

# SD RASCOE

Winter 2013

## RASCOE AND A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

**I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest of holidays and may good fortune be with you in the coming year. RASCOE will again be challenged with the future with regard to the fiscal cliff and an out of control national debt. RASCOE will need to form correlations with AARP and other retirement groups in an effort to maintain our present benefits. You can be assured there will be an effort by congress to make changes and these changes will NOT be in the benefit of those affected.**

**When we look at the topic of the FISCAL**

**CLIFF I wonder what our elected officials were doing the past two years. They did NOTHING and now they need to do something in the next week or so. I don't think they can do anything except to kick the can further down the road. Taxing the rich is a dream, but to think congress will pass such a tax when 68% of them are millionaires. Not going to happen. You and the rest of the common folks will likely see an increase.**

**Let us not forget the NATIONAL DEBT of over 16 trillion dollars. I had to write trillion as was unsure just how many zero's it had. Our WDC group wants to reduce that debt by four**

**trillion over the next 10 years. WOW we will be debt free in 40 years if we don't borrow another dollar. I wonder if that will happen. What do you think?**

**We will hear and see lots of blame and finger pointing in the next few days and weeks. RASCOE needs to be alert to these happenings and those items that will impact our group.**

**Hunting season has come to a close and the ice is getting thicker so must gas up the ice auger and buy some schnapps (often call snow snake bite prevention).**

**I want to thank all of**

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*Card of Thanks*

*Sorry I'm slow about thanking RASCOE for drawing my name in the early membership drawing.*

*Thanks again,*

*Katherine Patterson*

## Blue Health Assessment

- When you complete your 2013 Blue Health Assessment, you are eligible to earn a \$35 health debit card to be used toward qualified medical expenses.
- Log on to "feblue.org/myblue", click "Take the Blue Health Assessment and earn \$35 under the "My Wellness Incentives" section.

## President Jim Iverson

**you that volunteer your time to RASCOE. I will be open to any concerns that you may have with regard to benefits or RASCOE. Again thank you for your support.**

Jim.iverson@hotmail.com

Have a nice day and smile.



My email is

# Lanney Nelson, Vice President of RASCOE

During my years working at ASCS and FSA I always talked to my staff about belonging. Most working people belong to some kind of an organization. It may be a labor union or maybe an organization that is there to back you up if you encounter a problem. The working people at FSA also have an organization they can belong to. It of course is the SDASCOE organization. By belonging and attending conventions and getting involved you meet friends that you will never forget. This is your organization and it is there for you. When you retire you have the RASCOE organization. Same thing here. These people have a common bond with you because they still belong to SDASCOE and now have joined RASCOE. So when your active working years are over you just keep on belonging. And it is easy to miss all this. I encourage all the recent retirees to join up with us in RASCOE. We would love to have you on board.

## RECENT RETIREMENTS

### BARB GOTTLOB,

McCOOK CO retired 11/23/12  
after 33 years.

### RICH RISCHE,

SPINK CO retired 12/31/12 .

### DUKE WESTERBERG,

HAAKON/JACKSON CO retires  
1/3/13 after 33 years of service

## ADDRESS CHANGE

New address for:

Madonna Solomon

1400 Thresher Dr #18B

Dell Rapid SD 57022 1049

## AWARDS

Dorothy Weinberger Day was proclaimed on December 11, 2012.

Dorothy was presented a plaque and a key to the Town of Artesian.

Dorothy was recognized for her spirit of volunteerism and her community service.

## Our deepest sympathy

Vlasta "Lassie" Miller born 4/27/1923, passed away 12/8/2012. Lassie retired in 1981 after 31 years of service.

Condolence may be sent to: Jerry Miller, 2304 Laurel St, Tyndall SD 57066

Norma Weerheim born 11/5/1928, passed away 11/1/2012. Norma worked from 1965 to 1988.

Condolence may be sent to: Kenneth Weerheim, PO Box 14, Armour SD 57313



Let's have a picnic!

Lorraine Wasland, mother of Barb Bergh passed away 12/28/2012. Can send cards to Mike & Barb Bergh, 44115 155th St, Florence SD 57235

# Secretary Report—Lynda Steichen

When I accepted the jobs of Secretary-Treasurer of RASCOE and of SD RASCOE I knew I would be busy but every day seems to bring some activity. Retirees really move around alot, for the winter, then from their homes to apartments or assisted living. It is always great to hear everyone. Everyone is busy, busy, busy!

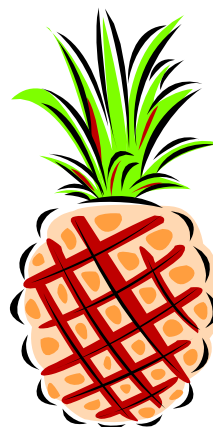
The SD RASCOE convention will be held during the SDASCOE convention scheduled for the Highland Convention

Center is Mitchell , SD on April 26 & 27.

A separate mailing will be sent when the agenda and registration is available. In the mailing will also be the 50/50 Raffle tickets.

Our paid membership is at 168 regular and associates.

You may want to include your FY 13-14 dues check in



Pineapple is the symbol of welcome and hospitality

the same envelope as the 50/50 Raffle tickets.

Please keep your mailing address and email address current to save time and postage.

I am working on a master list of ASCS/FSA employees and retirees. A story and a laugh with every name I come across.

## QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

OPENING BALANCE: \$9604.72

INCOME/DUES: \$420.00

INTEREST INCOME: \$.80

TOTAL INCOME: \$10,025.52

REPORT

OCTOBER 1 THROUGH

DEC EMBER 31, 2012

*"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." Winston Churchill*

EXPENSES:

EARLY BIRD DRAWING: \$25.00

PHYLLIS PALMQUIST

RASCOE DUES: \$320.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$345.00

CLOSING BALANCE: \$9680.52

## Jokes

If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat and drop it? Stephen Wright

We were given: Two hands to hold. Two legs to walk. Two eyes to see. Two ears to listen. But only one heart? Because the other was given to some one else for us to find." Unknown



Stirring up conform food on a bold day.

## Associate SDASCOE

Associate SDASCOE membership is \$30 per year.

Dues year is July 1—June 30

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Check the [sdascoe.org](http://sdascoe.org)  
website for more  
information.

*RASCOE DUES YEAR IS*

*JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30*

*MEMBER DUES ARE \$25*

*ASSOCIATE DUES \$15*

*NO DUES REMINDERS ARE SENT*

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*ARE YOUR DUES PAID?*

*CHECK THE DATE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL*

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

SDASCOE CONVENTION—APRIL 26-27, 2013—MITCHELL, SD at the Highland Conference Center-Rooms at the Conform In Suites 605-990-2400 and Hampton Inn 605-995-1575 under USDA/FSA. Reservations must be made by April 11, 2013.

NWA Rally (ALL WEST RALLY) - April 11-13, 2013 in San Francisco, CA. Hotel will be Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA. 888-627-7024 make reservations by March 11, 2013 Identify yourself as member of CHASCOE 2013 Rally.—Travel dates will be the 10th and the 14th. Thursday you can explore San Francisco and we will be have our meetings on Friday and Saturday.

NASCOE CONVENTION—August 14-18, 2013 at Asheville, NC Crown Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort—One Resort Dr— Asheville, NC 28806 1-888-233-9527. Travel date is Tuesday, August 13 and Sunday, August 19, 2013.

*Please let Becky Zirpel know if you will be attending the All West Rally or NASCOE Convention so Becky can keep you on an email list to send extra information and to help coordinate travel with everyone. It is more fun to travel as a group than alone.*

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