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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joyce E. Endres
Department
President

When we do the same thing, the same way, with the same people, we get the same results. When we 'Share our Life' and change what we do, in different ways, with different people, it allows us to serve God and Country with a variety of people to encourage new results.

Try something new. Post 360 Waunakee Legionnaires host a 'Sweetheart Dinner' for Unit 360 Auxiliary members. We enjoy an evening filled with flowers, candles, wine, and a delightful meal served by gallant Legionnaires. In

March, Unit members graciously serve Post members a delicious Legion Birthday Dinner topped off with homemade 'birthday pie.' Share fun, events, and projects with the American Legion Family to bring us even closer together in mind and spirit. Believe you can and you're halfway there.

February is Americanism Month. Honor our flag and educate citizens about our flag. The oratorical competition, an Americanism program, focuses on the US Constitution "We the People of the United States of America." Apply these words to TAL family, "We the Members of the American Legion Family." Attend an oratorical competition and be amazed by high school contestants who

share their knowledge, confidence and varied public speaking styles. PDC Leo and I have attended many oratorical competitions, which helps us answer US Constitution questions on Jeopardy!

The February Lincoln Pilgrimage allows The American Legion Family to pay homage to President Abe Lincoln who wrote the Gettysburg Address in 1864. At his inauguration, he stated, "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary and Family share a similar focus, "that our organizations, for God and Country, shall serve five generations of veterans who fought for our freedom -- and these organizations of the veteran, by the veteran and for the veteran, shall not perish from the earth."

"Pass on our Legacy of Volunteerism and Service" so the ALA does not perish from the earth. Twenty years from now many of us will be gone. Renew your commitment to the ALA. Renew your membership and recruit a new

member. If not now, when? Share ideas to find different ways to retain, rejoin and recruit 'service not self' volunteers and members to pass on our legacy. Dedicated members are needed to honor and serve our newest generation of veterans.

Sharing Your Life makes you feel good! Share a Valentine or an act of kindness to boost your self-esteem and morale. It gives you even more reasons to smile. A day without laughter is a day wasted ~ Theodore Roosevelt.

Joyce Endres
Department President

MEMBERSHIP

Laura Calteux
Department
Membership Chairman

Attention all members!

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin achieved the second membership goal of 70% by February 14th and we did it more than a month early! Thank you!!! We are moving towards that 100% goal as a department with ever increasing speed. Your membership team has put together some incentives to help the Department of Wisconsin reach 100% in membership this year. There are multiple incentives at various levels:

For our District Presidents -

\$100 cash award for the district with the highest percentage of 100% units by 6/13/14.

\$100 cash award for the first district to reach 100% by 6/13/14.

For our Units -

\$50 cash awards to the Top 3 Units in membership percentage by 6/13/14.

\$50 cash award for the Unit with the highest percentage of Senior members by 6/13/14.

\$50 cash award for the Unit with the highest percentage of Junior members by 6/13/14.

For our Members -

Ten \$25 cash awards will be drawn at Department Convention for members who recruit a new 2014 senior or junior member for the American Legion Auxiliary.

All entry forms must be received at Department Headquarters by 6/13/14 to be eligible. An entry form is included on page A4 or can be downloaded from the department website (Membership link). Submit an entry form for every new 2014 member you've recruited. There is no limit to how many times you can get your name in the drawing, so sign up those new members for your chance to win \$25!

There will be another incentive announced in the next issue of the Wisconsin, so recruit, renew, and rejoin those members to reach 100% and be proud of your membership in the greatest patriotic women's organization in the world.

Share Your Life, Be Gems of Service and Pass It On!

YOUR TEAM:

Laura Calteux, Chairman

Berne Baer, UD & R

Ruth Mengsol, UD & R

Morgan Johnsen, Junior Member

WORK HARD AND HAVE FUN!

One of President Joyce Endres' goals this year is to work hard and have fun as we Share our Lives to fulfill the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary Luncheon at Midwinter Conference was a true example of Wisconsin members in action doing so! Pictured, back row, left to right: Mary Krutz, Nellie DeBaker, Becky Mueller, Linda Coppock. Front row: Department President Joyce Endres and Central Division National Vice President Donna Ray.

HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEER NURSE

A Volunteer Nurse is needed for the 71st Session of American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) to be held June 15-20, 2014. The nursing staff for ALABGS is looking for a fourth Nurse. A current 2014 Nursing License is required, as is patience and kindness. ALABGS is designed to train future

stateswomen in the science of government. The program has grown to over 725 citizens yearly and continues to be a major project of the Department of Wisconsin's American Legion Auxiliary.

