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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Diana Sirovina
Department
President

Now that the weather is finally improving our thoughts are turning to how we will enjoy those long summer days. No matter what your choice for leisure may be, I hope you will remember that Auxiliary business and helping our veterans does not stop because the weather is nice. We all need time to enjoy our limited summer in Wisconsin, but we also have to continue working on our programs for the good of our

veterans and our organization. The warm weather gives us plenty of opportunities to **Work Together** with our Posts, SAL's and Riders at events in our communities to show who we are and what we do. Just about every community will have Independence Day celebrations so why not be part of the events? Posts will host events and flag disposal ceremonies. There will be parades, parties, barbecues, fireworks, all part of the traditional celebrations. The possibilities to promote The Legion Family are endless! Be part of the fun! Be part of the tradition! Be proud to be an Auxiliary member and even

more proud to tell others about it! Speaking of celebrations, please join me in congratulating Linda Cason on forty years of service to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin. I cannot think of anyone I could name who is a better example of someone that is proud to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and who shows it every day by her dedication to veterans and our organization. Congratulations Linda and thank you for all you have done and continue to do every day!

Diana Sirovina
Department President

MEMBERSHIP

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Armed Forces Day has passed and thus the 3rd membership milestone has also. Was your unit at or above 85%? According to what the department has processed, there are still 75 Units that have not met the 85% goal. All but one district has also reached 85%. Keep up the good work and promote what your unit is doing to help attract new members.

The challenges are on! District presidents and district membership chairmen have been notified that the first district to hit 100% will be awarded \$200 and the second district to reach 100% will be awarded \$100.

To add to that, President Diana has issued two more challenges. The first one is to the district president who has the most renewals into department from May 8th until July 11th, with a minimum of 10% of the non-renewals from the May 8th report. The winning district president will receive an adorable Packer bear pillow offered by membership committee member, Berne Baer.

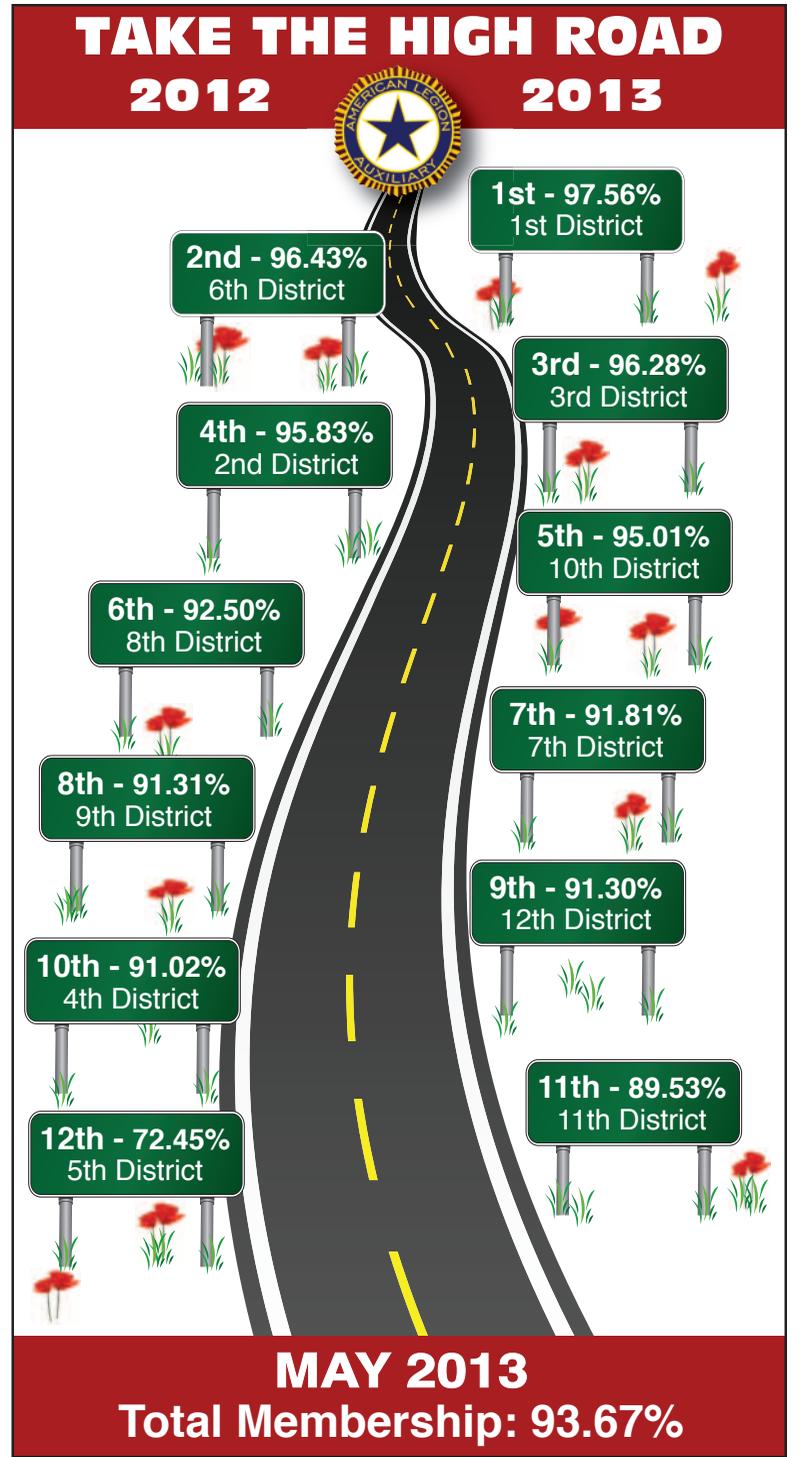
President Diana's second challenge is to the district president who gets the most new members into department from May 8th until July 11th. To qualify, at a minimum, the district must turn in an equivalent of 10% of what was outstanding to make the district 100% as of the membership report on May 8th. The winning district president for

