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AFPE Newsletter

Association of Former Public Employees

LETTER FROM THE *President*



Dear AFPE Members:

**Happy
Holidays
To You!!**

I am writing this note to let you know the **Association of Former Public Employees (AFPE)** is alive and well. At the last Board meeting we discussed the up coming Legislative Session and what it will mean to retirees. Because of the performance of the retirement fund, there will be no bill before the Legislature to provide for an increase in your retirement check. We were also informed that Blue Cross is asking for an increase of approximately 30% in health insurance premiums.

This Session looks like it will be difficult for us. As a result, I am asking you to please contact the legislators in your district to let them know of the difficulties of living on state retirement.

Medications, housing, food, gas, etc. are all going up, but this year, your retirement is not. And, if you are fortunate (or unfortunate) enough to have money in the stock market, you know that your income is also down.

In order to be a strong retiree Association, we need to enhance our membership. I am asking you to first renew your individual membership and then, if you know of someone who is a former

public employee and is not a member of AFPE, please ask him or her to join AFPE as well.

I need your help to strengthen our voice in the Legislature. While this Session may not be a good one for us, there are some things AFPE can do to prepare for a better Session in 2005. We need to start planning now.

Carl Rodlund
President, AFPE



AFPE DUES TO GO UP - added services to follow

At the September Board meeting, the Board took the action to increase the yearly AFPE dues to \$24 from \$12. The Board then moved the issue to the Annual AFPE meeting, which was held in Bismarck on October 14th. Delegates to the annual meeting discussed the increase and determined it was in the best interest of the organization and the membership to make the adjustment now. After the discussion the delegates voted unanimously for the increase to take affect in the coming renewal.

With the increase, the Board is looking at doing regular newsletters to the membership and looking into establishing electronic communications—perhaps even a web site—for the growing numbers of AFPE members with access to the internet. Increases in office costs, postage, telephone, paper, rent, etc., were some of the reasons for the Board proposal. The new services will keep the members more informed at a time when more effort on the part of AFPE is going to be necessary to accomplish change.

While the average retiree check went from \$341 per month in 1988, to \$710 per month, in 2002, this is the first increase in dues since the beginning of AFPE in the late 1980s.

