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**\*\*Leaves are falling.** October is calling 11<sup>th</sup> District ALA members to continue the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary with positive mindset, pumpkin and spice, and everything nice! Hopefully, several of you attended an “ALA in the Know” and were inspired to try something new for your Unit activities. I’m waiting patiently for news and pictures from your Unit to report in this newsletter and/or to add to the District Trifold Display Board that I am readying for the 2025 Department Convention. Which will be the first Unit to send me something? There will be special recognition at our Fall Conference for Units that send a picture or article. Has your Unit been working on a Unit Trifold Board? Crunchy leaves and cozy sleeves, re-energize with autumn’s magic breeze!

**\*\*Membership:** Congratulations Odanah!...first Unit in 11<sup>th</sup> District to reach 100% for 2025 membership. Way to Go, Land O Lakes! ... for reaching 154.55% membership for the new year. Can any other Unit in the state beat that percentage? The next Unit “Checking our Pulse Award” will be reaching 85% by October 15<sup>th</sup>. A couple Units are very close to reaching 85% and being eligible for that award. Good Luck! Let’s all strive to be at or above **100% by January 2025**. We can do this!

**\*\*Fall Conference:** The District Conference is less than three weeks away. The deadline for the RSVP is fast approaching. The host Post/Auxiliary in Kennan needs that RSVP, so as to order and prepare the correct amount of food. Payment may be made on the day of the Conference, but the count is needed **now**. There will be an additional \$5. charge for failure to RSVP by October 12<sup>th</sup>. See the details on page two of this newsletter.

**\*\*Veterans Day:** A wonderful opportunity to honor our heroes...our Veterans. Please share pictures and reports of this special day with me via email (see above). Put pictures on your Unit’s Trifold Board, too. Be sure your community is aware of Veterans Day programs both before and after the events. Work together as The American Legion family....Post, SAL, Auxiliary, Riders. Get into the local schools to educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism. Consider donating Veterans Day books to school or classroom libraries and your community library. Don’t forget to wear ALA branded clothing and let everyone know who we are and why we do what we do. Be sure to remember the Veterans in your local care facilities. Make cards or tray favors for them. Thank You for celebrating this special day in special ways!

**\*\*2025 Midwinter Conference:** January 16-19, 2025, Hilton Paper Valley, Appleton, WI. The American Legion Auxiliary is planning a session for The American Legion’s Midwinter Conference on Saturday, **January 18, 2025**, at the Hilton Paper Valley, Appleton. There will be workshops/breakouts for Leadership and Reporting, service projects and a collection of hygiene products for our Veteran homes. We may be doing tie blankets again (that was really fun last year), tray favors, and other craft projects. There will be a speaker from the UW-Madison MIA/POW Recovery and Identification Project. Junior members will do a presentation, and past ALA Badger girls will share experiences, too. Midwinter registration is \$25 prior to January 2, 2025, and \$30 after that. Check the Department website for the October Unit Mailing which gives the registration information. Join this winter fun! Carpool with other ALA members. See you in Appleton in January.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
Department of Wisconsin  
**District Eleven Fall Conference**



**Date:** October 26, 2024      Registration & Refreshments: 8:30–9:30 AM      Fee: \$3

**Where:** St. Paul's Catholic Church, Catawba, WI. W9485 State Hwy 8, Catawba

**Hosted by:** Unit 362 Kennan

**Lunch:** Legionnaires will join the Auxiliary at the Church at noon.

Meal will be provided by Ape Hanger's Saloon and consist of pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and bottled water for \$12.

Please RSVP to ensure food amount for cooks to prepare. Those who do not RSVP will be charged an additional \$5.00. Payment may be made on day of Conference.

**RSVP to American Legion Post 362 Commander, Rosanna Bogle at 608-387-2670 or [Rosanna.bogle@outlook.com](mailto:Rosanna.bogle@outlook.com) by Saturday, October 12, 2024.**

**Basket Raffle:** Each Unit is asked to donate a basket for our District fundraiser. Be creative! Your basket may be any theme of your choice. Some ideas are: Fall, Halloween, Wine & Cheese, Tools for Guys, Movie Night, etc. etc. etc. It's always fun to see what everyone brings. Consider listing all items in the basket, so people know what's included. Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5. or 25 for \$20.

**Drawing will be held following lunch.**

**District Dues:** Each Unit Treasurer is asked to be prepared with a check to pay your Unit's District dues to our District Treasurer. The amount is fifty cents (\$0.50) per member based on your 2024 membership total. By taking care of this matter at the Fall Conference, the District will be spared the expense of mailing out the invoices. Thanks!

**Guest Speaker:** PDP Teresa Isensee, Department Leadership Chm.

Teresa and members of her team will educate us on the importance of leadership.

**Program Reports:** Each District Program Chairman will give a brief 3-4 minute report and answer any questions you may have on Auxiliary programs.

**Unit Reports:** Each Unit President or representative will briefly share Unit highlights.

**FUN, SONGS, & GAMES:** Everyone is invited to join in the fun as we learn and share love from the depths of our hearts.

**Halloween Socks:** Wear Halloween Socks and be eligible for a fun prize!