the second challenge will receive a gift basket with a little truck loaded with a \$25 BP gas card. Good luck to all districts and units as they continue to "work together" for our veterans and our organization!

Continue to take the high road in all you do! Remember to be positive, passionate and persistent. Another "p" reminder would be to conduct your Auxiliary-selves professionally while we carry out the motto of service not self in this premier organization—The American Legion Auxiliary.

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2013 JOINT TESTIMONIAL DINNER PICTURES



President Diana Sirovina celebrated with family: Granddaughter and daughter, Addison and April Kollmorgen; mother Violet Kaun and father-in-law Robert Sirovina Sr.



Diana Sirovina with supportive husband Bob Sirovina.



Commander Wayne Jensen with the 4th District Musketeers (left to right): Bonnie Jakubczyk, Laura Calteux, Diana Sirovina and Sue Hembrook.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Praises and thanks for the nice weather that has finally arrived. June is the month to reflect and honor our flag, our fathers and the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State volunteers.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our beautiful flag and the freedom to fly it. We praise and give thanks for our fathers and ask for support for those who are missing theirs. With your wisdom, guide the volunteers that will be the Counselors and staff at Badger Girls State; and be with the new citizens as they learn how their government works. Please keep those serving our country safe and out of harm's way. In your name we pray,
 Amen

MUSIC

In honor of Flag Day,

GRAND OLD FLAG

Written by George M. Cohan 1906

Simply sets me off my noodle,
 It's that patriotic something that no one can understand.

"Way down south, in the land of cotton,
 Melody untiring, Ain't that inspiring?
 Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll join the jubilee!
 And that's going some, for the

Yankees, by gum
 Red, white and blue, I am for you!
 Honest, you're a grand old flag!

Chorus

You're a grand old flag, you're a high flying flag

And forever in peace may you wave.
 You're the emblem of the land I love.
 The home of the free and the brave.
 Ev'ry heart beats true 'neath the Red,
 White and Blue,

Where there's never a boast or brag.
 But should auld acquaintance be forgot,
 Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

I'm no cranky hanky panky,
 I'm a dead square, honest Yankee,
 And I'm mighty proud of that old flag
 That flies for Uncle Sam
 Though I don't believe in raving ev'ry
 time I see it waving,

There's a chill runs up my back that
 makes me glad I'm what I am.
 Here's a land with a million soldiers,
 That's if we should need 'em, we'll
 fight for freedom!

