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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Florence Wasley  
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President

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE was our goal this year not only for our Veterans, children, and communities but also for YOU, the Unit members. As I review the results of our programs YOU have certainly earned the title of High Achievers! Thank YOU,

for your dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary. We fulfilled many achievements above our expectations.

Let me highlight some of YOUR achievements. First, the Homeless Women Veterans donations for this program exceeded \$30,000! We purchased a new heavy-duty washer and dryer and many Units supplied household items, bedding, toiletries, and clothing. The Caravilla Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing in Janesville also received clothing, toiletries, and bedding from Auxiliary members. Male and female veterans may stay for up to two years at this facility.

We received referrals for assistance from County Veterans Service Officers and the VA facilities. We paid rent and security deposit and Units contributed gift cards for groceries. Several Legion-

naires repaired a Veteran's car as she begins her new life and a job. So, YOU can be thrilled that YOU are helping our Veterans get back to a life they so deserve.

In collaboration with The Vets Center and American Red Cross, the ALA will help mentor our program opportunities to Homeless Women Veterans. I'm sure Kathy Wollmer will have more to report in the future.

Thirty-five women veterans attended Women Veteran's week at Camp American Legion. On behalf of the ALA, we presented them with a hooded, zippered sweatshirt embroidered with the ALA emblem and the words "Thank You for Your Service." Many tears of happiness were expressed to know YOU care for them.

I visited the Camo Quilt Project - what a fantastic way to support our active duty military! I'm very pleased with the volunteers who help Linda Wieck with this project. The ALA was proud to recognize Linda Wieck at Department Convention as our Unit Member of the Year. Linda spoke at Badger Girls State (BGS) and received several standing ovations by the delegates in support of her efforts.

YOU also helped sponsor 751 girls for BGS. Many thanks go to Chairman Jeannine Conrath and Executive Direc-

tor Delores Woolf for their leadership. Thanks, too, to the 67 counselors and workers who put in many long hours.

Our Junior members had a great year with their activities, Fall and Spring Conferences, and elections. Thanks to Chairman Theresa Schindler for her guidance and the ALA moms who assisted.

Every ALA program has been touched by YOU, the member who has been STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE for our Veterans, children, and communities. In some man-

ner, YOU have taken that POWER OF ONE into our mission of SERVICE NOT SELF.

YOU have achieved high marks in my books. I am thankful I was able to visit YOU when invited (except when the road was icy). I'm so happy to have been your Department President and will keep many pleasant memories of my year.

God Bless our troops and their families.  
GOD BLESS YOU.

-Florence



President Wasley and the new Junior Officers. See Page 4 for full story.

## MEMBERSHIP

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The American Legion Auxiliary is a better organization because you are a member. We are better people because we served as your Department Membership Team this past year. **You do make a difference.**

**One more time:** If you haven't paid your 2011 dues, please pay it now! Combine your 2011 and 2012 dues together! Your membership makes a difference to veterans. Renew now to help Wisconsin stay in the top 10 states nationwide.

**Elevator Statement:** Do you have an "elevator statement", a short statement you say each time a person asks you "Why are you a member

of the American Legion Auxiliary?" I encourage you to prepare a statement to have a great answer prepared! The answer may be different for each of us. One statement I use, "I am an ALA member to honor all veterans, especially my husband and son who both proudly served to keep America free."

**The Power of One Question! Are you related to a veteran?** It's the key question to ask, to recruit a new member. Members are encouraged to recruit new members often to keep units strong and viable. Why? New members bring new ideas, energy, leadership, increased service opportunities and more members to the unit. Junior members are the future of the ALA.

**Who is eligible?** Eligibility is listed on the ALA Membership Application,

on the web site and in various brochures. Grandmothers, Mothers, Wives, Daughters, Sisters, Granddaughters, Great-granddaughters and step-relatives of Members of the American Legion (or deceased veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the eligibility dates).

**DUAL IS COOL!** Remember female veterans. They are eligible in their own right to become an ALA member and a Legion member (a dual member). Their relatives are also eligible! In addition, their sons are eligible for the SAL. Invite new female Legionnaires to join us. Female veterans add a new perspective and excitement!

