



## RASCOE of SOUTH DAKOTA

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### Summer/Fall 2015

**FINAL RASCOE 11:30 LUNCH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> @ NICKY'S, MADISON**

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN SEASON NOVEMBER 9-DECEMBER 14. BE SURE TO WATCH YOUR MAIL IN OCTOBER FOR THE NEW SELF PLUS ONE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FROM YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER. BE SURE TO READ THOROUGHLY, FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINE DATES IF YOU CHOSE TO CHANGE YOUR ENROLLMENT.

*The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced premiums for the 2016 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program will increase by an average of 6.4 percent. The [2016 FEHB open season](#) is Monday, November 9, 2015 through Monday, December 14, 2015.*

*According to OPM, on average, enrollees with self only coverage will pay \$5.50 more each pay period; enrollees with self and family coverage will pay \$19.61 more per pay period. Those who opt for the new [self plus one coverage](#) will pay \$8.92 more per pay period than they previously paid for self and family coverage. The federal government contributes approximately 70 percent of the total cost of a plan's premium.*

*OPM is offering the new self plus enrollment type for the first time for the 2016 FEHB plan year. This option will provide coverage for an enrollee and one designated eligible family member. OPM stated that all 2016 FEHB plans will offer a self only, self plus one, and self and family enrollment type.*

#### Retiring – May

Sherry Ternes  
Stan Thompson  
Don Weller

#### Retiring – June

Deb Dangel  
Nadine Beatch

#### Retiring-July

Russ Simon

#### Retiring-August

Peggy Groen

#### Deceased

Deborah 'Deb' Brengle, Harding Co, 6/19/1956-6/17/2015

Hilda L Eng, Moody Co, 7/23/1917-8/5/2015

Colleen 'Connie' Boehmer, Hutchinson Co, 3/27/1925-8/22/2015

**\$25 EARLY BIRD WINNER – Diane Dangel**

**PAID DUES FOR FY 16-17 (\$30) JUDITH VANDENBERGE and OMAR HALVORSON**

### **WINNERS! WINNERS! WINNERS! WINNERS!**

**BROWN COUNTY IS THE WINNER OF THE \$100.00 DRAWING FOR HAVING ALL THEIR 'COUNTY OFFICE' SDASCOE / NASCOE DUES PAID BY THE DEADLINE.**

**JEANNIE LUTZ IS THE WINNER OF THE \$30.00 DRAWING FOR HAVING HER ASSOCIATE SDASCOE / NASCOE DUES PAID BY THE DEADLINE.**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT – LANNEY NELSON**

*As I write (10-1-15) this I am 10 days past having a new knee put in. Now the reason I mention it is because we all are very fortunate to have the hospitalization insurance that we were able to get by working at FSA. I know that you all are aware of that but it is good to appreciate things and think about them once in a while. Next I want to remind you that if you are recently retired check into a year in our RASCOE organization. First year dues are free. I live near Vermillion and harvest has started. We are fortunate as we have great yields around here. So with Thanksgiving approaching I have now given you 3 things to be thankful for. And from what I am hearing it looks like we may have our next Convention in Huron. That sure sounds good to me. This is the second year I have been President of RASCOE. I am proud to have been a part of this fun organization.*

## **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT – BONNIE NICKELSON**

Hi to fellow retirees! I attended the SDASCOE Fall Board Meeting in Huron October 6. The 2016 convention will be held in Huron. On behalf of RASCOE, I requested a room for our luncheon and meeting on Friday, as we did last year. I sat in on part of the Q & A's with the SED and Jamie. It reminded me of how great it is NOT to be working. It's been a busy summer and went by way too fast. Take care.

## **SECRETARY & MEMBERSHIP REPORT – LYNDA STEICHEN**

*South Dakota paid members has reached 166 for FY 15-16! We are down from our all-time high of 210 last year. If you have received this newsletter by email, your dues are paid. If there is an envelope enclosed with your newsletter, your dues are not paid for FY 15-16. Check the label, if it doesn't show 6/30/2016, you owe dues. Dues for FY 15-16 are \$25 for members and \$15 for associates. National voted to increase dues for FY 16-17 by \$5.00.*