Hurrah! Hurrah! For every Yankee tar
 and old G.A.R.

Ev'ry stripe, ev'ry star.

Red, white and blue, Hats off to you
 Honest, you're a grand old flag!

WORKING TOGETHER
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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The 2013 ALA membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, 2013. Applications for new 2013 members should be submitted with a Unit Membership Transmittal Form so they can immediately receive the full benefits of membership – including the right to vote on unit matters. 2014 membership cards will be distributed to units after Department Convention.

The Poppy Shop experienced many difficulties in processing poppy orders this year. We have fewer poppy makers than in the past and many of the veterans have difficulty making poppies due to age and health issues. Additionally, there were problems with materials from the manufacturer. We apologize for any inconvenience to the units that did not receive their poppies before Memorial Day and appreciate those that were willing to postpone

distribution until Independence Day or Veterans Day. Units are reminded to submit their 20% poppy profit report to Department Headquarters upon completion of their poppy distribution; this money is used to directly benefit veterans and children and youth programs.

Department staff is currently working on ways to improve the poppy process for next year to ensure everyone who orders poppies for 2014 will have them when needed. This is certainly no small task. This year, 35 veterans from the Poppy Shop at Zablocki VA filled almost 350 orders and made more than 502,000 poppies! **We applaud our poppy makers for all their hard work!** Veterans who may be interested in making poppies are asked to contact the Poppy Shop at 414-384-2000 ext. 42208, Wednesday-Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, for more information.

A special thank you goes out to **Fountain City Unit 56** in 10th District who, rather than taking a refund for their poppy order, generously donated it to support the

Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund! And thank you to everyone else who continues to support the poppy program and our Wisconsin Veteran poppy makers.

The 93rd Annual ALA Convention is scheduled for July 18-21, 2013 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha. Convention information was sent to all Unit Presidents in the May Unit mailing. Pre-registration fee is \$25; registration after July 15 is \$30. The number of delegates each unit is allowed is based on total paid membership 30-days prior to Department Convention. Forms will be sent to each Unit so they can provide the names of delegates to headquarters by July 5 so voting credentials can be recorded and voting cards printed and ready for registration. Please visit the department website for a full schedule of activities and convention information as there have been several changes this year. We look forward to a successful and fun convention!

National Convention is scheduled for August 23-29, 2013 in Houston, TX.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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At the beginning of the year, the National ALA Children & Youth mission was shared...to protect, care for, and support our children and youth, both military and non-military.

Having had the opportunity to read through the stack of year-end reports, it soon became obvious that the mission was taken to heart. I am grateful and amazed at how much has been accomplished by **Working Together**. Congratulations on a job well done!

Some of the recipients of monetary donations included Ronald McDonald House, Empty Stocking, local elementary and high schools, MDA Camp for Children, summer reading programs, Children & Youth Emergency Fund, Boys & Girls

Clubs, Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network, CWF, United Cerebral Palsy, Warm the Children, Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, Special Olympics, local Easter egg hunts, bike rodeos, breakfast with Santa events, B.A.B.E.S., Marland Children's Home, Tomorrow's Children, the Linus Project, New London Project Backpack, and WI Badger Camp.

Units distributed Halloween safety tip pamphlets to local elementary schools, held rummage and bake sales to benefit children's programs, hosted children's Halloween parties and Christmas parties, offered coloring contests, found their way into schools and libraries to read to children, sewed, knitted, and crocheted layettes for newborns and sick babies, tied blankets for children in homeless and domestic abuse shelters, mentored youth and promoted patriotism, collected items for the young patients at St. Jude's, supported

child abuse prevention programs, donated a Spinoza Bear, purchased and distributed the Legion's anti-bullying comic books, and donated books to schools, public libraries, police and fire departments, and a food pantry.

