



# RASCOE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Lanney Nelson

When I started with ASCS back in 1980 Marj Miller was the CED in Chamberlain. I spent 2 weeks in her office on my training schedule. Now we have lost her. She was a big supporter of SDASCOE and NASCOE. I am happy to salute Marj and her service in this Newsletter. It is hard to lose those faithful ones. This is my first article since I became president of RASCOE. I consider it an honor to hold this position. A lot of good supporters of SDASCOE have held this office ahead of me. Next year's SDASCOE 2015 convention will be kind of special for me. I am looking forward to it. So many employees have retired in the past 2 years and I invite all of them to join our organization. The conventions are always so much fun and you can keep in touch with all of us

### **Message from Marjorie Miller Family**

I wanted to let you know that my mother, Marjorie Miller, passed away Aug. 23, 2014. She loved all of her RASCOE friends.

Also, I wanted to tell you that with mother's memorial money, we purchased a marble bench in the South Dakota Veteran's Park at Chamberlain, SD. This park is a great outdoor amphitheater memorial located directly inside the interchange of Exit 263 off Interstate 90. It is the only public facility located inside of an Interstate interchange in the entire United States.

I thought if any of her RASCOE friends might be driving by, they could stop and sit a spell and enjoy her bench.

Sheila Powell  
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## 2014 LUNCH SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 21 TUESDAY 11:30 Nicky's Restaurant & Lounge West Hwy 14, Madison

The SD RASCOE President and Vice President, Lanney Nelson and Bonnie Nickelson and Bonnie's husband, Larry, attended a world class boxing match at the Centurylink Center in Omaha, Nebraska on June 28. The hometown hero, Terence Crawford captured the World Lightweight Championship over Yuriorkis Gamboa, originally from Cuba. It was a full house packed with excitement. The men enjoyed the ring card girls, but Bonnie preferred the boxers and her favorite announcer, Michael Buffer, known for his classic phrase.... "Let's get ready to Rumble".



### **Vice President – Bonnie Nickelson**

Hi to all! Hope all of you enjoyed this cool summer and an even cooler fall. At least it was cool where I live – 17 miles north of Highmore SD. My husband, Larry, is a farmer/rancher on the family farm. Now that I am retired I get to play farmer now and then. My favorite job is raking hay. I don't understand why I rake on an open tractor (although it does have an umbrella for shade) while Larry follows in an air conditioned cab baling. Hmmmm... I don't particularly enjoy going out in the winter, first thing in the morning, and standing in the cold opening, closing, and watching gates. Meanwhile, Larry is feeding in the heated tractor. Hmmmm....again.

My favorite thing about retirement is seeing the deposit in my checking account every month (without having to do a thing!). I am so grateful for the work that NASCOE has done to make this possible. It's a never ending effort by SDASCOE, NASCOE, and RASCOE to make sure that these benefits are preserved for retirees and current employees both.

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. I probably won't know the answer, but I certainly will try to get one for you. My email is [lbnick@venturecomm.net](mailto:lbnick@venturecomm.net). Your friend, Bonnie Nickelson



Huron RASCOE Lunch June 27, 2014 @ The Plains Back Row: Bobbi Ward, Nyla Kappel, Diane Clayton, Dale Cundy, Wayne Testerman, Marvin Mannie, Lynda Steichen and Leon Edlund. Front Row: Roy and JoAnn Weisz, Betty Salvesson, Carol Otto, Luella Longcur, Alice and Lawrence Weisz. Not pictured: Betty Testerman



Mina RASCOE Lunch 7/15/14 @ The Wake side Bar & Grill. Pictures: Ruth Hochhalter, Joann Weber, Dianna Shafer, Donna Wester, Marlys Clauson, Lynda Steichen and Dave Beitelspacher.



Mitchell RASCOE Lunch August 19 @ the Depot. Left front: Cynthia Folkerts, Betty and Wayne Testerman, Betty Salvesson, Bobbi Ward. Standing: Leon Edlund, Lynda Steichen, Gene Vognild, Curt fox, JoAnn Weisz. Right back: Dorothy Heitzman, Gladys Friederich, Connie Faulhabaer, Linda Kasten, Barb Gottlob and new retiree, Lana Johnson.



Miller RASCOE Lunch September 16 @ Willy's St Lawrence Pictured: Arlo and Luella Longcur, Jim Iverson, Wayne Testerman, Larry Galinat, Bonnie Nickelson, Mary Johnson (not retired) and Kim Joy Nelson. Not pictured: Betty Testerman and Eleanor Iverson.

**Welcome New Retirees:**

Lana Johnson, Lake Co, retired July 31, 2014 with 28 years of service  
Paula Johnson, Brookings County, retired July 31, 2014

**Odds 'n End**

Eileen Allibone has moved to Memory Care at Dakota Dunes Assisted Living Facility.  
Clara Clay has moved to Memory Care Unit at Pines Hills Retirement Home, Hot Springs.

Helen M Larson has moved Memory Unit at Northridge Nursing Home, Ortonville MN

**Notes from members:**

Always grateful for the job I had at Clark County ASCS Office. **Joy Wookey**

Thanks for sending the post-convention newsletter. I always enjoy the news and pictures. Thank you for all of you who work so hard to keep all our great benefits. I'm so thankful for my Federal Retirement. I always loved my job. Have a nice summer,  
**Angie Lorenz**

Thanks, RASCOE, for drawing my name as a raffle winner. I'd pay RASCOE associate dues even without your assistance! **Peggy Groen**

Looked at your news today and see today was the luncheon at the Plains in Huron. Darn, someday I'll make it. These years just go by too far—here it is dues time again. Doesn't seem like I've been retired since 2005, already. See Daryl and Diane retired. I enjoyed working with them. **Marilyn Steiger**

It seems time goes faster, its Monday morning and before I realize it Friday, Saturday and we start another week. There is always something on the calendar. **Delores Cleveland**

Still very happy in the beautiful Black Hills. I'm as busy as I want to be. Retirement is great, I'm so lucky to have worked at Farm Service Agency. **June Klinkel**

Sorry for being late with my annual dues. The time goes too fast and I move too slowly. I do want to express my appreciation to those of you that help to keep the organization active. In our younger years one did not realize how important that would be. I feel blessed to be a part of the benefits you check for all of us. Love and Best Wishes to all, **Florence Brandner**

If you have an email address and can open Word documents, please share your email address for future newsletter mailings. Presently 78 newsletters are mailed.

*Are you dues paid? Check your mailing label for the dues paid through date.*

**Notes from members continued:**

Tis the time of the year again to get my dues to you. Spring is here, at least on the calendar and some days. Glad you had a good winter. We had planned on going to Florida for a while but Dennis' mother fell, broke her arm, so could not leave. Then in March, my mother passed away. She was 95 and her mind was good yet, but was in a wheel chair due to leg problems. Was sudden but a blessing she did not have to suffer long. Take care and have a good summer. As ever, **Sharon Borgers**

Enclosed is a check for my dues. Sorry I'm late when retired have so much to do you don't get everything done. **Mary Eriksen**



Submitted by Charles Johnson

Take heart my old friends, this explains everything.

The brains of seniors are slow because they know so much.

The brains of older people only appear to slow down because they have so much information to compute, much like a full-up hard drive -- scientists believe.

Older people do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts, because they have more information in their brains.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets filled up, so do humans take longer to access information, too. Researchers say this slowing down it is not the same as cognitive decline.

The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.