**The Power of One Unit!** Members are the foundation of the ALA. **Units are too!** As a unit you are closest to local veterans to provide personal tribute and service to

community veterans and their families. You understand the needs of your community, so service projects can directly help local needs. You are the first line contact to members. Leaders begin at the unit level.

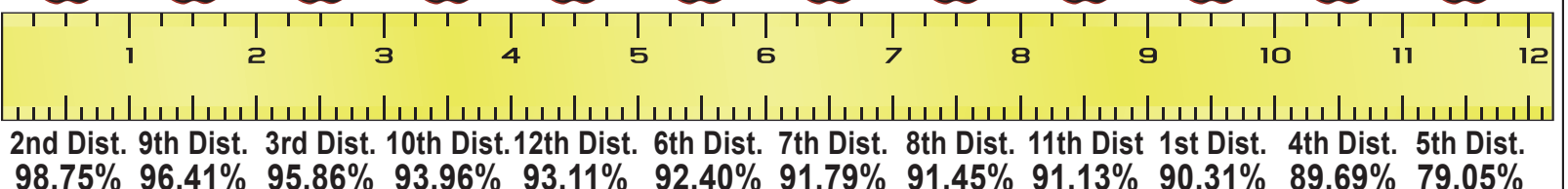
**Life is full of Surprises:** Older and younger members are both cool! Get to know one another - you may be in for a surprise. Share your perspectives, experiences, energy, inspirations and knowledge! You may be pleasantly surprised how much we learn from each other!

**We are awesome!** Wisconsin has 36 units at their all time high! Over 152 units are 100% or more. Dousman and Indian Creek are over 200%. It is because of you that we are great.

**The Power of One Member ~ YOU are that Member. Thank you for a great year!**

## DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN ALA MEMBERSHIP

July 2011 - Total Membership: 93.48%



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Laura Calteux, Chaplain**  
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As I write this column, my last as your Chaplain, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to provide you with spiritual support this year. It was so fulfilling and I've appreciated every day. Please keep our Auxiliary in your prayers and remember our servicemen and women every day.

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

-Isaiah 40:31

Lord, as we enjoy the summer weather, keep us under your protection and fill us with your perfect love. Help us to remember that we can only be ready for life's crises when we walk down your path. Keep our military under your watchful eyes and keep them safe from harm. Fill our hearts with gratitude for all that you have given us and may we show our gratitude in lives of helpful service.

Amen

### Music

Please lift your voices in song and enjoy my favorite hymn.

### On Eagles Wings

*Father Michael Joncas*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



### 1st District Report Jennifer Shea, District President

Wow, what a year this has been! It's hard to believe how time has flown by. 1st District has been very busy. We raised hundreds of dollars for Boudicca House, Caravilla Homeless Veterans Transitional Program, Fisher House, the beautification project at Dover Air Force Base and for direct aid to homeless women veterans. There have also been significant numbers of "in-kind" donations of books, personal care products, household items, baby items and volunteer time. The generosity and energy of the ladies in 1st District never ceases to astound me.

Our year began with a joint Auxiliary and Legion installation held in Lake Geneva. Burgers, brats and the most amazing selection of homemade food and desserts. Thank you to all who made that day unforgettable.

Fall Conference was well attended and was an exciting and educational experience. There were presentations on the duties of Officers and Committee Chairmen, proper procedures and protocol and the many Auxiliary programs. There were also presentations on the Milwaukee Fisher House and the Honor Flights.

Spring Conference in Darien was not quite as well attended as the Fall Conference. There was a lot of spirited discussion as we planned our upcoming year and made some necessary changes to our Standing Rules. We were graced with the presence of 4th District President Bonnie Jakubczyk and Diana Sirovina, who brought us greetings from Department President Florence Wasley.

I attended Legion birthday parties, Christmas celebrations, a Silent March, Veterans Day and Memorial Day parades, Installations of Officers, as well as County and Unit meetings. It is always interesting to see how everyone does things differently and still reach the same goals.

