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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**LAUREL DuBOIS**  
Department  
President

Happy New Year everyone! It is 2017, the days are getting longer, and I am looking forward to a great year. I hope you all had a happy holiday season and did not gain too much weight tasting the cookies and fudge to make sure it was just right. Yum... Now is the time for us to be thankful for all the friends we have and recommit to sharing our love of the American Legion Auxiliary. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization and we need to reconnect with those new members in our unit. We all like to have someone say, "Hello, how are you doing?" Is there something the Auxiliary can do

to help you or a loved one? It is nice to know that someone cares enough to call. Caring for own members is an important part of the American Legion Auxiliary. This past December I was busy visiting five different veterans facilities. I visited the Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan; the Veterans Home at King; the Middleton Memorial VA in Madison; the Veterans Home in Union Grove; and Minneapolis VA Health Care System. We also visited the Dayton Residential Facility for homeless veterans in Kenosha. It was inspiring to see the care the staff provides for our veterans and to see and hear how the hospital administrators are continuously working to upgrade and improve the quality of care in their facilities.

On another note, every week the Auxiliary receives requests for financial help from female veterans through the "Homeless Women Veterans Program." This program is always in need of financial help. Because of your generous contributions, we have the funds to provide grants to female veterans that are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Your financial support is only one aspect of this program. You can volunteer at homeless veterans stand down events, where veterans receive free goods and services, medical exams, and meals. Raise funds along with your Post to help fund the Family Support Network for veterans at risk of losing their housing. Volunteer at a homeless veterans' emergency shelter, find out what they need and work to provide it, such as

clothing or household items. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and keep doing the great things that you are doing for our veterans, their families, and our communities. I get such a warm feeling knowing we are making our fellow veterans' lives better.

Thank you all for being members of the American Legion Auxiliary. You do make a big difference in so many ways. Together we will continue to "Soar for our veterans." Remember to say "Hello." God Bless you all for your support.

*God Bless*



## MEMBERSHIP

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HAPPY NEW YEAR from your membership team!! As you are reading this, the holidays have flown by so very fast after all our Christmas preparations. Now we have gifts to exchange, thank you cards to write, and the job I dislike the most, taking down the tree and decorations. I hope you were able to join your loved ones and had an opportunity to share with the less fortunate, especially our veterans and military families, and were involved in community holiday events for others.

Maybe you were able to involve your new members and recruited their help in your holiday projects and programs. What a wonderful way for them to feel involved in making a difference. A member who feels appreciated will always do more than is expected.

At the mid-way point of our membership year I would like to thank the wonderful mentoring of our leadership from all over the department, including the amazing office staff. They have led, organized, and advised members in recruiting, rejoining, renewing, and encouraging.

The department's twelve district presidents have really done an awesome job but have only just begun and they have more work ahead. They have been pushing membership but can only do so much. Please support them by finding members, getting your unit's renewals to Department as soon as possible. DON'T HOLD MEMBERSHIPS is an appropriate battle cry! All are asking their units to make membership everyone's job, not just the membership chairman's.

I am asking each member to either RECRUIT 1 member or RE-NEW 1 member and then get on

a calling list, or go to a member's door and just say "HELLO" and then "ASK." Do they need help? Share how their dues support our mission at the local, state, and national levels and that they can make a difference.

Let's ring in the New Year with MEMBERSHIP! In January we need to praise our units and members for their successes and continue to encourage them to serve our veterans, military, and their families. We are awarding our high-flying Eagles with in-

dividual awards as well as unit awards. There were six FEARLESS EAGLE unit awards drawn for 100% in membership on November 11th and a drawing for VISIONARY EAGLES at 102% of membership by December 31st. More drawings will be held so keep working! The incentives were increased this year so I hope this will spur on your units.

I know we can do it. The Department of Wisconsin is currently number 3 in the Nation! Let's celebrate and let this encourage

us to work even harder. Keep our EAGLES SOARING and we will reach our goal. As President Laurel has said, "Just say hello and they will come!!"

