



# 8<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter



## President's Message

Hello Everyone!

I still plan on making visits to Units as weather permits.

Reminder, you can start sending in your 2024 membership dues in September. The membership theme for the 2023-2024 Auxiliary year is "Grow our Membership, Poppy up for a Veteran!" The National membership theme has been updated. It is now the "Great Membership Race!"

Unit Presidents, a friendly reminder, please send in your 2023-2024 Unit Officers Form to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. This form should be completed and returned even if your officers haven't changed for the new Auxiliary year. Thank you to everyone that has already submitted this form. I have received several updated forms from Department. In order to win any membership awards, you need to have your updated form in to Department.

Mark your calendars. The Fall District Conference is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> and is being held in Wisconsin Rapids at Mid-State Technical College (500 32<sup>nd</sup> Street North). Registration begins at 8:00am with the conference starting at 9:00am. The registration form is included with this newsletter. The cost to attend is \$30 per member. Registration is due to American Legion Post 9 by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Units should be prepared to present a report during the conference. I am asking the focus of your report be on how you worked the Auxiliary programs since the Spring District Conference.

I am still looking for District Program Chairs for the openings listed in the box below. Please let me know if you are interested in one of them. My contact information is at the top of the newsletter.

A reminder to all Units, if any Unit has any upcoming events that they would like included in this newsletter, please let me know!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email.  
Thank you for all you do!  
Linda Tryczak

### 8<sup>th</sup> District Officers

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Fran Bender

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Treasurer: Sarah Stiff

Chaplain: Ruth Henkelman

Historian: Penny Peeters

Parliamentarian: Diane Kranig

### 8<sup>th</sup> District Conference October 28<sup>th</sup>

Location: Mid-State Technical College  
500 32<sup>nd</sup> Street North

Registration starts 8:00am  
Conference starts at 9:00am

## **Unit Updates – New London Unit 263**

Unit 263 of New London is hosting their Blood Drive on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 5:00pm, at their Legion. The flyer for the event is included with this newsletter if you are interested in participating.

The Unit is also having their Pancake Breakfast on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00pm – 12:00pm, at their Legion. Additional details to follow next month.

### **Program Chairman**

Legislative: OPEN

Juniors: OPEN

VA&R: OPEN

Americanism: OPEN

Membership: Fran Bender

Children & Youth: OPEN

Please let me know if interested in any of these open positions.

### **Attachments**

8<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference Registration Form  
Blood Drive Flyer for New London Unit 263

### **Upcoming Events / Dates**

September 30 – ALA in the Know – River Falls

October 28 – 8<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference – Mid-State  
Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids



**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**8<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

Mid-State Technical College, 500 32nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

*8<sup>th</sup> District President Linda Jryczak and area Units request your attendance at the Fall Conference to conduct 8<sup>th</sup> District business.*

This will be a joint conference with the Legion.

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with refreshments; conference begins at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch menu is chicken, ham, potatoes, carrots, salad, dessert, coffee, milk.

**Registration Form**

Conference cost is **\$30.00** per person for early registration (by October 14, 2023); **\$35.00** after 10/14.

Checks should be made out to: *American Legion Post 9*

Names of Members attending: *(please print legibly)*


# attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 / \$35 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed. Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Post 9, 4132 16 th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**



**American  
Red Cross**



# **NEW LONDON BLOOD DRIVE**



**Friday, October 13, 2023**

**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Legion Hall, 840 E. North Water St. New London**

→ *Free Health Screening, Light Lunch, Treats!* 😊

♥♥ *Hosted by American Legion & Auxiliary* ♥♥

***To schedule an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)***



***To save time, please complete Rapid Pass day of appointment!***

Masks are optional, social distancing as needed, **WALK-INS are Welcome!**

◇ *5 Million have downloaded the free Blood Donor App!* ◇

***Questions? Contact Marla Knuettel, 920-538-2186***

***Future dates: December 15, 2023 and February 9/April 12, 2024***