### RASCOE OF SD FY 15-16

### FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE - 4/24/15</u>	\$ 9,648.88		
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
DUES - April 2015	\$ 530.00	DUES - NATIONAL RASCOE	\$ 1,645.00
DUES - May 2015	\$ 200.00	EARLY BIRD DRAWING	\$ 25.00
DUES - June 2015	\$ 880.00	NATIONAL CONVENTION - OFFICERS	\$ 100.00
DUES - July 2015	\$ 140.00	2015 Raffle	\$ 345.00
DUES - August 2015	\$ 175.00	SD SECRETARY OF STATE-2015	\$ 10.00
DUES - September 2015	\$ 75.00	Secretary-Treasurer FY 15-16 Stipend	\$ 300.00
DUES - October 2015	\$ 50.00		
2015 RAFFLE	\$ 248.00		
CHECK ACCT INTEREST	\$ 2.53		
Return Convention Cash & Raffle Cash	\$ 550.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,850.53	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,425.00
		<u>ENDING BALANCE - 9/30/2015</u>	\$ 10,074.41

## **Update from RASCOE Annual Meeting during NASCOE Convention Milwaukee, WI August 13 & 14, 2015**

Brenda Boomer, TX was elected President.

James L Iverson was re-elected as Vice President and appointed as Legislative Chair. Jim also attended the NASCOE Fall Organization and 2016 Convention Planning Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in September.

Micki Lineman, ID was re-elected Secretary and Publicity Chair.

Cindy Hall, NE, was elected Treasurer and appointed Membership Chair.

Lynda Steichen was awarded the 2015 Spirit of RASCOE Award. Lynda was nominated by June Faulk, GA.



Member dues will increase for FY 16-17 by \$5.00. South Dakota dues will be \$30, (national \$25 and state \$5). Multi Dues will be \$30 X 5 years = \$150.00. Associate dues will increase to \$20 (national \$15 plus state \$5).

2016 Annual Meeting will be in Cedar Rapids, IA August 3-6.

### **South Dakota Charter Members**

<i>Deceased</i>	*		
<i>Adeline Young</i>	*	<i>Alice Mareska</i>	<i>Alice Weisz</i>
<i>Avis Elenz</i>		<i>Avis L Jurgens</i>	<i>Betty Isburg</i>
<i>Betty Salvesson</i>		<i>Beulah Atkinson</i>	* <i>Beverly Ann Birkeland</i>
<i>Beverly Seas</i>	*	<i>Charles Donovan</i>	* <i>Charles D Johnson</i>
<i>Charles Mulloy Jr</i>		<i>Clara M Clay</i>	<i>Claudia Sanders</i>
<i>Cleo Olerud</i>		<i>Colleen Boehmer</i>	* <i>Colleen Swenson</i>
<i>Delbert Dirksen</i>	*	<i>Delores Cleveland</i>	<i>Deloris Lind</i>
<i>Delphine Kruse</i>	*	<i>Donald K Howe</i>	* <i>Donald Peterson</i> *
<i>Doris Hess</i>	*	<i>Doris Schmidt</i>	<i>Doris Stucky</i>
<i>Dorothy L Beemer</i>	*	<i>Dorothy D Bruhn</i>	<i>Eileen Hofer</i>
<i>Esther Weisbeck</i>		<i>Esther H Wilson</i>	<i>Evelyn M Crago</i> *
<i>Evelyn J Peterson</i>		<i>Florence Brandner</i>	<i>Franklin Horstman</i>
<i>George E Brandsma</i>		<i>Gladys Friederich</i>	<i>Gordon F Ferguson</i> *
<i>Harold L Kniffen</i>	*	<i>Hazel Wick</i>	* <i>Helen Douville</i> *
<i>Howard Mettler</i>		<i>Irene Cavanaugh</i>	<i>James Samuelson</i> *
<i>Joann Eidsheim</i>		<i>Joyce Hughes</i>	<i>Kathleen Schiefelbein</i>
<i>LaVonne Buss</i>		<i>Lassie Miller</i>	* <i>Leonard T Dean</i> *
<i>Lila Van Wie</i>	*	<i>Lillian Gregoire</i>	* <i>Lilly Hague</i> *
<i>Luella Longcor</i>		<i>Madonna Solomon</i>	* <i>Marcella Nonnast</i>
<i>Marilyn Hofer</i>		<i>Marion K Fett</i>	* <i>Marion E Lauer</i>
<i>Marjorie Miller</i>	*	<i>Marvin Solberg</i>	* <i>Mildred C Larson</i>
<i>Neva Morrison</i>		<i>Norma Weerheim</i>	* <i>Patience Bakeberg</i> *
<i>Patty L Hansen</i>		<i>Phyllis Merkel</i>	<i>Phyllis Palmquist</i>
<i>Richard E Miller</i>	*	<i>Roberta J Benson</i>	* <i>Rosene Royce</i>
<i>Rose Melick</i>	*	<i>Ruth E Hochhalter</i>	<i>Shirley Kuestermeyer</i>
<i>Shirley Sutera</i>		<i>Violet Johs</i>	* <i>Violet Rebelske</i> *
<i>Wayne Testerman</i>		<i>79 members</i>	<i>5/10/1995</i>