Thousands of dollars and volunteer hours later, you have made a difference! Participating in local events, many of you have seen the smiles, shared the fun, and received thanks first-hand. In other areas, you might never know or fully understand how far-reaching an impact your donations have made in the life of a child.

You have done an excellent job of protecting, caring for, and supporting our children and youth. Thanks to your hard work, the hours of planning, and seeing your mission through from start to finish, your dedication serves as a great example of In Service, Not Self. Thank You!

Way to go, Wisconsin!

Congratulations Linda & Thank You!

ALA- Wisconsin congratulates LINDA "PEACHY" CASON and thanks her for 40 years of dedicated service. Linda has worked at two department headquarters locations and outlasted 43 Department Presidents, six Department Secretaries, and numerous personnel changes during that time.

She was hired June 15, 1970 at the age of 17 as receptionist at the Milwaukee headquarters when Pearl Behrend was Department President. Linda's aunt, Dee Bloedorn, worked for TAL HQ and recommended Linda for the position. Linda interviewed with Secretary Lucille Heinle on Saturday and started work two days later. She worked full-time until May 1975 when she had her daughter Jennifer, but continued to work part-time the next three years. Linda returned to full-time employment on June 14, 1978 (Flag Day). On June 1, 1979 Linda reluctantly assumed responsibility as bookkeeper when Dolores Koller retired.



Linda Cason

Linda is amazed at how things have changed during the past 40 years from manually processing 39,000 membership cards to computer entry today and the technology improvements from her old M5000 book-keeping machine with a moving carriage and account cards to today's accounting software.

Of course, Linda enjoys working with Andrea, Carrie and Bonnie now, but fondly remembers her first department convention and completing each of her 10-year milestones with the Auxiliary. She enjoyed her only trip to National Headquarters with President Helen Gibson and Secretary June Benishek when Pearl Behrend was National President, but regrets that Pearl wasn't in Indianapolis at the time of her visit.

Linda looks forward to continuing her service with the Auxiliary for our veterans and has already warned us she expects a big party to celebrate 50 years in 2023! Thanks Linda for all you do.

~ KING DAY ~

The general public is invited to visit the Veterans Home and enjoy lunch with the veterans.

June 16, 2013

at Wisconsin Veterans Home-King
 N2665 County QQ • King, WI 54946

- Church services start at 10:00 am.
- Chicken Dinners will be served starting at 10:30 am
- Bands from the local area will provide entertainment.
- Parade starts at 1:00 pm.
- The Museum and Gift Shops will be open throughout the day.

Adults \$8 • Children 12 & Under \$4

Please consider donating to sponsor Lunch for a Veteran for only \$8

Checks should be made payable to:
 ALA Unit 161 and mailed to Nancy Neuroth
 N2710 Lind Avenue, Waupaca, WI 54981.
 For more information, please contact Nancy Neuroth at 715-281-4388.

Candidate for Department President JOYCE ENDRES

As a candidate for Department President, Joyce embraces the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. *In the spirit of Service, Not Self the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.* In the spirit of patriotism the American Legion Auxiliary serves five generations of veterans and is unified with The American Legion Family through our love of God and Country.



Joyce is a 43-year American Legion Auxiliary member of Unit 360, Waunakee. Her eligibility to join the auxiliary is through the service of her husband Past Department Commander Leo, a Navy Vietnam era Veteran, along with her late son, Leo Scott, an Army Desert Storm era Veteran.

Joyce currently serves as Department Senior Vice President and Public Relations Chairman. She has served as Department 1st and 2nd Vice President, Chaplain and Historian and held Lead-

ership, Membership and Music Chairmanships. As Historian, she won the esteemed National Toomey Award for her submission of the Department of Wisconsin History. She also served as Chair of the National Strategic Planning Membership Initiative's Committee.

With great pride, Joyce served as local chairman for the homecoming of Past National President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan and as one of Jan's Personal Pages at the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. She is endorsed by her family, Unit 360 ~ Waunakee, Dane County Council and Third District.