How To Reach Your ND Public Officials

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SENATE

31 Republicans - 16 Democrats - 47 Senators

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02 R	Andrist, John	PO Box E Crosby, ND 58700-0600	965-6798
09 D	Berube, Dennis	PO Box 1269 Bismarck, ND 58116-1269	477-8280
39 R	Bowman, Bill	408 1 st St SW Bowman, ND 58023-0703	523-3188
27 R	Brown, Richard	5418 11 th St S Fargo, ND 58104	237-9115
18 D	Christensen, Linda	812 Belmont Grand Forks, ND 58031	775-3424
33 R	Christmann, Randal	401 3 rd Ave NE Hazen, ND 58545-4429	748-5400
34 R	Cook, Dwight C.	1408 17 th St SE Mandan, ND 58554-8055	663-7421
32 R	Dever, Dick	1416 Eastwood St Bismarck, ND 58104	224-8759
28 R	Erbeck, Robert S.	6512 51 st Ave SE Lahn, ND 58060-0149	378-2272
43 R	Espgaard, Duane	3649 Lynnwood Ct Grand Forks, ND 58201	755-1558
23 D	Evary, Michael	PO Box 56 Minnewaukan, ND 58051-0056	473-5021
29 D	Fairfield, April	312 S Main Eldridge, ND 58041-7427	763-6174
46 R	Fischer, Tom	2801 64 th Ave S Fargo, ND 58104-7407	293-1700
44 R	Flakoll, Tim	1350 2 nd St N Fargo, ND 58103	235-3112
08 R	Freberg, Layton	PO Box 677 Underwood, ND 58576-0677	442-5712
41 R	Grindberg, Tony	2832 39 1/2 Ave SW Fargo, ND 58104-7014	232-4691
26 D	Heathcamp, Joel C.	9457 W Ridge Rd Hankinson, ND 58041	242-7908
17 R	Holmberg, Ray	621 High Plains Ct Grand Forks, ND 58201	775-9656
47 R	Kilner, Ralph	2040 N Grosvenor Ln Bismarck, ND 58103	223-1572
14 R	Klein, Jerry	PO Box 265 Fessenden, ND 58140-0265	547-3517
31 D	Krauter, Aaron	HCI Box 27 Regent, ND 58650-9721	563-4335
40 R	Krebsack, Karon	PO Box 1767 Minot, ND 58702-1767	838-0211
35 R	Kringstad, Ed	1897 N 7 th St Bismarck, ND 58101-1897	223-8701
22 R	Lee, Gary A.	PO Box 3 Casselton, ND 58012-0005	282-3197
13 R	Lee, Aubrey	1822 Elmwood Ct Fargo, ND 58107-0204	282-6512
20 D	Lindsay, Kirby	Rt 2 Box 91 Mayville, ND 58253-0073	786-3064
01 R	Lyon, Stanley W.	1608 4 th Ave W Williston, ND 58801	572-7025
11 D	Matham, Tim	406 Elmwood Fargo, ND 58103-0313	235-0817
19 R	Mitch, Duane	711 Terry Ave Larimore, ND 58251	343-2360
21 D	Nelson, Carolyn	1125 College St Fargo, ND 58103-3483	235-5161
12 R	Nothing, Dave	PO Box 1059 Jamestown, ND 58401-0159	252-3353
04 D	Nichols, Ronald	5837 73 rd Ave NW Palermo, ND 58760	628-2941
06 D	O'Connell, David	2531 City Rd 30 Lamesa, ND 58750-0737	748-5441
42 D	Polowitz, Michael	2529 1 st Ave N Grand Forks, ND 58031	772-2247
34 D	Robinson, Larry	3584 Sheyenne Ct Valley City, ND 58072	845-1428
03 R	Schubert, Randy	PO Box 1215 Minot, ND 58702-1215	852-4750
05 D	Sehoyan, Tom	1104 14 th Ave SW Minot, ND 58701-0768	838-5938
30 R	Stenotjen, Bob	7475 41 st St SE Bismarck, ND 58104-3200	258-5227
45 R	Svenson, John	6450 13 th St N Fargo, ND 58102-6011	232-2897
16 D	Tallackson, Harvey	53 W 5 th St Grand, ND 58237-1408	284-6033
07 D	Taylor, Ryan M.	5435 13 th Ave NE Towson, ND 58788	537-5680
25 R	Thane, Russell T.	611 Parkway Dr Wahpeton, ND 58075	642-8134
38 R	Tullison, Ben	500 24 th St NW Minot, ND 58703-1864	830-4040
15 R	Traynor, John T.	PO Box 838 Devils Lake, ND 58011-0838	662-6343
10 R	Trenbath, Thomas	PO Box 361 Cavalier, ND 58220-0361	265-3184
36 R	Uelshner, Herb	3320 94 th Ave SW Taylor, ND 58056-9640	934-3682
37 R	Wardner, Rich	1042 12 th Ave W Dickinson, ND 58011	225-6918