Thank you to everyone who offered guidance, support, and the occasional poke with a sharp stick. I look forward to another wonderful year.



### 2nd District Report Mary Petrie, District President

Our ALA family strived for excellence for our Veterans, our children, and our communities. The long hours, generous donations, and unparalleled involvement are gold star outstanding!

Hard work, determination, and completed required assignments placed The Mighty 2nd at the head of the class and on the Dean's List -- at 98.30% and still growing!

Some of the memorable events...the newsletter's Unit of the Month, the Past Department President's fire alarm luncheon, pride in the 70+ awards, serving as a Page -- both National and President Gayle's, creating a Fall Forum centerpiece and corsages, attending the 2nd District Legion's Fall and Spring Conferences, earning membership incentives, signing, renewing and initiating new members, installing officers, attending Unit meetings, presenting a charter, and attending the 4 Chaplains' Day service, testimonials for Commander Batty and President Florence, and the National Leadership Conference, and sharing the excitement as a Unit/County hit its goal!

My first newsletter stated that I was ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work, in the hope of accomplishing much, and to show the great state of Wisconsin what The Mighty 2nd is all about and why Mighty and Second go hand in hand. As my term draws to a close, I am proud to say that we, as a team, have accomplished what we set out to do by rumbling down those tracks with Chief Engineer Gayle and landing in Principal Florence's classroom.

Throughout my term, I used the words gift, privilege, and honor. I have been gifted with much, felt it a privilege to have served, and am extremely honored by your faith in me. What a gift, what a privilege, what an honor -- now life-long memories. Thank you, 2nd District! You are the best!!!



### 3rd District Report Sharon Zales, District President

The 3rd District has proved "The Power of One" and "Striving for Excellence" during this school year! Convention opened classroom instruction by Florence Wasley and our heart-felt and almost original version of "School Days."

"Striving for Excellence" was the classroom lesson carried forward to our annual District picnic in Richland Center in August. Many students gathered for food, fun and learning as we opened our books and began to work.

National Convention brought us "The Power of One." How noteworthy that the National and Department themes fit together so well!

The 3rd District rallied and our hall monitors worked hard to keep everyone in class so that Fall Forum would show our effort. Unfortunately, that is not "eggs-actly" what happened as the 3rd District joined all the other districts in receipt of an egg signifying a goose egg unit in the District. However, the lessons so capably taught at Forum were well learned by 3rd District and we began to show our determination.

By our holiday party in January we started a "No Member Left Behind" program to encourage units to work extra hard on renewals.

We also learned to use "Legionnaire" when referring to that part of our family. This lesson has helped the Homeless Women Veterans project! A leadership workshop in Lone Rock had Diana Sirovina teaching us new lessons and refreshing old ones. Spring Conference was a time to showcase our many special projects that enrich our communities and aid our veterans. Florence's testimonial was held in our District and we were happy to host such a wonderful turnout. As the school year draws to a close, 3rd District continues to prove "The Power of One" and "Striving for Excellence".



### 4th District Report Bonnie Jakubczyk, District President

4th District was "Striving for Excellence" as they were busy serving Veterans, their Families, and Communities. Many Units worked together as an American Legion Family on projects and fundraisers. Some of the fundraising efforts were: Pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, craft fair and dances. Some of the assignments were difficult but most of them turned out to be

very productive and fun.

Sorry to report that our class did not receive a very good grade in Membership. It was a difficult assignment for some of the Units. I wish to thank the Units that did the extra credit and achieved 100%.

Donations of goods and money were made to the VA, Camp American Legion, Boudicca House, and the Christmas Gift Shop. Our volunteers at Zablocki Medical Center were busy taking care of our Veterans. Units donated and volunteered for the Honor Flights, and were there to welcome the World War II Veterans home.

I think the greatest assignment with the highest grade goes to our Students. The Juniors started working together as a District. It started with Christmas Caroling at Zablocki. Then one Junior came up with the idea of making baskets containing personal items for the Female Veterans. Once word got out, the donations of health and beauty items started to flow in. On assembly day the turnout was so good that they finished in record time. Maybe it was because Principal Florence was there lending a hand. Then it was off to Zablocki to deliver the baskets; the ladies loved their baskets and social time. The Juniors also made goodie bags for the Female Veterans attending the first Women's Week at Camp American Legion.