Joyce and Leo (Sonny) have been married for 47 years and have three children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Joyce retired from Wisconsin State Government and consults part-time as a Business Analyst under Je Consulting, LLC. She's a past President of BFMA International and is a Certified Form Systems Professional (CFSP).

Joyce will strive to work with members to accomplish our mission and encourage all members to share our knowledge, skills, talents and dedication with each other and the people we serve. **God Bless our free America.**

Candidate for Department 1st Vice President LAURA CALTEUX

Laura Calteux has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for over 30 years. Laura's eligibility for the Auxiliary is through the naval service of her father Pete, her brother Dennis, and the Air Force service of her son Jacob.



As a member of Greendale Unit 416, she has held many offices at the Unit, County, and District levels. On the department level, Laura is currently the Poppy Chairman. She has served as the Americanism Chairman, Department Chaplain, Music Chairman and Department Historian. As the Americanism Chairman, she earned the Clara B. Smith award. Laura was the Mailroom

Chairman for the National Convention and the Chairman for Decorations and Publicity for the 8 & 40 National Convention, both held in Milwaukee. She volunteers at ALA Badger Girls State as the Assembly Counselor.

Laura has been a Project Specialist at Graybar Electric for the past 15 years and has run the United Way campaign for Graybar for over 10 years. Laura is married to Michael and they have three children, Sarah, Holly and Jacob. Jacob is married to Lori and they have two daughters, Renee and Virginia. All are members of the American Legion Family.

Laura is proudly endorsed by her family, Greendale Unit 416 and the 4th District.

Candidate for Department Senior Vice President TERESA ISENSEE

Teresa is a 22-year member of the Walter-Nelson Unit 326 Auxiliary in Boyd, joining under the service of her husband, Steve, a Vietnam Veteran. She has been endorsed for the office of Department Senior Vice President by her unit, the 10th District, and her family.



Steve and Teresa have been married for 23 years. Together they have four children and eight grandchildren, all members of the American Legion Family. In her professional career, she is an IT Project Manager/Programmer Analyst for National Presto Industries in Eau Claire.

In addition to her volunteer hours to the American Legion Family, Teresa is an active member of the Boyd Lions Club, serves as Village of Boyd Trustee, and is a Past Chairperson

of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation, Past Chairperson of the Revolving Loan Fund for Chippewa County, and Past Board Member of the Regional Business Fund.

Teresa has held offices at the Unit, County, District and Department levels, and is currently serving as Department 1st Vice President and Department Americanism Chairman. She has previously served as Department Historian, Department Chaplain, Department Membership Chairman, and Department Junior Activities Chairman. She has attended Fall Forums, State Conventions, TAL Midwinter Meetings, National Conventions, and National Workshops.

Teresa truly believes in "Working Together" by devoting her time to the American Legion Family.

Candidate for Department 2nd Vice President LAUREL DUBOIS

Laurel DuBois has been a member of Ellis Hagler Unit 278 of Balsam Lake Wisconsin for 14 years, joining under the service of her husband, Steve who served 23 years in the United States Air Force. Laurel has been endorsed by her unit, County and 12th District for the office of 2nd Vice President.



Laurel has held offices at the Unit, County, District and Department levels. She is currently serving as Department Historian. Laurel served as President on the unit, county and district levels. In 2009-2010 she served as Membership Chairman and she served as the Children and Youth Chairman 2010 and 2011. Laurel also served on the Executive Board for Badger Girls State and is currently the Head Nurse. Laurel has been honored to be involved with the Veterans

Creative Arts Festival. Over the last year Laurel has been invited to visit some local Units to help improve membership and dedication for this great organization and was proud to be able to provide assistance. Also in the last year, she helped develop a 12th District American Legion Riders Unit.

Laurel was a Registered Nurse for 25 years. She is an instructor for the American Red Cross and teaches CPR and first aid. She helps organize local blood drives.