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## SAVE THE DATE

Dates and locations for the 2017 ALA in the Know: Important Information for Every Member have been set. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the following one-day conferences:

9/23 = Brookfield	9/30 = Sparta
9/23 = Oconto Falls	10/7 = Green Lake
9/30 = Mayville	10/7 = Rice Lake

The agenda is still being developed based on feedback from those who attended the 2016 ALA in the Know conferences – watch for details in the months ahead. Hope to see you there!

## KEEP MEMBERSHIP SOARING • DECEMBER 2016 • 60.90%

DISTRICT 11  
56.65%

DISTRICT 1  
57.85%

DISTRICT 3  
61.94%

DISTRICT 12  
62.63%

DISTRICT 2  
64.62%

DISTRICT 5  
88.78%

DISTRICT 4  
51.64%

DISTRICT 7  
57.83%

DISTRICT 8  
58.99%

DISTRICT 6  
62.60%

DISTRICT 10  
63.32%

DISTRICT 9  
64.73%



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's a new year, a new beginning. Tweak the old, test the new. And, time for those resolutions we don't like to keep!

When I was thinking about this column, making and keeping resolutions quickly jumped into mind. It's that time of the year, what else is there to think about? I despise making resolutions, and I am the first to admit, I will not commit. Sometimes the things I find the most difficult to do are the things I avoid the most. Unless I'm challenged, then game on! I have a feeling I am not alone on that. However, this year, I am going to make a concerted effort to do more than I have in the past and really try, if not physically then mentally, to be more available to help our veterans, their families and our communities. Who is with me on this? I am praying we all can make a resolution to maintain veterans' needs front and foremost in our plans for the New Year. In keeping with President Laurel's theme, "Soar for our Veterans," I believe this is a resolution we all can fly with...

Dear Lord, Watch over us in this New Year as we proceed into new adventures in our lives. With your guidance and love, help us see and hear the needs of others. Always place us, at that right moment, to offer support without being asked. Keep us honest and trust worthy. Watch over us as we care for our veterans, our friends and our families. Give us the strength to keep the resolutions we make. Give us wings to "Soar for our Veterans." In your name we pray. Amen

### "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" Poem By: Julia Ward Howe

*Mine eyes have seen the glory  
 Of the coming of the Lord  
 He is trampling out the vintage  
 Where the grapes of wrath are stored  
 He has loosed the fateful lightning  
 Of His terrible swift sword  
 His truth is marching on*

*I have seen him in the watch-fires  
 Of a hundred circling camps  
 They have builded him an altar  
 In the evening dews and damps  
 I have read his righteous sentence  
 By the dim and flaring lamps  
 His day is marching on*

*I have read a fiery gospel  
 Writ in burnish'd rows of steel  
 As ye deal with my contemptors  
 So with you my grace shall deal  
 Let the hero, born of woman  
 Crush the serpent with his heel  
 Since my God is marching on*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet  
 That shall never call retreat  
 He is sifting out the hearts of men  
 Before His judgment-seat  
 Oh, be swift, my soul  
 To answer him be jubilant, my feet  
 Our God is marching on*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ  
 Was Born across the sea,  
 With a glory in His bosom  
 that transfigures you and me:  
 As he died to make men holy,  
 let us die to make men free,  
 While God is marching on.*

## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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The American Legion Auxiliary headquarters staff wishes everyone a very happy and healthy 2017. Maybe this will be the year your resolutions all come true!

On January 15th, the national organization will mail final renewal notices to anyone whose 2017 dues were not submitted to department headquarters by November 23rd. If you receive a notice but think your dues were paid, please verify with your Unit Membership Chairman that she forwarded the payment to headquarters. Members who have not paid their 2017 dues should submit them as soon as possible either through their unit, department headquarters, or online at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org). Online dues are processed by the national organization and require a member log-in ID so any questions or concerns regarding online access should be directed to national staff at (317) 569-4500 or [alahq@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:alahq@ALAforVeterans.org). Members whose dues are not received and processed by department or paid online by January 31st are delinquent.

Every month, except July and Decem-

ber, program information is sent to Unit Presidents from department headquarters to be shared with members at their unit meetings. Members who are unable to attend a meeting can also access this important information from the department website under the Unit Mailings tab.