I wish to thank the 4th District for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District President.



### 5th District Report Sharon Martin, District President

No Report Submitted



### 6th District Report Sandra Hinkle, District President

As I read through the yearly reports, it amazes me how busy the Units of the 6th District have been with their fundraising efforts for our American Legion Auxiliary programs. They did an amazing job by participating/hosting: brat fries, pancake & sausage breakfasts, fish fries, cookbook sales, ice golfing tournaments, flea markets, rummage sales, craft sales, bake sales, chicken BBQ, bakeless bake sales, raffles and chili dinners. Their fundraising efforts provided much needed support to area Veterans, their families and their communities.

Our Unit Members have donated their time and effort by supporting various ALA programs: Americanism, Children and Youth, VA&R, National Security, Poppy, Community Service, Education and Scholarship, and Badger Girls State.

This year, the 6th District was excited to hold the 1st place position in Membership from Fall Forum to Christmas. Currently, we are in 6th place; I'd like to see us obtain 5th place by Department Convention. ALWAYS THINK POSITIVE. Membership is important for our great organization. Whatever your role is within your Unit; it is important to attend a meeting, whether it's at Spring Conference or Fall Forum. Help out at fundraisers or reach out to other members by calling or sending a card. YOU are important to your Unit. THANK YOU for ALL you do for the American Legion Auxiliary.

As my District Presidency comes to an end, I wish to thank all the Auxiliary members of the 6th District for all their help and support during my two-year term. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Sixth District!



### 7th District Report Diane Weggen, District President

The end of the 2010-2011 American Legion Auxiliary District 7 year is fast approaching, thus, it's time for the final evaluation. Some of it is pretty, some not so pretty, and some just amazing. The pretty part is that when looking throughout all of the ALA programs, all 50 Units of District 7 can be found participating. And, Units consistently assist Legion Posts with activities and programs.

Not so pretty is the ranking in the bottom half of the class for membership the entire year. It's easy to forget that just paying ALA membership dues bestows honor on veterans.

Amazing are the High Achievers (District 7 Unit members) demonstrating the "Power of One" by working to serve veterans, their families and their communities, and Units from Chaseburg, Greenwood, LaValle, Mauston, Necedah, Thorp, Viroqua, and Wilton meeting the "Power of One" challenge in membership (100% plus one). "Service, not self" was shown in a number of ways including: Hosting Camo Quilt workshops in May and September, donating items and money to homeless veterans, sponsoring and/or donating to Freedom Flights for WWII veterans, sending care packages to troops, providing Thanksgiving dinners for veterans and their communities, sponsoring Badger Girls State delegates, volunteering in communities, marching in parades, working for American Legion Posts, and honoring veterans on Veterans' Day and at Powwows.

Some Units apologetically report "doing only a little" because so few of their members participate. Amazing are the outcomes of "doing a little." Due to the work and the support of community projects or celebrations, a few Unit members earned hundreds of dollars this past year for ALA programs benefiting veterans. District 7 members were thriving for excellence by using the power of one for service, not self.



### 8th District Report Penny Joren, District President

Greetings from the elated 8th. Over the past two years I have encouraged and included our Junior Auxiliary to become more involved in activities that are usually performed by Senior Auxiliary members.

I am pleased with the participation of the District Eight Juniors. Several have served as State Honorary officers. They have assisted in color guard duties for District Conferences and State Conventions. They have assisted the District Chaplain with Memorial Services and escorted distinguished guests at Conferences. They have attended State and National Conventions. I feel my goal has been completed in preparing them for Senior membership.

As I leave the post of District Eight President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has helped me through the learning process as well as given me their support while I served you as District President. I feel I've gained an enormous amount of knowledge concerning the American Legion Auxiliary, which will always be very beneficial to me. I've met and gotten to know many members in every capacity of this great organization. Even though I will be stepping down from my position, your friendship will remain high on my list of precedence. Someone once said, "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same." This is how I feel when I think about my past two plus years.



