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Greetings from President Rich Rische

**RASCOE Annual
Meeting
May 5, 2018
Roll Call with
SDASCOE 9:30 AM
Business Meeting
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Join SDASCOE for
Awards Lunch 11:30
AM-1:00 PM
Unfinished Business &**

Well in just a few short weeks the grass will be greening up, the birds will be singing, and we will all be planning on two upcoming events of importance. First is the state SDASCOE and RASCOE meetings on May 5th and then the NASCOE Convention in Sioux Falls August 1-4. Both events are ones that we need to attend and listen and give input to our other members and leaders. We will all have to step up and help with the NASCOE convention to help make it a great success like the one we had in Rapid City a few years ago.

CONGRESS AND THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION CONTINUE TO TAKE SWINGS AT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES THROUGH BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS AND PROPOSALS. ONE OF THE PROPOSALS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT FORWARD IS TO ELIMINATE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR RETIREES (COLAS). CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIREES UNDER THE CSRS WOULD SEE THEIR COLAS REDUCED BY 5 PERCENT PER YEAR WHILE FERS EMPLOYEES WOULD SEE THEM ELIMINATED COMPLETELY. THIS IS COMPLETELY IRRESPONSIBLE ON HIS PART AND CONGRESS NEEDS TO HEAR ABOUT IT FROM US.

Please remember for those of you have the Federal Blue Cross Basic Coverage plan (111, 112 or 113) and have Medicare Part B you can request a \$600.00 refund to help offset the cost of Medicare Part B. I know many of you have already applied and have started getting the reimbursement which is paid out in monthly direct deposits until the total of the \$600.00 is paid.

You as the retiree as well as your spouse can apply and receive this. If you have questions, please call me and I will try to help.

So far, the winter has been pretty good with some cold and not much snow in our area until this past week when we had close to 8 or 9 inches. I recently had knee surgery to change out some parts in the one I had replaced 14 years ago, but I am getting along fine with it. I need to be careful on the snow and ice and stay put more that I would like but that goes with getting older I guess.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in May for the RASCOE meeting.

Please keep your mailing and email address correct.

Also, check out our RASCOEofSD Facebook page.

Notes from your RASCOE VP Becky Zirpel

I wish I could say welcome to spring! I think this has been the longest winter ever. Maybe I am just less tolerant? My time has been encompassing working on the 2018 NASCOE convention to be held August 1-4. I encourage you to make your reservations if you haven't.

We have the registration form out and you can look for that at www.sdsascoe.org click on the 2018 convention page from there you can print a paper form or you can register with the online form. Remember if you are an Honorary Life Member your registration is free - code to use is HLM. HLM codes will be checked so you do not have to present your HLM card. Please consider sending your registration in now as we have a great agenda planned for all.

Our RASCOE President Rich Riche has the SD RASCOE meeting scheduled to be held in Sioux Falls at the Ramkota Best Western on May 5 at about 10 am - 11:30 with joining SDASCOE members for a noon luncheon to recognize the Distinguished Service Award recipients along with any other recognitions. Once the awards luncheon is concluded, we will be updating everyone on the 2018 NASCOE National Convention. SDASCOE information and agenda will be attached in this newsletter. Registration will be forthcoming from SDASCOE.

Now in the spirit of supporting the National NASCOE and RASCOE convention I have tickets available for a chance to win cash for the main raffle or raffle tickets for a star quilt just contact me or your local County Office. The main fund raiser is \$20 a ticket and 5 chances to win. Only 3000 tickets are available for sale. 1st place is \$3,500, 2nd place wins \$1,500, 3rd place wins \$1,000 and 4th and 5th place wins \$500.

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RASCOE OF SD FY 17-18

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| <u>BEGINNING BALANCE - 4/20/2017</u> | | \$10,639.31 |
| INCOME | | |
| DUES | \$1,295.00 | |
| 2017 RAFFLE | \$195.00 | |
| CHECK ACCT INTEREST | \$4.06 | |
| Return Convention Cash | \$580.00 | |
| Change | \$10.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$2,084.06 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| 2018 Convention Sponsorship | \$1,000.00 | |
| DUES - NATIONAL RASCOE | \$1,450.00 | |
| EARLY BIRD DRAWING | \$25.00 | |
| NATIONAL CONVENTION - OFFICERS | \$200.00 | |
| POSTAGE | \$98.00 | |
| 2017 Raffle winners | \$500.00 | |
| SD SECRETARY OF STATE-2017 | \$10.00 | |
| SUPPLIES-INK, ENVELOPES, ETC | \$174.38 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$3,457.38 |
| <u>ENDING BALANCE - 2/27/2018</u> | | \$ 9,265.90 |