Do you know anyone graduating high school who may be interested in attending college? The American Legion Auxiliary offers more than \$25,000 in scholarships at the state and national levels. Encourage potential college students to apply for one today! Scholarship applications are posted on the department website ([www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)), must be signed by a sponsoring unit president, and mailed to Education Chairman Mary Krutz by March 15, 2017. Unit presidents should carefully review the applications they receive to ensure they are complete before certifying and forwarding them for consideration. Hopefully the unit president's review will reduce the number of applications that are disqualified for failing to follow the rules. Still have questions? Please contact Mary Krutz at (h) 920-465-9917 or [wkrutz@new.rr.com](mailto:wkrutz@new.rr.com).

Unit Year-End Reports were mailed in December and are due by April 15th. The Unit Impact Report is a numeric report that details direct support to our

veterans, the military and their families and is presented to Congress demonstrating the impact the American Legion Auxiliary provides. The Unit Narrative Report allows units to describe in detail the various activities they accomplished through the year and are used by the department chairmen in writing their annual reports for the national organization. President Laurel DuBois will also review the narrative reports to select units for recognition at department convention. Don't miss this opportunity to be "loud and proud" about all the activities you are involved in. You can only be recognized for your efforts if you report them!

ALA Badger Girls State (ALABGS) is scheduled for June 18-23, 2017. Units sponsoring girls for ALABGS must submit their reservation fees by January 29, 2017. Check out the Girls State website ([www.badgergirlsstate.org](http://www.badgergirlsstate.org)) for the latest information on the upcoming session and for orientations in your area as they are scheduled.

Units and Posts that have not submitted a Poppy Order for 2017, should do so as soon as possible. If you placed an order last year but didn't send your 20% poppy profit report to department, your order will be delayed until this is reported.

## AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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The holidays are over and throughout the state, units have assisted the less fortunate in countless ways. But there are times that the local unit does not have the funds to cover the items needed. This might include rent, fuel, food, clothing and the list goes on, depending on the circumstances, not including accumulated debt.

Any member of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues have been paid for the past two years, as well as the current year (three years paid), is eligible to apply to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund for assistance. The application is available from the unit or department head-

quarters. The completed application is processed by the unit, where the President and Secretary complete a portion of it, then it is forwarded to the Department Secretary. After verifying the member's eligibility, the application is submitted to the National Grant Committee. Following their review, awards are granted up to a maximum of \$2,400.

This is all completed in a very timely manner and kept in the strictest confidence by everyone involved.

This fund was established through a bequest of a member from Burlington, which has long since been depleted. It has been able to continue solely through donations of individuals and units. A member donating \$50 or more will receive a pin and citation at Department Convention. Units contributing \$300 or

more will receive a citation.

Numerous fundraising ideas have been suggested and each unit can participate according to its own capabilities. One of the presenters at an "ALA in the Know" conference suggested bringing an empty 12-16 ounce drink bottle to meetings for members to fill with dimes to be donated to the fund. Any other fundraising ideas are certainly encouraged.

This chairman challenges all districts and units, and will make a personal donation of \$10 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund in the name of each District and Unit making the largest donation to the fund.

Donations thus far this year total \$3,531. Let's make \$7,000 our goal. We are The American Legion Family and family takes care of each other. Please be generous!

## LEGISLATIVE

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The Legislative process never sleeps! Every day we need to think about what is at the forefront of The American Legion agenda and then keep our legislators informed and working for our veterans and our military.

There are many ways for you to find out what is most important on The American Legion agenda.

1. Go to [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative).

This is the Legion's Legislative Center.

a. Sign up for the e newsletter

b. Scroll to the bottom of the page, where you will find many areas to get information, point papers, priority sheets, letters of support and Legislative Testimony information.

2. Go to Wisconsin ALA Legislative Group on Facebook to keep updated.

3. Go to [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org), then to Programs and click on the Legislative POA link for information on how to run your Legislative program and other ways to get information.

4. Go to [www.ALAforveterans.org](http://www.ALAforveterans.org), where you can get the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide and How To Sheets.