### 9th District Report Cora Gavigan, District President

Good day everyone! I am President Cora Gavigan from the Noble 9th District. I live in Wausaukee, the heart of God's Country in Marinette County. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as 9th District President. I have met new people and heard new ideas in my travels this year. 9th District is now in 2nd place for membership numbers. I am very excited to have our Phlox Unit 525 at 150% membership!!! What an accomplishment for them!!!

In August 2010, I went to the Creative Arts Festival in Tomah. Excellent job by our Veterans!! Our district gave a donation to the Creative Arts Foundation so this therapy can continue for our returning troops. They have done so much to secure our future.

In November, Wabeno Unit 44 of Forest County hosted the 9th District Fall Conference. We were pleased to have Department President Florence as our guest. She was treated to a roast by two of our Past Department Presidents. She passed her "check-up" with flying colors! Marinette County Units presented her with an Apple

Cookie Jar and suggestions for success for her upcoming year.

At Christmas time I visited the Iron Mountain Veterans Facility. Many of the units from the 9th District go to the hospital often to visit, bring needed items and help where they are able. I attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Wisconsin Dells. I got to meet all of the Department officials and hear what their focus is for the year.

In April, Wausaukee Unit 150 of Marinette County hosted the District Spring Conference. Units reported giving large donations to the Old Glory Honor flights and knitting over 2,000 skull caps for overseas military personnel.

I am looking forward to the convention in Appleton and my second year as 9th District President.



### 10th District Report Judy Walters, District President

What a year it has been serving as 10th District President! I have witnessed, read and participated in many worthwhile projects that reflect the magnitude of what we do for our veterans, active military, communities and children. Unfortunately, space only allows me to cover a few.

Units have been very busy serving our veterans. Residents of the Chippewa Falls Homeless VA Center have greatly benefited from increased monetary, in-kind donations and volunteers donating their time by preparing and serving meals.

Three units worked together to serve a meal to the "Ride to Recovery" warriors biking from Edina, MN to Milwaukee. Customized bikes were made depending on the individual's disability; either due to the loss of a limb or paralysis. I was amazed to hear that a veteran who lost both his legs was one of their fastest bikers, averaging 20 mph. This program is not so much about having fun as it is about transforming their new body with something they can work with the rest of their life.

The Camo Quilt Project is another great program the 10th is involved with. This program is an excellent example of "the power of one." It began with one quilt for one soldier and now almost 12,000 quilts have been shipped. You realize how much it means to our deployed soldiers when you read a thank you such as this: "I can speak for my fellow soldiers, sailors, airman & marines when I say ya'll are true heroes. To know there are still women, in this na-

tion, that are willing to sacrifice their time in making quilts that will be with us for a long time. We salute you."

In closing, having served as District President has been very rewarding. I'm proud to be a member of such a great organization.



### 11th District Report Marge Derby, District President

My first year as District 11 President has flown by. An important goal to remember is to assist all our veterans and their families, whether it's providing meals or boxing up items to ship overseas. Schools were provided with flags to display in their rooms and books were distributed to children of deployed troops.

Membership is key. This year's theme "Power of One" and "Service not Self" reminds us of how vital each and every member is. We must continue to "Strive for Excellence" in order to help our Veterans and their families.

In 2010, I attended the National Creative Arts Festival, hosted by the Tomah VA Hospital and held in La Crosse. SAL member and country western singer Michael Peterson was the Emcee. One couldn't help but become emotional during these very talented performances.

The VA Centers are truly remarkable and very much needed. The Volunteers who donate their time make a big difference in the lives of the residing patients.

I attended last year's Fall Forum in Wisconsin Dells. I found the "Paper Fair" to be very informative, outlining all of the ALA programs. My wish is that Department continues this conference for the foreseeable future.

Camp American Legion located near beautiful Lake Tomahawk in District 11 provides veterans and their families a much-needed respite. During District 11's paper fair various items were donated and sent to Camp.