*Reprinted from South Dakota ASCS Newsletter July 1972*

*Disaster – Rapid City by Daryl M Campbell*

*Due to the terrible disaster in Rapid City, I picked up training in how to find ASCS files in the mud. Lionel O'Toole and I were sent out to help the county office personnel in Rapid City with their clean-up job.*

*Upon arriving at the county office we were dismayed at the sight that lay before us. Destruction was all around our ASCS office. The only way to describe one's feelings was: How and Why???"*

*The clerks, county committee, Clair Harris and Stan Kruse have already begun to clean up and dig things from the mud filled office. A trailer home had crashed through the wall where the ladies rest room was located. This had let the water into the building which was as high as 5 ½ feet through the office.*

*The first couple of days were spent dragging the mud filled desks and files out of the office. At first we thought we could salvage the desks and files. We cleaned the mud from the desks and washed them down, but rust had set in fast and there seemed to be no way to clean all the mud from the hiding places which it had found. File drawers had to be pried out and all the records were soaked through. The important and current year records were carefully taken out one by one and laid out to dry. All the office machines were ruined as they were gummed up with mud. It was a very smelly and unpleasant job, but one that everyone joined in.*

*The big 700 pound fireproof files gave us a clue as to how savage the flow of water must have been. These files had been tossed over and moved from their spot so one could imagine the chance of a mere man caught in this monster.*

*All around the area of the office laid wreckage of trailer homes, cars and pickups. Some were beyond any recognition and many people were looking for what used to be called home. Though all the destruction, loss of life, and broken dreams we saw two very special qualities that seem to always show through in South Dakotas. That is not to quit, but to pick up the pieces and start rebuilding one's life, home and business; and compassion to your fellow man ----which is sometimes lost in all the hustle and bustle of our fast moving society.*

*We ask ourselves what good can come from the high loss of life and destruction to property. Maybe if we search ourselves we can find an answer ---- could it be a warning ---- is there a lesson to be learned here?*

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*Rapid City Flood by Charles C Drop, State Executive Director*

*We had gone home for the weekend and were at our respective off-time hideaway. About 10:30 AM, Saturday, the phone rang. Rapid City had been declared a Presidential Disaster! The Office of Emergency Planning was calling me as Chairman of the USDA State Defense Board. All the organizing we had done and the plans we had made as USDA State Defense Board were to be put into operation. The man calling me was Mr. John Orcutt, Assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz. He instructed the USDA Defense Board to meet in Rapid City at Camp Rapid on Sunday at 1:00 PM. This was a combined meeting with all State and Federal agencies.*

*An "Individual Assistance Center" was set up in the Rapid City Central High School. District Directors Clair Harris and Stan Kruse represented ASCS for the following week at the center.*

*I learned later that Jack Wilson, CED, was on two weeks annual leave in California and Grace Fitzgerald was trying to call me by telephone. Telephone service was slow because of overcrowding by the urgent situation that existed.*

*When we arrived I hardly recognized the office because of the changed surroundings. What was a beautiful little brick building in a country setting was not incased by trailer houses on all sides, and the grass and bushes that made the country scene now had the appearance of a mucky slough. The owner of the building was there, walking around the office in mud the full height of his high-topped shoes. He said, "I just got it paid for and now this."*

*There was a "high water mark" about five feet high around the inside of the ASCS office. I remember looking around and seeing nothing above that mark – everything appeared destroyed. A center wall had burst from pressure and crashed cement blocks atop of everything – breaking and smashing files and desks. Had it been a wooden structure, there would have been nothing left.*

*Behind the ASCS office three dead youngsters were found; in front was 12 inches of mud injected with all kinds of household good and personal effects of the flood victims. On the north side were two trailer houses hugging the office building like they were holding on to the only thing that wasn't moving downstream. In the south street were two other trailer houses that were left behind by the flood traffic. The parking area for the office was washed to bare dirt, leaving the sidewalk undermined and adding to the debris and silt content of the roaring waters. The trailer court behind the ASCS office was vacant expect for torn electrical wires and bent terminal posts.*