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43 D	Delmore, Lois	714 S 22 nd St Grand Forks, ND 58201	772-8428
08 R	Delzer, Jeff	2919 5 th St NW Underwood, ND 58076	443-5435
23 R	Devlin, William R.	PO Box 475 Finley, ND 58220-0475	524-2303
32 R	Dosch, Mark	1506 S Ross Dr Bismarck, ND 58104	223-0569
39 R	Dovidal, David	2802 131 st Ave NW Amegard, ND 58035	386-3761
25 D	Edre, Bruce	1500 N 7 th St Wahpeton ND 58075-3023	642-3663
11 D	Ekstrom, Mary	1450 River Rd S Fargo, ND 58103-4023	230-9326
31 D	Freshick, Rodney	8710 Hwy 6 Salford, ND 58068	422-3789
06 R	Froese, Glen	PO Box 694 Konrath, ND 58746-0694	385-4811
33 R	Gelvin, Pat	621 3rd Ave NW Hazen, ND 58545	748-2338
18 D	Glanheim, Elliot	619 N 3 rd St Grand Forks, ND 58201	772-8840
41 R	Grande, Betty B.	181 Prairiedale Dr Fargo, ND 58103-6024	293-1729
42 R	Groez, Michael	1015 N 39 th St E17 GP, ND 58070	772-7047
26 D	Gullason, Pam	PO Box 215 Rutland, ND 58067-0215	724-9657
36 R	Haas, C.B.	3519 94 th Ave SW Taylor, ND 58056	974-3738
12 D	Hanson, Lyle	337 15 th Ave NE Jamestown, ND 58401	262-4129
06 R	Hawken, Kathy	501 Southwood Dr Fargo, ND 58103	293-5483
29 R	Headland, Craig	4950 92 nd Ave SE Montpelier, ND 58072	489-3184
16 R	Herbel, Gil	1439 LaVerge Ave Grandin, ND 58237	352-2294
06 D	Hershel, Bob	PO Box 1 Newburg, ND 58703-0001	272-6283
27 R	Hovson, Ron	4234 5 th Ave Ct SW 835 Fargo, ND 58103	235-1258
15 R	Johnson, Dennis	122 N Burke Rd Devils Lake, ND 58001	662-4998
37 R	Johnson, Nancy	1308 A Empire Rd Dickinson, ND 58001	483-0319
46 R	Kasper, Jim	1128 Westway Dr Fargo, ND 58103	232-7392
47 R	Kaiser, George J.	422 Toronto Dr Bismarck, ND 58103-0276	258-0333
34 R	Kelch, RonAnn G.	611 Craig Dr Mandan, ND 58554-2333	663-0774
11 D	Kelch, Scot	1114 S 10 th St Fargo, ND 58103-3106	293-9128
39 R	Kerpenich, Keith	HCR 4 Box 10 Bowman, ND 58023-0010	523-3858
31 D	Kerrison, James	61 52 47th R Ave SW Minot, ND 58706	824-2156
16 R	Kingsbury, Joyce	143 Eastwood Dr Grand, ND 58237-1263	352-0175
36 R	Klein, Frank	4840 104 th Ave SW Dickinson, ND 58001	483-4796
40 R	Klein, Matthew M.	1815 7 th St NW Minot, ND 58703-1314	838-6300
47 R	Klein, Lawrence	1709 Montego Dr Bismarck, ND 58103	222-2577
13 R	Koppelman, Kim	513 1 st Ave NW West Fargo, ND 58078	282-0267
33 R	Krosch, Gary	3892 Cary Rd 80 New Salem, ND 58053	643-7074
28 R	Kroschman, William	201 E 3 rd St Verina, ND 58089-4015	684-7321
12 D	Kroeker, Joe	1210 7 th Ave SE Jamestown, ND 58401	252-3931
03 R	Maangas, Andrew	125 6 th Ave NE Minot, ND 58703-2938	852-3862
35 R	Martinson, Bob	1319 Apache St Bismarck, ND 58101	222-0835
32 R	Meier, Lisa	1713 S 3 rd St Bismarck, ND 58104	255-4166
24 D	Metzold, Ralph	11819 33 rd St SE Valley City, ND 58072	845-2615
10 R	Mouzon, David	PO Box 8 Omaha, ND 58029-0008	496-3294
24 D	Muelter, Phillip	1632 101 st Ave SE Wambledon, ND 58497	435-2737
07 R	Nelson, Jim O.	4680 71 st St NE Walford, ND 58083-0304	583-2275
15 R	Nicholas, Eugene	214 14 th St Cando, ND 58324-6649	968-3149
20 D	Nimmo, Carol A.	Rt 2 Box 21 Buxton, ND 58208-9266	847-2859
01 R	Norland, Mike	218 14 th St E Williston, ND 58991	572-4807
43 R	Notwood, Darrell	2110 Westward Dr Grand Forks, ND 58201	772-9565
04 D	Orstad, Kenton	2515 65 th Ave NW Parkhill, ND 58770	862-3445
32 R	Pietach, William	PO Box 651 Casselton, ND 58012-0651	347-4998
29 R	Pollet, Chet	560 6 th St S Carrington, ND 58011	652-2494
34 R	Porter, Todd	704 6 th Ave NE Mandan, ND 58554-3422	667-2922
17 D	Potter, Louise	3625 Chestnut St Grand Forks, ND 58201	746-5893
40 R	Price, Clara Sue	3520 30 th St NW Minot, ND 58703-0311	839-6086
01 R	Rasmussen, Earl	1704 Rose Ln Williston, ND 58991-0362	572-5859
38 R	Ruby, Dan	4620 46 th Ave NW Minot, ND 58703-8711	852-6132
21 D	Sandvig, Sally M.	201 N 11 th St #202 Fargo, ND 58103-4652	235-5555
07 D	Schwick, Arlo E.	PO Box 185 Maddeok, ND 58048-0189	438-2430
23 R	Sevenson, Dale C.	PO Box 399 Coopersville, ND 58425-0399	797-2122
35 R	Sitte, Margaret	808 W Ave C Bismarck, ND 58101	255-4885
02 R	Skarphol, Deb	PO Box 725 Toga, ND 58083-0725	664-3510
02 D	Solberg, Darvan	11395 66 th St NW Ray, ND 58849-9473	568-3614
17 R	Svedjes, Ken	4697 Harvest Ct Grand Forks, ND 58201	772-7973
44 R	Thomson, Blair	1246 2 nd St N Fargo, ND 58103-1723	234-0862
05 D	Thorne, Edward	607 18 th Ave SW Minot, ND 58701-4201	838-9233
10 R	Tieman, Wayne	PO Box 229 Cavalier, ND 58220-0229	265-8145
05 R	Timm, Mike	PO Box 29 Minot, ND 58703-0029	839-6492
19 R	Uggen, Gerald	4510 1 st Ave NE Northwood, ND 58067	326-4330
37 R	Wahl, Francis J.	PO Box 926 Dickinson, ND 58002	483-5838
04 D	Warner, John	32300 331 st Ave SW Ryder, ND 58779	726-5663
42 R	Warwick, Amy	PO Box 12082 Grand Forks, ND 58208	772-1280
30 R	Weiler, Dave	177 Strangart Dr Bismarck, ND 58104	255-5042
14 R	Weiss, Robin	50 Hwy 3 S. Hardsfield, ND 58451-0009	962-3299
03 R	Wentz, Janet	505 8 th Ave SE Minot, ND 58701-4764	808-0811
13 R	Wieland, Alen	PO Box 412 West Fargo, ND 58078-0412	282-0470
28 R	Wilkenbaser, Ray	601 East Elm Linton, ND 58552-0816	254-5343
25 D	Williams, Clark	112 3 rd Ave N Wahpeton, ND 58075	642-4051
18 D	Winnick, Lonny	606 S 4 th St Grand Forks, ND 58201-4714	775-4096
08 R	Wrightman, Dwight	301 52 nd St SE Bismarck, ND 58101	238-8103
21 D	Zaiser, Steven L.	802 7 th St S Fargo, ND 58103	293-0517