Laurel and Steve have been married for 42 years. They have two sons, two grandsons and are very proud of their family. If elected for 2nd Vice President, Laurel promises to continue to give her dedication, devotion and loyalty to this great organization.

Candidate for Department Historian BONNIE JAKUBCZYK

Bonnie Jakubczyk is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary through the military service of her father Raymond, her husband Dan, and Air Force son Dennis. She is a PUFL member of Oak Creek Unit 434 for 32 years.



Bonnie has held many offices and chairmanships in her unit, county and district. On the Department level she has served on Leadership and as National Convention Page for Department Presidents Gayle Janson and Florence Wasley. Bonnie Jakubczyk is currently serving as Department Chaplain, Zablocki Hospital Representative, and on the Standard Officer Curriculum Training subcommittee. She has attended numerous state and national conventions, fall forums, spring conferences, National Learning and

Listening Conference, Badger Girls State, along with Unit, County, and District events.

Bonnie and Dan have been married for 37 years and have two children. Bonnie is a member of the Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church. She retired from retail in order to volunteer more. Along with her American Legion Auxiliary work, she loves to volunteer for the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

Bonnie is supported by her family and is proudly endorsed by Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Unit 434, Milwaukee County Conference of Units, and the 4th District. Bonnie believes that a Historian should accurately record the accomplishments and significant events that occur on the Department and Unit level.

2013 Department Convention

BOXED LUNCH ORDER FORM

No boxed lunches can be purchased at convention

Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 11:00 am

MILWAUKEE MARRIOTT WEST, WAUKESHA

To utilize time efficiently and accomplish as much Auxiliary business as possible on Saturday, convention attendees have the opportunity to pre-order a boxed lunch for \$7.00. Boxed lunch includes: turkey sandwich, chips, cookie and bottled water and can be picked up in the hotel foyer during the lunch break on Saturday (11:00 am – 12:00 noon).

Attendees may purchase lunch on their own in the Marriott restaurant or any off-site restaurant of their choice; however, convention business will resume promptly at 12:00 noon.

Boxed Lunches are available by advance purchase only until July 1, 2013. No refunds will be made after July 1, 2013.

Name: _____

District _____ Unit: _____

Total Meals Ordered: _____ x \$7 each = Total Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT OF \$7.00 PER BOXED LUNCH BY JULY 1, 2013 TO:

ALA-Wisconsin, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140

Wisconsin National Guard Presents Award

Thanks to the generous contributions of members and units across Wisconsin, the American Legion Auxiliary purchased materials valued at more than \$2,000 to support the Wisconsin National Guard's Month of the Military Child Program, Suicide Prevention Program, and Leadership Summit.

President Diana Sirovina is pictured below with (left to right) Major General Donald Dunbar, Brigadier General Mark Anderson, Brigadier General Gary Ebben, and Brigadier General Scott Legwold as she accepts the award on behalf of the ALA on April 21, 2013 for "outstanding support and contribution to Wisconsin Military Youth."



Candidate for Department Chaplain SUE HEMBROOK

As a candidate for Department Chaplain, the phrase "For God and Country" are more than mere words to Sue Hembrook, they are what guide her life each day. As a strong advocate of the Legion Family, Sue exemplifies the true spirit of "service not self," not only for the Auxiliary but in her personal life as well.

She has been a devoted wife to her husband Gene for 40 years, loving mother of four and doting grandmother of seven, all members of the Legion Family. One of her sons is currently serving in the Air Force Reserves and a son-in-law is on active duty in the US Navy. Although now retired from a management position with Osco Drugs, she has many years of varied business experience. She and her husband are members of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Franklin. Over the years she served on the Parish Council and School Board, in addition to serving as chairwoman of many activities.

Since joining the Harold A. Todd, Jr. Unit 537

11 years ago, Sue has been actively involved. In addition to many offices and chairmanships, she served as President of her unit twice, 4th District President 2011-2013, and Hospital Representative for Kenosha Outreach. She was Vice Chairman of Fall Forum in 2007, Chairman in 2012, State Convention Vice Chairman in 2009 and Chairman of Pages for the 2010 National Convention. She has attended many state and national conventions, Fall Forums, Leadership Workshops, the Learning and Listening Conference in Madison and Mission Training in Minneapolis.