Interested and qualified nurses should contact Head Nurse Laurel DuBois at 715-554-0824 (cell).

SHARE YOUR LIFE

DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
5	12	2	3	6	1
86.11%	84.43%	83.51%	82.16%	80.28%	79.50%

2013-2014

February 2014

SHARE YOUR LEGACY

DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT	DISTRICT
9	10	11	7	8	4
79.34%	79.04%	78.65%	77.39%	77.20%	73.19%

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Char Kiesling
Department Chaplain
Music Chairman
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In February, along with the bitter winds, cold and all that "white stuff" flying around, we think of love and of Valentine's Day to chase away the winter doldrums. Did you know that more than 310,424 valentines were received at VA Medical Centers last year or that 18,770 members of the public and patriotic organizations visited more than 72,000 veterans?!? Send a valentine, a "thank you," visit a veteran, and volunteer to honor our veterans. For all of us, there is no higher calling!

In February we also commemorate the birthdays of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, earthly leaders that were a blessing from God. As President Lincoln so eloquently stated, we need to care for those that "shall have borne the battle."

On the first Sunday in February, the tale of the Four Chaplains was commemorated in Posts and Units across the country with ceremonies and memorial services. Our organizations are nondenominational and nonsectarian. This can't be more evident than when we remember these four inspiring chaplains, of four different faiths, who stood with arms linked, praying and singing hymns as they perished along with 672 men aboard the USAT Dorchester on February 3, 1943. They were an example of faith, courage, selflessness and sacrificial love, reminding us that without God, there is no Country.

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, grant that we appreciate and treasure the freedom that is our gift and our heritage, and that we may never forget the great price at which it was purchased for us all.
 Amen

MUSIC...

enriches our lives, promises love is better than sadness and trust is more profitable than greed. These are things to sing about!

"I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING"

I'd like to build the world a home and furnish it with love.

Grow apple trees and honey bees and snow white turtle doves.

I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.

I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand in hand.

And hear them echo through the hills for peace throughout the land.

Don't think of things you didn't get after PRAYING. Think of the countless BLESSINGS God gave you without ASKING.

MISSION: 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.



GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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National Vice President Donna Ray attended the Auxiliary's Luncheon at Mid-winter Conference and recognized Wisconsin for being in fourth place in the nation. She also congratulated Wisconsin for reaching national's second milestone of 70% by Valentine's Day. At the current pace memberships are being submitted to Department, we should reach the third milestone of 85% long before the May 17th Armed Forces Day objective.

Units are reminded that they should forward dues to Department when they are received. Any members whose dues were not processed by Department as of January 31st are delinquent and their membership benefits and privileges have been suspended. As the saying goes, the job isn't done until the paperwork is complete – please send the paperwork to Department!

National Headquarters mailed renewal notices on January 15th. If you feel you received a notice in error, please verify

with your Unit Membership Chairman that your dues were forwarded to Department. Two years ago a Unit forgot to forward a member's dues. Unfortunately, when that member passed away, her dues were not current so the family was unable to hold an Auxiliary service or place the Auxiliary emblem on her grave marker to honor her 30+ years of membership.

Auxiliary scholarship applications are posted on the department website and must be submitted to Education Chairman Sue Hembrook by March 15th for consideration. Encourage qualified students – unit members, friends, family and neighbors – to apply for these scholarships.

Auxiliary members are also encouraged to take advantage of the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund which offers interest-free loans of \$800 per year for up to five years while attending college. Interested members should contact Chairman Violet Feldmann for an application or more information.

Unit Annual Reports are due to District Presidents by April 15th. These reports are the best tools for the American

Legion Auxiliary to be recognized for all the wonderful things we do throughout the year. Every Unit does something – from distributing poppies to hosting a charity bake sale. Members should be proud of their service and ensure the unit president reports it. President Joyce Endres will review the Narrative Reports, which are due to Department Headquarters by May 1st, to select Units for recognition at Department Convention.

Members are encouraged to attend district spring conferences to learn more about the Auxiliary and thank the district officers for all their hard work. The conference schedule is listed on page A3 and posted on the department website.

ALA Badger Girls State still has space available. Check out their website (www.badgergirlsstate.org) for up-to-date information on the 2014 session and submit your unit reservation form if you have not already done so.

Units that wish to have their deceased members listed in the 2014 Convention Memorial Book must submit Member Data Forms to Department by May 1st.



EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Sue Hembrook
Department Education Chairman
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The time for applying for scholarships is quickly approaching. Education is important to the young adults of today and it is a privilege to be able to offer them some assistance in their endeavors. I urge each and every one of you who may be interested in applying for an American Legion Auxiliary scholarship to do so or

to pass the information along to other eligible applicants. Do not forget to follow the criteria carefully so that applications are not rejected. Please review the applications for accuracy before submitting them. I have already received many calls and emails and am here to assist you in any way necessary.

If at all possible, I would like to urge units to offer their own scholarships. It is an honor to be able to help someone in fulfilling their dreams. It may only be a

small amount that can be afforded by the unit, but it will make a difference. Higher education is costly and any amount of assistance is appreciated by the students.

I would also like to remind units to apply for the Unit Education Awards. Look for them on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org). Citations will be given to every unit participating in the program.

I look forward to receiving an abundance of scholarship applications!



FIELD SERVICE

Kelli Mades
Field Service Chairman
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What we do for our veterans:

- We laugh
- We cry
- We help
- We care
- We hold their hands
- But most importantly – we are there for them!

Each and every one of us is needed in some small way. Field Service is so important to our organization we have been

doing it since 1918 during World War I. The Field Service Program is service by volunteers on a one-to-one basis to a veteran and/or his widow that reside in halfway houses, nursing homes, day care centers, county homes, private hospitals or the veteran's own home.

All senior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, junior members from age 7-18, Sons of the American Legion over 15 years of age, Legionnaires and non-affiliated volunteers recruited by the American Legion Auxiliary are eligible to become Field Service Volunteers upon

satisfactory completion of the Orientation Course.

Everyone should keep a journal of the Field Service activities that they do. These hours and expenses should then be reported to your Unit VA&R Chairman or the person responsible for filling out the unit's annual reports. The Field Service Chairman will keep track of these hours for the volunteers. Certificates are available after the completion of hours and an award will be presented to the volunteer serving the greatest number of hours between April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014.



HOME SERVICE

Shirley Krier
Home Service Chairman
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Home Service is a program in which every American Legion Auxiliary member can participate. Home-bound members are particularly important to the Home Service Program. Volunteers work in their own homes to knit, crochet, sew or bake for veterans living in nursing homes, VA Medical Centers, assisted living facilities, or still live on their own.

Junior members and non-affiliated members can also volunteer in this program.

They can make tray favors for hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living homes. Other necessary items that can be made include greeting cards, wheelchair bags and lap robes. Please contact the hospital representative at the VA hospital nearest you to see what their particular needs are. Patterns are available on the department website (www.amlegionauxwi.org) under the VA&R Program tab.

All Home Service volunteers should keep track of their hours on individual tally sheets. These sheets are to be turned in to your Unit President for her to compile the totals for her year-end report. Volunteers

may qualify for a Home Service Pin or a bar for hours worked this year, but I need to have a report of the hours to process the awards. Hours are cumulative, so volunteers should keep track of their hours and report them to the Home Service Chairman annually.

I would like to hear what projects you are doing for our veterans and how you get your junior members involved. Anything you do will make our veterans know they are being remembered. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Keep up the great work!

Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls



Commandant Mark Wilson and Department President Joyce Endres

Department President Joyce Endres was pleased to present a check for \$500 to Commandant Mark Wilson during the official visit to the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls. This gift was possible thanks to the generous donations of Auxiliary

members across the state and will be used to benefit members at the Veterans Home.

WVH Chippewa Falls has been keeping their 72-bed facility filled to capacity since they opened their doors in February 2013.

*Thank You
For Your
Thoughtfulness*

It's difficult to express how very grateful I am for my American Legion and Auxiliary family. Your notes and cards expressing condolences on my twin sister's death were very deeply appreciated. Knowing that friends care helps one through the dark and painful days. Thanks for your generosity and support. I will treasure her memory and your kindness.

*Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan,
Past National President,
2007/08*

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
PRESIDENT JOYCE E. ENDRES
extends you a most cordial invitation
to attend her
TESTIMONIAL OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, March 29, 2014
at The East Side Club of Madison
3735 Monona Drive • Madison, WI 53714
www.escmadison.com
Open House from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Program at 2:30 p.m.
Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar
NAMES ATTENDING:

Please reply before March 14, 2014
\$12.00 per person
Make checks payable to Joyce E. Endres
Send reservation to: Joyce E. Endres
1147 Fleetwood Ave, Madison WI, 53716-1417

ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE WEBSITE

Visit the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State website
www.BadgerGirlsState.org

for current information on orientations, registration, and other details regarding the 2014 ALA Badger Girls State Session.