Department President Florence attended our District Spring Conference. She told me to enjoy and have fun with my two years as District President. I have and will continue to do so for the next year. I have met so many wonderful people and look forward to my second year as District 11 President.



### 12th District Report Kay Severson, District President

No Report Submitted



## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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The 91st Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin is history. A special thank you to Post and Unit Members of Appleton #38 for all their work in this successful event and to the management and staff of the Paper Valley Hotel for their service throughout the week. The Auxiliary Convention opened with a warm welcome by Department President Florence Wasley and was highlighted by the presentation of Honored PDP Joyce Bouhl 1996-1997; introduction of the Auxiliary's Unit Member of the Year, Linda Wieck; Active Duty Service Woman SSgt Stacie Buchanan, USAF; 2011

Little Miss Poppy Amelia Olson; 2011 Miss Poppy Meridith Homann; and 2011 Badger Girls State Governor Courtney Jackson. The convention closed on Sunday morning with the installation of new District Presidents, Department Officers and Department President Joan Chwala. More details will be included in next month's issue of this publication.

Despite an error in printing, the 2012 Membership cards were received from National Headquarters and mailed to all Units by the end of June. Any Unit that has not received their Membership Processing Guidelines or cards and roster should contact Headquarters ASAP. National's new membership database, does not track titles (i.e., "Mrs."). If you have been using your husband's name rather than your own, the card will be printed with his name (ie "George Washington"). Please sub-

mit a member data form with your name (ie "Martha Washington") so we can update the system as soon as possible. Please renew your membership soon. If you have already renewed, please do not be alarmed if you receive a renewal notice. National Headquarters will send renewals at the end of August to anyone whose dues were not processed by July 8, 2011. Needless to say, we will have many things crossing in the mail!

The 2011 Fall Forum is scheduled for September 23-24 at the Wilderness Hotel in Wisconsin Dells. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Call 800-867-9453 and use Group Code 253968 to secure a room and pay the first night deposit by August 24th to receive the discounted rate of \$120/night for Double Queen Sofa Room or \$160/night for 2-Bedroom Deluxe room (tax included).

More information will be provided in the August Unit Mailing and posted on the department website.

National Convention is scheduled for August 26-September 1st in Minneapolis, MN.

I would like to thank President Florence Wasley, her officers and chairmen for the privilege of working with them. They have offered me much guidance in my new role as Department Secretary and exemplify the ALA: to serve our veterans, their families and the community. I also wish to thank Commander Bob Batty and Adjutant Dave Kurtz, SAL Detachment Commander Kerry Severson, and Legion Rider President Bob Lloyd for their support of the Auxiliary and the headquarters staff. I have truly been welcomed into a wonderful American Legion Family.

## 2011 Junior Auxiliary Spring Conference

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Juniors were "Striving for Excellence" at their Spring Conference held June 11th at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. Twenty-eight Juniors attended, representing 12 Units from around the state. Adults in attendance included 25 ALA Senior members, one SAL member, and one guest.

Honorary President Mariah Pursley convened the meeting at 10:00 am. The day included making flag tray favors for Flag Day, socializing, elections, awards, and Bingo. Senior President Florence Wasley greeted the Juniors and encouraged them to continue their excellent work. Senior Vice President and Poppy Chairman, Joan Chwala, conducted the Poppy Pageant. Amelia Olson of Unit 359 Gilman is the new Department Little Miss Poppy. The new Department Miss Poppy is Meridith Homann of Unit 6 Stevens Point. Other girls in the pageant are Wisconsin's Poppy Princesses, the court for Miss Poppy. The pageant was an enjoyable part of the Ju-

nior Conference. Junior Activities Chairman Theresa Schindler distributed 78 patches earned by the Juniors. The newly elected 2011-2012 Honorary Officers are: President - Mariah Pursley Unit 6 Stevens Point, Vice President - Caitlin Rosemeyer Unit 118 Thorp, Secretary - Anna Wilkinson Unit 239 Tigerton, Chaplain - Zabrina Mason Unit 118 Thorp, Historian - Morgan Johnsen Unit 10 Wausau, and Sgt-at-Arms - Katarina Petranovich Unit 118 Thorp. Ellen Rathe of Unit 6 Stevens Point was elected Voting Delegate to the National Junior Meeting to be held in Minneapolis, MN. Senior President Florence Wasley installed the new officers.

