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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by
Dee Ginsbach
SDEA-R President

Hello Fellow Retirees, and Happy 2010

How time flies--it's already February! Here in California we have experienced several minor earthquakes (the kind that rattle dishes in the cupboards) and what weather forecasters refer to as "winter storms". These winter storms may produce rain, hail, and snow in the mountains. In Sun City, we can enjoy the snow on several mountain ranges from the distance.

It does not seem like 10-years have slipped by so quickly. Just yesterday, America and the world were in fear of Y2K, a situation that would cripple the world at the stroke of midnight. Computers would not function, financial institutions would freeze, and our bank balances would disappear.

In a way, it seems some of those fears were realized--just not at once, but over the decade. Our balances did disappear in our home equity and our savings plans. The banks did freeze, until the bailouts occurred.

Regardless of where we are, we try to keep up with the news via TV and a daily newspaper. The newspapers are filled with articles about the dilemma of our public schools--lack of funding, larger class sizes, cuts in staff and programs, and "no child left behind."

Some of the problems facing educators have been around for decades; but we all remember when "no child left behind" appeared on the scene.

I'm proud to say that SDEA-R has seen

gradual growth during the last decade. We have surpassed the 700-mark which gives the SDEA-Retired members a vote on the SDEA Board of Directors.

As retirees you have continued your interest in the education of South Dakota children by subbing in your school districts, contributing to the Fund for Children and Public Education, and supporting candidates for office who support educational issues.

CELL PHONE NUMBERS GO PUBLIC THIS MONTH

Submitted by John Salladay,
SDEA-Retired Treasurer

REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public this month.

REMINDER..... All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS**



To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222. It is the NATIONAL DO NOT CALL LIST. It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five (5) years.

You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

HELP OTHERS BY PASSING THIS ON. It takes about 20 seconds.

The **National Do Not Call List** is a collaborative project between the South Dakota Public Utility Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

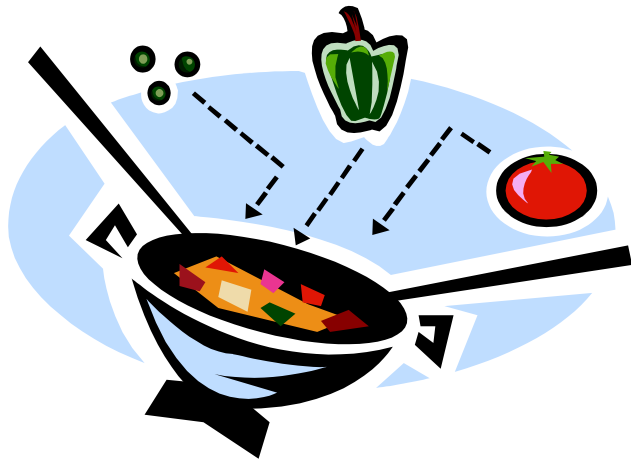
WHAT'S COOKING?

In each SDEA-Retired Newsletter we attempt to include a recipe that is useful for those who prepare meals for one or two people.

Garlic-Ginger Beef with Snow Peas

Submitted by Dee Ginsbach

- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 cup snow peas
- 1 cup julienned red bell pepper
- 2/3 cup sliced green onions
- 1 Tbsp. minced fresh ginger
- 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 8 oz. beef sirloin steak, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp. hoisin sauce
- 2 Tbsp. low sodium beef broth



Heat oil in wok or large nonstick skillet over high heat until hot. Stir-fry snow peas, pepper, and onions 1 minute. Add ginger and garlic; stir-fry 30 seconds. Add beef; stir-fry 2 to 3 minutes or until beef is no longer pink and vegetables are just crisp-tender.

Combine hoisin sauce and broth in small bowl; stir into wok. Stir-fry 1 minute or until beef and vegetables are glazed, stirring to scrape up any browned bits from bottom of wok.

Two servings (1 1/2 cups each)

Stir-fries are the original fast food!



BITS OF HUMOR

One of my former colleagues sent me this item via e-mail. I reminded them that their day is coming.

GETTING OLD

You'd know you are getting old when

- you read the fine print.....if you can see it!!
- your arms aren't long enough to keep the newspaper in focus!!
- it takes 3 days to recover from raking leaves!!
- you can nap at will!!
- people start warning you about shoveling snow!!
- your computer has more memory than you do!!