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

66 Republicans + 28 Democrats = 94 Representatives

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20 D	Aarvold, Ole	Rt 2 Box 12 Blanchard, ND 58009	488-2290
26 D	Amundson, Bill	PO Box 43 Farman, ND 58032	724-3833
38 R	Bellows, Larry	1309 25 th Pl NW Minot, ND 58703	852-5786
22 R	Better, Wesley	15287 47 th St SE Leonard, ND 58012	645-2506
45 R	Berg, Rick	PO Box 3024 Fargo, ND 58108-3024	293-9077
45 R	Bernstein, LeRoy	3949 N 10 th St Fargo, ND 58103-1048	235-1040
09 D	Bow, Tracy	HCI Box 35 Mylo, ND 58753	656-3427
27 R	Boehning, Randy	825 42 nd St SW #211 Fargo, ND 58103	281-0956
09 D	Boucher, Merle	PO Box 7 Rollette, ND 58566-0007	246-3652
19 R	Brunsgaard, Thomas	Rt 1 Box 4 Oddy, ND 58233-0402	809-2855
30 R	Carlisle, Ron	PO Box 222 Bismarck, ND 58103-0222	255-3086
41 R	Carlson, Al	63 Prairieview Ctng Fargo, ND 58103	232-5832
44 R	Clark, Byron	904 31 st Ave N #32 Fargo, ND 58102	476-1855
14 R	DeKrey, Duane	4323 27 th St SE Pembrose, ND 58487	273-4844



58TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Well it is finally here. On January 7, 2003 the legislators will be driving to Bismarck and spending their days and evenings in committee hearings, listening to floor speeches, voting on proposed legislation, talking to lobbyists, at social gatherings, and at a host of other activities.

In terms of the impact on retirees, other than the health insurance issue, there may not be much. No legislation is proposed for adjustments to your retirement paycheck. But, the health insurance premiums are expected to be rise by about 30%. (Thank goodness for the pre-funded health insurance program which AFPE supported and helped pass into law.)

With an extremely tight budget resulting from the economic down turn, there may not be much money for new programs and some of the existing State programs may even have to be reduced. Legislators will be finding their work very challenging in this Session.



Governor John Hoeven did propose a new program to help seniors, and we suspect some AFPE members, those without prescription coverage, will gain some benefit from the cost of prescription drugs. The program will be based on poverty guidelines and funded with State and Federal money. Watch for the details as they start to unfold during the coming weeks.

When all is said and done, AFPE will be spending time with legislators and others to preserve what we have today and looking to the 59th Session in 2005. We will be working on a strategy to make some gains in the next session.

AFPE Membership Renewal and Enrollment Form

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____
(required for voluntary withholding)

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Choose One Method of Payment: (Make checks or money orders payable to AFPE.)

Enclosed is \$24.00 for membership payable by every January 1st.

I voluntarily request ND PERS withholding \$2.00 per month and transfer the amount to AFPE for membership in the organization. The withholding remains in effect until I choose to terminate by **written notice** to ND PERS. The voluntary request for the withholding of dues applies to any increase the AFPE Board or it's membership chooses to make in the future.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Do Not Send money if you are signing up for voluntary withholding.

Mail completed form to: AFPE
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Bismarck, ND 58502-1141



Season's Greetings



May your holidays be filled with

Laughter and Joy!



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