



American Legion Auxiliary

District 11 Sept/Oct 2023 Newsletter

And

Fall Conference Information

**“Come to have fun while you learn and share”**

Hello Auxiliary Members!

**It's Halloween! Dress up or Wear black & orange. Just come to have fun and share ideas, questions and answers. MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND THERE IS A GIFT FOR ALL WHO COME!**

**Please have at least one member of your unit attend to give your unit report on programs and to take back information from the leadership training session.**

**District 11 Fall Conference will be held:**

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Lake Tomahawk Post/Unit 318

7986 Choate Blvd.

Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539

Registration: 9 a.m.; Executive meeting: 9:30 a.m.; Regular meeting: 10 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$3.00

Meal: \$6.00 (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, desserts and beverage)

**Raffle:** A basket from each unit is requested for the raffle. **This is our main fundraiser for the district!** Use your imagination with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas coming, it should be hard to come up with fantastic ideas. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

**Speakers:** Leadership and question and answer session by Linda Coppock and Joyce Endres

**Winners:** District 11 had two units win awards that will be handed out at the Fall Conference. Come to see who and what they won and ask them what they did to get the awards.

For those who have not heard, Maggie Geiger is the new 2023-2024 Department President. Her special project is called Dogs 2 Dog Tags: Saving our Vets One Dog at a time, “Enhancing the lives of our Veterans, Military and their families, one dog at a time”. The D2DT mission is to train at-risk, rescued or donated dogs and place them with a deserving

service member(s) who has been diagnosed with post combat stress and anxiety. The purpose is to provide the veteran, at no cost, a trained dog that they can gain as a constant companion to help them cope with their unique challenges in everyday life. Dog 2 Dog Tags is a non-profit organization, located in Sheboygan Falls, serving veterans in Wisconsin. To learn more visit [www.dogs2dogtags.org](http://www.dogs2dogtags.org)

## The Great Membership Race:

We will be mushing our way along the "Great Membership Race" following the trail of the Alaskan Dog Race! At the State Convention in July each District was given a stuffed Husky dog representing where they were in accordance to their membership. District 11 has a Husky named D.O.G. short for "Department of Giving". Right now D.O.G. is in 11<sup>th</sup> place in the State. Our goal is that our D.O.G. is the Leader of the Pack and comes in 1<sup>st</sup> this year!! **YOU'VE GOT THIS, MEMBERS!!**

National President Williamson's Special Project is **Veteran Suicide Prevention** and she has been able to get a **Hotline phone number, 988**, for Veterans in crisis to call and get emergency help, talking immediately to a real person. **Special Project "BE THE ONE": This is a Family affair, joining with the American Legion and the S.A.L. to promote the Be the One initiative, which destigmatizes asking for mental health support, provides peer to peer support and resources and educates everyone on how they can help.**

**NEW UNIT:** District 11 has gained a new unit. Unit 464 in Land O' Lakes. Unfortunately around the same time, we lost the unit in Gilman in 2022-23. Units in Hurley, Saxon and Gilman are in great need of our help and prayers. Wisconsin gained 644 senior members and 69 junior members in 2022-2023. We need to aim higher for 2023-24, as we have lost members due to their passing or moving away. **WE CAN DO THIS!**

### WHAT IS THE VALUE OF 1 MEMBER?

**I heard this when I was a new member and it made a lot of sense to me – THE POWER OF ONE!**

**WINNER!** The winner of the District 11 raffle basket at State Convention was Nancy Fields from Unit 63, Clintonville. The basket was amazing! **Thank You** to all the units who donated to the District basket and donations from the individuals in District 11. She was so happy!

**POSITIONS TO FILL:** We have several officer positions to fill for district. Open positions include HISTORIAN, PARLIAMENTARIAN, AMERICANISM, COMMUNITY SERVICE, JUNIOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. Please let Claudia know you are interested either before or at the Fall Conference.

**PHOTOS PLEASE!** If you have a camera you can bring to Fall Conference, we would appreciate photos. We would like to put photos of the conference on our facebook page, the American Legion Auxiliary 11<sup>th</sup> District, Dept. of Wisconsin. Please members, when you have events at your units, upload your articles and pictures to this site to share with everyone. AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT DEPT. OF WISCONSIN

**MEMBERSHIP:** View the Membership report on the Dept. website page at <https://www.alawi@americanlegionauxwi.org> You can join the American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of WI and Wisconsin ALA Membership group on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/groups/1443715935894356>

**OFFICERS:** Current officers are Claudia Osero, President; Theresa Schindler, Vice-President; Kathy Wilson, Secretary; Janet Ericksen, Treasurer and Jeanie Osero, Chaplain.

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Sincerely, 

Claudia Osero, District 11 President



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Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Who is attending:

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**Reservations due by October 21, 2023. Make checks payable to: ALA Unit 318**

# WHAT IS THE VALUE OF MEMBER?

## Membership Poem

Ten little members standing in a line.  
One disliked the President, and then there were nine.  
Nine ambitious members offered to work late,  
One forgot her promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members, had ideas as good as heaven,  
One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.  
Seven loyal members got into a fix.  
They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.

One dropped out and then there were five.  
Five happy members, not one a bore,  
Til they fought over bingo,  
Then there were four.

Four cheerful members  
Who never disagree,  
Til one complained of meetings,  
Then there were three.

Three members left. All of them blue.  
One joined a bowling league, then there were two.  
Two tired members, our rhyme is nearly done,  
One joined a bridge club, and then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue.  
Met with a neighbor, and then there were two.  
Two earnest members each enrolled one more,  
Doubling their numbers, then there were four.

Four determined members just couldn't wait,  
Til each won another, and then there were eight!  
Eight excited members, signed up sixteen more.  
In another six verses there will be a thousand and twenty-four!

**LET'S ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR MISSION. AND PROMOTE SERVICE NOT  
SELF EVERY DAY**