Sue is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary through the military service of her father, Norton Kaiser, WWII Army Veteran and her husband, Eugene, Vietnam Air Force Veteran. She has the proud endorsement of the 4th District and Unit 537, and the support of her entire family. She truly believes in the Legion Family and the idea that "One Nation under God" should be the motto of us all.



Candidate for Department Chaplain LINDA KOSTKA

Linda Kostka's eligibility is through her father, son and husband, Frank. Linda joined Kelly-Johnson Unit 90 in 2002. She enjoys working on activities that help the Legionnaires and attending American Legion Family District conferences and conventions.

Unit 90, Ashland and District 11 have endorsed Linda Kostka for the office of Department Chaplain. A PUFL member of Kelly-Johnson Unit 90 District 11, Linda served as President, Parliamentarian and Chaplain at the unit and district levels. She served on bowling, membership, public relations and fundraising department committees. Linda has attended six national conventions, was Page for Department President Sue Vorwald at Louisville,

National Page at Milwaukee and has attended National workshops.

Linda's community involvement includes membership in Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Red Hat Society and life membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She volunteers with various community organizations to help with their activities. During her husband's twenty years active service in the Air Force she was continually involved in non-Commission Officer spouse activities.

With your support, Linda Kostka looks forward to serving you as Department Chaplain, fulfilling her duties to God and Country as our Auxiliary looks to assist Veterans by celebrating our past and building toward the future.



Candidate for Department Chaplain KELLI MADES

Kelli Mades is a 10-year member of the Roy L. Vingers Unit 52 in La Crosse, eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary through the military service of her grandfather, Mark E. Thomas, a WWII Army Veteran.

She has served the Auxiliary through a variety of offices and chairmanships; as President of Unit 52 and Seventh District, Assistant for Junior Activities program and Public Relations Committee, and currently serving as Field Service Chairman for Department of Wisconsin. One of her most honorable and memorable experiences was serving as Department Page during the 2009 National Convention in Louisville, KY.

Kelli attends the Onalaska Church of Christ, is a licensed Daycare Provider and is attending

UW-L for Business. She volunteers as a member for the Girl Scouts of Badgerland Council, Red Cross - DAT Team, Salvation Army and Coulee Region Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. Kelli was the recipient of the prestigious La Crosse Channel 19 Jefferson Award for Community Service in January 2013.

Kelli has received the endorsement of Unit 52, La Crosse County and Seventh District for the office of Department Chaplain. She has the support of her family, daughter Tiffani, son Greg, and 2 year old granddaughter Haylee; all members of the American Legion Family.

If elected, Kelli pledges to serve the Department of Wisconsin with spiritual leadership, dignity and utmost respect for the office and its members.



Candidate for Department Chaplain CHAR KIESLING

Charlayne Irene Kiesling, "Char" as she is known to her friends and family, is announcing her desire to be your next Department Chaplain. She is presently completing a very busy and successful term as 6th District President. Char has been whole-heartedly endorsed by Neenah Unit #33, Winnebago County Council, and 6th District. Char has been an active Auxiliary member for 25 years and has held all offices in her unit, serving as President many times over the years. She has been Badger Girls State Chairman in her unit for 23 years, Poppy Chairman and organized her unit's Junior members. She is proud to share that her 12 year old granddaughter, Hannah Borree, is the newly elected 6th District Jr. President!

Char has held most offices in her County Council, District Children & Youth, and Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, and served PDP Violet Feldmann as her Sergeant-at-Arms. Char has been deeply committed to membership on all levels, with her unit and 6th District achieving 100% in 2012.

Char has been married to Kent for 46 years,

who was discharged as a Captain from the U.S. Air Force. He is a 43-year member of Post #33 and 38 years in the 40 & 8. She and Kent have two daughters and a son, nine grandkids, and two great-granddaughters. In addition, her daughter-in-law is a Veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan. Char's immediate and extended family is truly an American Legion Family!

