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That time of the month to check in and see what the RASCOE people have been up to. I have been crop appraising and am down to the last two or three. It has been a long year starting with a hail storm on May 30. But the end is in sight. Corn appraisals for silage will be coming next. Just do not get enough time for fishing.

Gene, Shirlee, and I drove to the national convention in Texas. Never in my life have I seen

that dry of conditions. All the way from Nebraska to Texas.

Not much to report for things happening with in RASCOE. Played cards with Gene last night, and he had not heard any thing either. We better just keep our eyes open and our ears to the ground so they do not slip a curve ball past us. David Senter and his group (KSC&W) do a good job and will inform us if anything is in the mill.

The cold weather last night has me thinking of Florida all ready. May not be long before I start thinking of it serious.

Lot of new retiree's in the last few months.. Will need to get them contacted and have them join the group.

Well not much more news that I know of.
Shamu

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Toes in the water.....

Mary Johnson,
Cindy Mengenhauser
and Lynda Steichen

RASCOE LUNCH IN PARKSTON



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I crawled up on my soap box last article, so thought I might step off of it somewhat. We had an excellent turnout of RASCOE members at the national convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. Texas did a great job hosting the event. Many went on the King Ranch tour and then there were those that choose to golf in 108 degree weather. You may want to ask Gene and Leon about how great it was -- they looked like fried chili beans.

When listening to the DC people they seemed to say the same line only a different year and place. Washington folks think that the budget can be balanced on the backs of the county office employees. At one time there were over 14,000 employees and now FSA has less than 8,000. What a reduction in force! I wonder what other agency of government has such a reduction. I wonder how many were employed in the Ag Building during the height

and how many are there now. Kind of like the paper reduction program. They must have found a new tree supply.

I told Administer Nelson, while in Texas, that if a reduction of employees is based on budget and not based on workload then a serious mistake is being made. The conversation was like water running off a duck's back. The sad fact is the county office employees have few friends in DC. I don't know how we can

**LUNCHEON
SCHEDULE**

**Sept 19—Mexico
Viejo, Yankton**

**October 18 —
Sportsman's ,
Tyndall**

**November 21 —
Phinney's, Yankton**

**December 19 —
Minerva's, Yankton**

change this. When we thought we had found some-one, they turned out to be political appointees with little mind or thought of their own.

The Ag Department wants to cut millions of dollars by reducing FSA service to farmers and ranchers. This savings will be negated by our presents in Afghanistan for one day. Is it worth it?

There is a bright side as

RASCOE looks to gain in numbers with all those taking early outs and recent retirements. I hope these new retirees take an active role in RASCOE. We have a great organization that is made up many unselfish and hard working people.

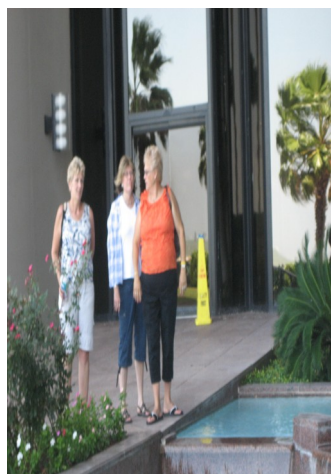
ANNUAL DUES

Dues year begins July 1 through Jun3 30.

Member dues are \$25.00

Associate dues are \$15.00

Multi years dues are
dues X 5 years.



Secretary—Lynda Steichen

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FY 10-11 membership was 167 and so far for FY 11-12 paid members are 132. Thank you everyone for submitting your so promptly.

We have 5 members who joined the multi-year club.

Letters are sent to each retiree offering First Year Free membership in SD RASCOE.

As Congress continues to discuss budget cuts, we need to stay vigilant do not unfairly cut social security for those who re-

ceive it and our annuity.

Please submit stories and articles of interest for this newsletter.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your officers and we will do our best to assist you.



THIS AND THAT

FRIENDS WE HAVE
LOST.....

Donley "Jack" Wilson
10/19/32-7/25/2011

Delores Fischer
5.10/36 -8/3/2011

Bonnie Hawks
9/17/35-8/14/2011

Doris Schmit writes:
Imagine my surprise when
I opened an envelope from
Al Dangel and a check for
\$100.00 fell out!! Some-
thing you never expect to
happen.

Alice Weisz — Was good to
see you at the Parkston
Luncheon, was a good
turnout.

Delores Cleveland — I try
to keep healthy and going,
seems there is something
that keeps me busy every-
day.

Yvonne Sandman — I have
been undergoing cancer
treatment since Feb. Have
(hopefully had) a tumor on
my aorta.



***Above: sail boat
in harbor
across from
hotel.***

RECENT RETIREES!

June 2011

Jackie Hay, Moody

Vanessa Goehring,
Campbell

Vi Holman, Lincoln

Sylvia Davis, Edmunds

July 2011

Curtis Fox, Davison-
Hanson

August 2011

Nyla Kappel, STO

Theresa Holderby,
Douglas

Barb Dickhaut, Spink

Kim Joy Nelson, Hand

Peggy Fried, Perkins

Cathy Dally, Codington

Deb Schuetzle, Campbell

Susan Horstman,
Hutchinson

September 2011

Cynthia Folkerts, Davison-
Hanson

***Below: USS
Constitution***

And THE WINNERS ARE!

FREE 1 YEAR

MEMBERSHIP

Gladys Friederich

Jake Gross Jr.

Early Bird Drawing

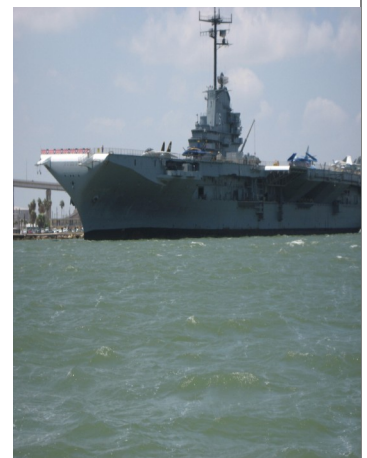
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SDASCOE Associate dues are
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SOUTH DAKOTA's DIRTY DOZEN AT 2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Back row: Larry Olsen, Cindy Mengenhauser, Peggy Groen, Mary Johnson, Jim Iverson

Front Row: Lynda Steichen, Mary Haag, Brenda Wicks, Leon Edlund

Not pictures: Gene Vognild, Shirlee Vognild, Ron Russell