2014 DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCES

Dist	Date	Location	Registration Time/Fee	Luncheon Cost	Check payable to:	Send check to:	Contact Person	Deadline
#1	4/12/14	Union Grove Post 171 1027 New St., Union Grove	8:00-9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$15.00	ALA Unit 171	Marcie Perez 1401 11 th Ave. trlr #52 Union Grove, WI 53182	Marcie Perez: 262-878-1659 Chris Ertl: 414-461-4012	4/1/14
#2	4/26/14	Grafton Post 355 1540 13 th Ave., Grafton	8:00-8:55 am Fee: \$2.00	\$10.00	Ozaukee County ALA	Judy Kuta 1742 11 th Avenue Grafton, WI 53024	Judy Kuta: 262-377-8613 Linda Faas: 262-375-1833	4/18/14
#3	4/12/14	Richland Community Center 1050 N. Orange St., R C	8:00-9:00 am Fee: \$3.00	\$7.00	ALA Unit 13	Sheila Melby 358 N Central Ave. Richland Ctr, WI 53581	Cheryl McNurlin: 608-585-4022(h) 608-604-4871(c) cjm@gmail.com	4/4/14
#4	5/3/14	Franklin Public Library 9151 W Loomis Rd., Franklin	10:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$15.00	Bonnie Jakubczyk	Bonnie Jakubczyk 7441 S. Logan Ave. Oak Creek, WI 53154	Bonnie Jakubczyk: 414-764-6752	4/18/14
#5	NO CONFERENCE							
#6	4/5/14	Winneconne Post 364 536 W. Main St. Winneconne	8:00 am Fee & Lunch: \$12.00	Included in Fee	ALA Unit 364	Sandra Hinkle 8403 County Road B Winneconne, WI 54986	Beth Puddy: 920-948-7930 jbpuddy@charter.net	3/29/14
#7	3/22/14	Wonewoc Post 206 108 Center St., Wonewoc	8:00-9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$8.00	ALA Unit 206	Marianne Lesko E1209 Alpine Rd LaValle, WI 53941	Marianne Lesko: 608-464-7668	3/15/14
#8	4/26/14	St. John Lutheran Church 502 Cedar St., Tigerton	8:00-9:00 am Fee: \$3.00	\$12.00	ALA Unit 239	Virginia Kauffman 115 High Street Tigerton, WI 54486	Virginia Kauffman: 715-535-2561 (h) 715-853-9023 (c)	4/15/14
#9	4/26/14	Pulaski Post 337 State Hwy 32, Pulaski, WI	8:00 am	\$12.00	ALA Unit 337	Sue Winter N4135 State Hwy 32 Krakow, WI 54137	Sue Winter Ph: 920-899-3680	4/18/14
#10	4/26/14	St. John's Lutheran Church 709 S 2 nd Street, Alma	8:00-9:00 am Fee: \$3.00	\$7.00	Alma Unit 224	Janet Michaels W1003 Oak Valley Rd. Fountain City, WI 54629	Janet Michaels: 608-687-9435	4/10/14
#11	4/12/14	Park Falls Post 182	INFORMATION TO BE DETERMINED					
#12	5/31/14	Webster Community Center 7421 Main St. W, Webster	9:00 am Fee: \$2.00	\$7.00	ALA Unit 96	Paula Smith 7324 Main St. E #33 Webster, WI 54893	Paula Smith: 715-791-8096 (c) 715-866-4493 (h)	4/30/14

Welcome Home Sergeant Nicholas Klauer!

Sgt. Nicholas Klauer arrived home to the joy and excitement of his family on Christmas Eve after a 7-month deployment to FOB Walton in Afghanistan with the 372nd Engineering Company of Pewaukee. Let's pray that all of our ser- vice men and women re- turn safely to their fami- lies in the year ahead.



Pictured (center): Katrina & Sgt Nicholas Klauer with their children Isaac, Noah, Adam and Gabriel (all of Madison). To the left are Nick's parents, Kim and Linda Klauer of Cassville, WI. To the right are Nick's brother and family, Christopher and Mary and their children Troy, Rylee and Weston of Belmont, WI. In the back are Nick's mother-in-law, 3rd District President Joanie Dickerson and her children, Kody and Kory.

American Legion Auxiliary 2014 New Member Incentive



10 Lucky Winners from all entries received by June 13, 2014 will be chosen at random to win \$25.00 at the ALA Department Convention

Submit a separate entry for every new 2014 American Legion Auxiliary Junior or Senior member recruited. Only one name per form.