Char is a "retired" RN after 43 years, with the last 23 years as a Home Health Care visiting nurse, RN supervisor, Inservice Coordinator, and Director of Nursing. She has always believed that "there is no place like home" for healing the body and soul.

Char is a 30-year member of Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church in Appleton, attends Bible classes regularly and visits shut-ins. Her faith in Jesus and her belief in the aims and purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary will lead her to do only her best to serve her God and organization as your Chaplain. She believes that our relationship with our God opens doors to success in all we do for our Veterans and military. "He is my shield and mighty weapon."



Past Department President Honored at 2013 Department Convention

Janiece Fischer, Department President 1998-1999, will be the honored Past Department President at the 93rd Department Convention in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Please join the American Legion Auxiliary in honoring Janiece at the Past Presidents Parley Luncheon on Friday, July 19th at 12:30 pm at the Milwaukee Marriott West

Blue Project in the area and continued doing it for many years. It is still being held each year over Memorial Day-Patriotic Day.

Janiece has always been extremely active in her community, church and family. Her immediate family includes six children and several grandchildren. She has

contributed many volunteer hours for the American Red Cross, nursing homes, the hospital, food pantry, UWSP Education Center-Tree House, as well as the Tomahawk Historical Society. She has been a very active member for over 40 years at the United Methodist Church.



**Janiece Fischer
1998-1999**

She served at the unit, district, and department levels in many chairmanships, but Americanism and Badger Girls State were her primary interests. Through the Auxiliary, Janiece has made many wonderful friends all over the state. With her unique sense of humor, her outgoing and friendly manner, one can see Janiece truly enjoys life. She has many wonderful memories that will remain with her forever. Let's join her for special recognition at Department Convention.

Janiece Fischer is a 36-year member of ALA Unit 93 in Tomahawk in 11th District. During her presidency, Janiece's theme was "Soar Like an Eagle - Be a Fischer for Veterans" and she selected Children's Miracle Network as her special project. The Department Commander was Roger Mathison.

Janiece earned her Master's Degree at Stevens Point State University and taught elementary education in Wisconsin and Michigan for 34 years. While she was teaching, she began the Red &

**CALENDAR FUNDRAISER WINNERS
APRIL 2013**

1	15.00	06106	Audrey Carpenter	Reedsburg
2	15.00	47468	Reta Kjeseth	New Richmond
3	15.00	24855	Darlene Ericksen	Solon Springs
4	15.00	15389	Elaine Phelps	Burlington
5	15.00	20367	Leticia Wellnitz	Goodman
6	15.00	43490	Hazel Anderson	Westby
7	25.00	46487	Doris Collins	Tomahawk
8	15.00	20676	Doris Kriehn	Franklin
9	15.00	45209	Lois Meshak	Stevens Point
10	15.00	43357	Dorothy Lunde	Westby
11	15.00	29188	Donald Beese	Wausau
12	15.00	39046	Kay Majest	White Lake
13	15.00	26226	John Dzubinski	West Bend
14	25.00	17608	Jack Kruck	Milwaukee
15	500.00	01360	Penny Bastian	Janesville
16	15.00	26817	Jessica Miller	Horicon
17	15.00	21037	Virginia Hughes	West Bend
18	15.00	32043	Elsie Sikowski	Green Bay
19	15.00	24013	Agnes Smieja Larson	Altoona
20	15.00	36692	Peggy Ballard	Stanley
21	25.00	10780	Marge Nachreiner	Sauk City
22	15.00	36029	Lois Hanson	Nelson
23	15.00	10582	Louise Huffman	Richland Center
24	15.00	09121	Helen Biederman	Monona
25	15.00	28412	Rosemary McKinney	Fond du Lac
26	15.00	08760	Jessica Strand	Madison
27	15.00	33119	Robert Holewinski	Pulaski
28	25.00	12174	Laura Calteux	Greenfield
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30	15.00	38281	Gail Nelson	Sparta

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I want to thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers on the passing of my Mother.

- Linda Cason