	\$ 200.00		
SDASCOE	\$ 30.00		
Postage	\$ 147.20		
Total Expenses			\$3,090.66
<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	<u>9/25/2013</u>		<u>\$ 9,558.99</u>

Secretary-Treasurer Notes from Lynda Steichen

I will be attending the SDASCOE Fall Board Meeting October 2nd & 3rd at the 2014 Convention site of Pickstown, SD. The dates of the 2014 convention will be decided during the Board meeting.

RASCOE has enjoyed several "Lunches" during 2013 in Parkston (2), Mitchell and Ipswich. If you wish to host a lunch in your area during 2014, please contact me soon to get the date you want. The lunches are usually the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

I thoroughly enjoy serving SD as your secretary-treasurer but will not run for re-election at our state convention in May 2014. Give some thought to serving RASCOE as secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor or raffle chair.

President Jim appointed a committee of Gene Vognild, Rich Rische and Kris Stevens to review the SD Constitution and By-laws. A vote will be held at our annual meeting to approve changes and corrections suggested by the committee. A copy of changes will be posted on the SDASCOE website.



Gene Vognild, Leon Edlund, Shirlee Vognild, Ron Russell and Cindy Mengershauser
2013 NASCOE Golf Tourney @ Asheville, NC



Membership Notes:

Our paid membership is at 138 as of September 30th. If you have not paid FY 13-14 dues there is an envelope included with your newsletter, write and mail your dues check today! Your label should show 6/30/2014.

If you are receiving a paper newsletter you have not paid your \$25.00 member or \$15.00 associate dues (see the date on your label) or you have not shared your email address. This newsletter has been sent as an email and is also available on the SDASCOE website. The dues year is July 1st to June 30th.

If you are interested in become or continuing as an Associate Member of SDASCOE/NASCOE you may send your \$30.00 dues to Lori Jones. 38945 255th St, Plankinton SD 57368, your check payable to SDASCOE.

2013 FEHB Open Season Date Announced by OPM

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) officially announced the dates for the 2013 FEHB Open Season which will run from Monday, November 11, 2013 through Monday, December 9, 2013. Remember those dates if you need to make changes to your enrollment of Federal Employee Health Benefit policy.

WINNERS – WINNERS- WINNERS pay your dues before 7/1

Early Bird Drawing of \$25.00

Charlene Lolley

Free one year Membership Drawing

Luella Longcur

Larry Gauger



LOOK AT THIS CROWD! August RASCOE was held on Tuesday, August 20th at the Depot in Mitchell. Pictured front row, left: Dorothy Heitzman, Judy Vandenberg, Peg Trabing, JoAnn Weisz, Nancy Schroeder, Marlys Blacksten and Luella Longur. Back row: Lynda Steichen, Connie Faulhaber, Barb Weindenbach, Doris Schrank, Mary Perrson, Ladonna Koehn, Alice Weisz, Barb Gottlob, Linda Kasten, Cynthia Folkerts, Leon Edlund and Curtis Fox. Not pictured Doreen Schlecter, Arlo Lungcur, Roy Weisz and Lawrence Weisz.

RASCOE Lunch held at Pony Creek in Parkston on Tuesday, July 16th. Those attending were front row:

Doreen Schlecter, JoAnnWeisz, Joan Sommer, Lynda Steichen, Gladys Fredriches. Back row: Leon Edlund, Alice Weisz, Roy Weisz, Barb Gottlob, Marvin Mannie and Gene Vognild.





RASCOE Lunch was enjoyed in Ipswich on September 17 at the Yellowstone Trail. Pictured front row left: Jeanette Bowar, Patty Hanson, Rosene Royce, Bonnie Nickelson and Lynda Steichen. Back row: Sylvia Davis, Cindy Geditz, Judith Schwab, Leon Edlund, Dianna Shafer and Wilmer Deibert. The Edmunds Office staff also joined us for lunch but are not pictured (had to go back to work!) Paula Peterson, Trish Harrell, Eileen Senter and Judy Koester.

RASCOE Lunch dates and sites for 2014

April, May, June, July, August, September and October

which month do you choose to host lunch in your area?

NEWS FROM MEMBERS:

Been a busy summer so far and more to come I'm sure. Retirement has agreed with me very much, but do miss the people. Have a flower and vegetable garden and we do a lot of fishing. **Sharon Borgers**

Always enjoy reading about what is going on. I'm really enjoying life here in the beautiful Black Hills. **June Klinkel**



Evelyn Peterson and Gene Vognild are pictured as Evelyn celebrates her 95th birthday in Vermillion. Evelyn worked at Clay County for 42 years and retired in 1980. Gene and Shirlee Vognild had a good visit about the old days in ASCS.

During a recent trip to the Black Hills, Gene and Shirlee Vognild visited with Marj Miller. Marj is doing very good, but is paralyzed on her right side but has use of her left. Marj does paints with her left hand. In the picture I am holding a rock with a picture Marj had painted. Gene says, "Same old Marj, funny and still gives everyone Hell when they need it." Marj looks forward to our RASCOE newsletter and reads everything she can about our association. Marj said to tell everyone "Hi" and to stop to see her when you are in



Spearfish.