Following lunch, the girls played Bingo with the resident Veterans. They enjoyed chatting with these heroes and presenting them with crafted flags for Flag Day.

Each girl in attendance received a certificate. The outgoing honorary officers received certificates of appreciation. This chairman wishes to thank all the adults who gave of their day to bring the girls to the Junior Auxiliary Spring Conference. Every one earned an A+ for a successful day.

## Badger Girls State

**Delores Woolf,**  
**Executive Director**

Badger Girls State (BGS) held its 68th session June 19-24, 2011. Despite campus construction, the delegates arrived on Sunday morning for registration. After registration, delegates were led to the Kolf center for convocation, which parents were most welcome to attend. Delegates then attended their first city meeting. Badger Tales reporters and Party platform plank writers were selected.

On Sunday, delegates attended the evening assembly where they were given an overview of what to expect for the week as well as tips on campaigning and awareness of the many items available in the BGS Store. After general assembly, individual cities gathered to nominate citizens for city offices. City elections were held Monday morning. Later that afternoon, the Nationalist and Federalist parties debated their platform planks; also Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch spoke to Delegates on being a responsible citizen as a woman in today's world.

Senate, Assembly and County elections were held Tuesday morning. During the evening assembly, Department National Security Chairman, Karen Degner spoke to delegates about troop family support. Delegates with parents/step-parents or siblings/step-siblings actively serving in the military were presented Blue Star Banners. Linda Wieck of Unit 243 addressed the assembly on the camouflage quilt project. She encouraged the Delegates to write notes to accompany the quilts. State officers were elected on Wednesday. Various members of the 6th District took part in a flag disposal ceremony. Inauguration was held Thursday night. Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson swore in the assembly, senate and state constitutional officers.

Other guests that night included Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, Secretary of State Douglas LaFollette, State Treasurer Kurt Schuller, Jill Karofsky representing Attorney General J.B. VanHollen and Sheila Briggs representing State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Evers. BGS Governor Courtney Jackson of Jefferson received a \$3,000 scholarship from the Wisconsin Women in Government.

Also during the week, two Delegates (Amanda Tesserak of Superior & Abigail Taylor of Monona) were chosen to attend Girls Nation in Chevy Chase, Maryland on July 23-30, 2011.

BGS completed its 68th session with 748 girls and 67 counselors who guided them through a very hectic and rewarding week.

I want to thank Representative Joan Ballweg and the Wisconsin Women in Government group for their generous donation. Their funds afforded 20 additional delegates from across the state an excellent opportunity to participate in this worthwhile program. I would also like to thank the counselors and the many volunteers who assisted in making the 68th BGS session such a success.



**Wisconsin State Governor Scott Walker and 2011 BGS Governor Courtney Jackson**

## American Legion Department of Wisconsin 2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**H.S. & ANGELINE LEWIS -**  
**(1) \$1000 - GRADUATE STUDENT**  
 Michelle Appel Chilton Chilton #125

**H.S. & ANGELINE LEWIS - (5) \$1000**  
 Ashley Differt Mauston Mauston #81  
 Emily Schumann Pardeeville Pardeeville #215  
 Danielle Flood Janesville Janesville #205  
 Andrew Conley Appleton Appleton #38  
 Katie Buraglio Park Falls Parks Falls #182

**MERIT & MEMORIAL (7) \$1000**

**Merit Scholarship**  
 Sara Yingling Kaukauna Appleton #38  
**Pearl Behrend Scholarship**  
 Alexandra Rooney Brookfield Brookfield #449  
**Eleanor Smith Scholarship**  
 Jacob Olson Gilman Gilman #359  
**Barbara Kranig Scholarship**  
 Monique Levash Brillion Brillion #126  
**Adalin Macaulay**  
 Sharon French Pembine Pembine #461  
**Harriet Hass Scholarship**  
 Kathryn Starnitcky Glenbeulah Greenbush #261  
**Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan Scholarship**  
 Matthew Cimaroli DeForest DeForest #348