Submit this completed form by June 13, 2014 to:
ALA Wisconsin • P.O. Box 140, Portage WI, 53901

Recruiter: _____ Unit #: _____ Dist. #: _____

Recruiter Address: _____

City: _____ State/ Zip: _____

New Member Name: _____

Do Not Collect Items for The Christmas Gift Shop for 2014

The Christmas Gift Shop at Zablocki VA is expected to move during the coming months and storage space will be extremely limited. Financial dona- tions will be used to purchase items as needed and eliminate storage issues. Checks should be made payable to ALA-WI and mailed to Department Headquarters. Please note "Christmas Gift Shop" on the memo line.



CALENDAR FUNDRAISER WINNERS



DECEMBER 2013



1	25.00	20100	Juanita Sessner	Delavan
2	15.00	01567	Patricia Lindsten	Oconto
3	15.00	29632	Shirley Hirsch	Mosinee
4	15.00	08957	Dolly Shiveler	Madison
5	15.00	52878	Joanne Abendroth	Winneconne
6	15.00	43625	Betty Blaha	Ettrick
7	500.00	00075	Debra Nerdrum	Eau Claire
8	25.00	31443	Hazel Schmidt	Camp Douglas
9	15.00	14722	Tamatha McDonald	Mukwonago
10	15.00	11214	Pearl Shumway	Edgerton
11	15.00	09387	Helen Mueller	Portage
12	15.00	36256	Charlene DeBruin	Boyd
13	15.00	38187	Sally Granum	Holmen
14	15.00	31125	Charlotte Skaar	Hixton
15	25.00	03148	Marge Milkowski	Stevens Point
16	15.00	34752	Marion Oudenhoven	Kimberly
17	15.00	13990	Jean Wittwer	Mt Horeb
18	15.00	01874	Char Kiesling	Neenah
19	15.00	08194	Marilou Nemitz	Lancaster
20	15.00	05181	Dianne Lawry	Elroy
21	15.00	18037	Barb Berres	Sturtevant
22	25.00	27657	Vivian Burr	Eau Claire
23	15.00	42166	Michelle Runge	Bonduel
24	15.00	09550	Delores Brost	Beaver Dam
25	15.00	31916	Gert Collier	Tony
26	15.00	21431	Karen Klunck	Sheboygan
27	15.00	10499	Virginia Meise	Plain
28	15.00	44674	Kathryn Ring	Minocqua
29	25.00	38921	Judith Hanson	Onalaska
30	15.00	36795	Deborah Thompson	Nelson
31	15.00	21903	Connie Kolpin	Plymouth

JANUARY 2014

1	500.00	35759	Margie Western	Suring
2	15.00	25559	Dorothy Nomady	Jacksonville IL
3	15.00	08540	Karen Martin	Montello
4	15.00	45767	Jane Endres	Sparta
5	25.00	00218	Jeffrey Benishek	Milwaukee
6	15.00	44880	Lindsay Bishop	Ettrick
7	15.00	01197	Nancy Nelsen	New Lisbon
8	15.00	20590	Doris Eastman	Footville
9	15.00	30158	Jackie Repogle	Waupaca
10	15.00	40432	Anita Mock	Nelson
11	15.00	32527	Pearl VanEperen	Little Chute
12	25.00	47392	Lois Maurer	Marshfield
13	15.00	30747	Evelyn Verkuilen	Neenah
14	15.00	09844	Karen Matters	Eagle
15	15.00	27720	Maxine Redemann	Fremont
16	15.00	27766	Shirley Williams	Green Lake
17	15.00	37430	William Arndt, Jr	Deer Park
18	15.00	08819	Erin Bussian	Columbus
19	25.00	02272	Jeanne Waldschmidt-Plautz	Campbellsport
20	15.00	36068	Wrightstown Unit #436	Wrightstown
21	15.00	14634	Lois Rehse	Horicon
22	15.00	38520	Ethel Glampe	St Croix Falls
23	15.00	07073	Martha Straub	Shorewood
24	15.00	06373	Diana Sirovina	Milwaukee
25	15.00	10054	Julie Brovold	Darien
26	25.00	04436	Sarah Grutzik	Pittsville
27	15.00	29614	Lori Baldwin	Mason
28	15.00	08434	Connie Thomas	Markesan
29	15.00	18942	Gloria Williams	Sun Prairie
30	15.00	35623	Tony & Cindy Carter	Gulfport FL
31	15.00	04289	Patricia Hargot	Withee

Checks not cashed within 90 days will be voided without prior notification. After 90 days, call our office at (608) 745-0124. Monday-Friday, 8:00 am. - 4:30 pm.