Occasionally we need to laugh at ourselves!!





**JUST IN CASE YOU WANT TO
CONTACT A MEMBER OF OUR
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION,
HERE'S THE INFORMATION.**

U.S. Senator Tim Johnson

136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-5842 or 800-537-0025

U.S. Senator John Thune

U.S. Senate SR 493
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-2321 or 866-850-3855

**U.S. Representative Stephanie Herseth
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331 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-2801

**SDEA-RETIRED ANNUAL
MEETING**

The SDEA-Retired Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, April 9, at the Hitching Horse Inn in Pierre. We will have both the meeting and the dinner there. A program will begin at 1:30 with the business meeting to follow. The speakers are Rob Bickett through Horace Mann and Rob Wylie from the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS).

Wylie will talk about the SDRS proposals that were brought before the legislature and what



effect those might have on members. He will also talk about the losses and recent recovery in the retirement fund. Bickett will talk about member benefits through Horace man

Retired members will enjoy dinner together at the Hitching Horse Inn before joining delegates for the evening session of the SDEA Representative Assembly.

**SDEA-RETIRED REPRESENTED
ON SDEA/NEA TASK FORCE**

**Submitted by Gordon Horgen
SDEA-Retired Vice President**

The 2009 SDEA Representative Assembly passed a New Business Item that directed SDEA/NEA to "establish a task force to study and recommend a position dealing with the subject of alternative compensation and teacher quality." The task force was to develop recommendations for SDEA/NEA members and state policy makers on how to address these important issues. The findings were to be completed by December 2009.

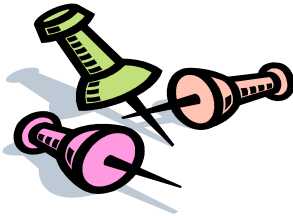
The original task force was comprised of 17 members of SDEA. The group's first meeting was in Pierre on July 24, 2009. At that time the task force was divided into two sub-committees--one addressed the issue of teacher quality; the other addressed teacher compensation. I was appointed to participate in the teacher quality group.

We met each month through November. Between the meetings we researched the literature and did some social networking to share our findings with task force members. We also conducted member surveys to arrive at a final report.

Two representatives from each sub-committee were selected to report the findings of the task force to the SDEA/NEA Board of Directors at its December meeting.

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If you have been following the actions of the legislature, you have seen comments on Lobby Line and in the newspapers regarding evaluation and alternative compensation.



10 COMMON TAX MISTAKES

Submitted by Dee Ginsbach

Excerpt taken from the Menifer Post

10. Not filing on time.
9. Missing or incorrect information.
8. Math errors.
7. Falling behind on the latest tax news.
6. Not keeping a copy of your return.
5. Faking your death (and other dirty tricks).
4. Missing a tax break.
3. Filing the wrong tax forms.
2. Filing under the wrong status.
1. Not filing at all.

CALL FOR DELEGATES TO SDEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

SDEA-Retired, as a local association, is entitled to one delegate for every 15 members. If you are interested in being a part of this delegation, please call Sue Nipe or Betty Erickson at 605-339-3236 or 1-800-529-0091.



EDITOR'S NOTE



We'd appreciate your help by notifying us of address changes. You may send changes to me, Gordon Horgen, PO Box 582, Winner, SD 57580 or e-mail them to gordon@gwtc.net. I will get them to the people who make our mailing labels.

We attempt to publish the SDEA-Retired Newsletter three times each year. Usually, the deadlines for submitting things you would like to share are September, January, and May. If you have some ideas for articles for the newsletter or activities that members would enjoy, please don't be shy about submitting them or suggesting topics that we might pursue for future newsletters. We always appreciate hearing from you, and will attempt to identify someone who is willing to write about your topic of interest.

You can help us increase our membership numbers by encouraging retirees and pre-retirees to become members of SDEA-Retired. According to the bylaws, "this Association shall be dedicated to the promotion of retirement with dignity, happiness, usefulness, and adequate income."

I wish to thank the SDEA-Retired staff and members for their contributions to and assistance with the publishing of this newsletter.

THINK SPRING!