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS- (3) \$1000**  
 Emily Miskoski Stevens Point Stevens Point #6  
 Tara Frey River Falls River Falls #121  
 Jasmin Weger Lancaster Lancaster #109

**DELLA VAN DEUREN (2) \$1000**  
 Amber Wasley Dodgeville Linden #493  
 Stephanie Schuebel Baraboo Baraboo #26

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY -**  
**Registered Nurse (2) \$1000**  
 Kathleen Sauvey De Pere Green Bay #11  
 Leah Miller Shawano Shawano #117

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY -**  
**Health Career (2) \$1000**  
 Bethany Stoll Ladysmith Cumberland #98  
 Brandon Arndt Brooklyn Tomahawk #93

**CHILD WELFARE - (1) \$1,000**  
 Education Field - No qualified applicant

**NATIONAL PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP -**  
**Wisconsin's Applicant**  
 Steven Bye Eau Claire Eau Claire #53

**NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP -**  
**Wisconsin's Applicant**  
 Seth Young-Campbell Viola Soldiers Grove #220

**SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP -**  
**Wisconsin's Applicant**  
 Kelin Horn Almena Prairie Farm #259

**BADGER GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**- (4) \$500**  
 Angela Sondalle Princeton Princeton #366  
 Margaret Brumley Ripon Ripon #43  
 Elizabeth Grinde Melrose Melrose #439  
 Emma Roy Plymouth Plymouth #243

**EILEEN KNOX SCHOLARSHIP**  
**- (1) \$500**  
 Christian Krueger Oshkosh Winneconne #364

## JUNE 2011 CALENDAR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

	\$ Amt	Stub #		
1	15.00	24487	Bobbi Jo Manley	Stanley WI 54768
2	15.00	07069	Josh Kopras	Bruce WI 54819
3	15.00	23338	Anita Patnode	Arkansaw WI 54721
4	15.00	29334	Tracy Dallmann	West Bend WI 53090
5	25.00	23233	Dorothy Bauer	Eau Claire WI 54701
6	15.00	16267	Mary Zgola	Greendale WI 53129
7	15.00	40308	Shirley Carner	Prescott WI 54021
8	15.00	28221	Stella Sedlar	Neshkoro WI 54960
9	15.00	13338	Carol Weimann	Dunbar WI 54119
10	15.00	26765	Marcella Nohl	Sheboygan Falls WI 53085
11	15.00	08004	Gary & Laurel LaJoie	Iron River WI 54847
12	25.00	43135	Jenny Chapin	St Croix Falls WI 54024
13	15.00	37660	Agnes Delebreaux	Casco WI 54205
14	500.00	30064	Vivian Lageson	Blanchardville WI 53516
15	15.00	41858	Lilly Wisotzke	Mequon WI 53092
16	15.00	08361	Marie Gruskovak	Wheaton IL 60187
17	15.00	07922	Margaret Janecek	Frederic WI 54837
18	15.00	22751	Mary Larson	Onalaska WI 54650
19	25.00	41832	Mae Larson	Mequon WI 53092
20	15.00	40807	Carla Colombo	New Richmond WI 54017
21	15.00	42079	Marilyn Lewandowski	Caledonia WI 53108
22	15.00	08388	Blanche Sigourney	Hancock WI 54943
23	15.00	35505	Jessica Long	Lake Geneva WI 53147
24	15.00	12338	Betty Larson	Beaver Dam WI 53916
25	15.00	01719	Karen Kloth	Dorchester WI 54425
26	25.00	28221	Stella Sedlar	Neshkoro WI 54960
27	15.00	46201	Joyce Lamers	Greenleaf WI 54126
28	15.00	17941	Saxon Unit #371	Saxon WI 54559
29	15.00	46396	Cordell Hurst	Kaukauna WI 54130
30	15.00	32180	Carol Beecher	Elm Grove WI 53122
	975.00			