Now that you know how to get informa-

tion and know what is most important on The American Legion agenda, keep track of everything that you do and the contacts that you make with your Representatives and Senators, both on the state and federal levels. And with the information that you are keeping track of, you need to send me a year-end report by May 1, 2017. You can also do a narrative report on your unit's activities throughout the year. You need to use the Award Cover sheet that is found in the POA. Include pictures and newspaper articles too. This award entry needs to be in my hands by May 15, 2017, so don't procrastinate – start writing that report now!



**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.



# AMERICANISM

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There have been a few questions regarding the title of this year's Americanism Essay Contest, "How does learning about government and our America help you become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?"

With support and encouragement from teachers, parents and the American Legion Auxiliary, I am confident that students will welcome the challenge. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide a "teachable moment" and explain the meaning of the words "guardian" and "liberties" so that students will better understand how they relate to the title.

The word "guardian" could be explained by comparing it to one of their favorite superheroes or cartoon characters. It is a person who looks after, and is responsible for, someone who is disabled or can't manage their own affairs. They are just like a defender, protector, or keeper.

The word "liberties" has many interpretations but basically means the state of being free within our society from being told what to do, how to act, how to live or our political views. A good way to present the question would be "How does your knowledge of government help you to protect our liberties?" or "How will you work to protect our freedoms?"

You might also try to get a feel for what level the student's understanding of the word "government" is. Make sure to teach them that it goes far beyond "the President" and exists on a local level all around them. With this having been an election year, all the media exposure has led some

parents to discuss what is going on with their children. We may have some surprisingly savvy 3rd and 4th graders out there!

For the younger age levels, take it one step further and reiterate this year's theme to them. Give them time to think about it and have them write it down, not blurt out answers. That would be a wonderful way to get their wheels turning and start building a foundation for their essays. Perhaps create a handout or discuss with their teachers the best way to build this into the curriculum as well as enlisting the aid of their parents.

Our youth are creative and more intelligent than we sometimes give them credit for. Let's open up the doors to learning, as well as creativity, as we work together to produce some enlightening Americanism essays. Every student should be given the opportunity to participate.

Please distribute the essay information to your schools immediately. The information is posted on the department website and entries are due by March 15, 2017.

Don't forget about the other Americanism projects that you can work on:

- I Spy Stars & Stripes
- Promote Flag Etiquette
- Assemble Pocket Flags
- Support The American Legion Americanism Programs
- Host Flag Awareness Events
- Conduct Flag Disposal Ceremonies
- Promote Patriotic Holidays

Please feel free to contact me anytime for assistance. Continue to work and promote the Americanism program throughout the year for our veterans and military, their families and our community.

God bless you and God bless America!  
 Let's all "Soar for Our Veterans!"



## Stars & Stripes

*Looking for a way to promote Americanism?*

Play the Stars & Stripes game!

**Who should play?** All Units & All Members

**Objective:** Identify as many local businesses in your community who fly the US Flag and present them with a Certificate of Appreciation from your Unit.

**How does it work?**

1. Members identify businesses or organizations that fly the American Flag and create a personal log
2. At a future Unit meeting create a master list
3. Use the certificate template from the department website to create a personalized online *Certificate of Recognition* for the businesses/organizations
4. Identify which member(s) will present the certificates to the business owners

**Why should your Unit do this?**

- Promote Americanism
- Recognize local businesses/organizations
- Create goodwill for the American Legion Family
- Raise awareness of the local American Legion Auxiliary
- Create opportunities for new members

**End of Year:** Report to the Americanism chair on how many certificates your Unit presented. The Unit with the most will receive a special award!

*Other ideas: include membership applications when presenting the certificates; submit a Letter to the Editor noting which businesses/organizations in your community display the flag; make this a Legion Family event! Questions: Contact Department Americanism Chair, Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 or amyluft@gmail.com*



# BOWLING

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If you are a once-a-year bowler, dust off that bowling ball and join us in Monroe for a fun-filled weekend at the annual American Legion Auxiliary's 9-pin Bowling Tournament on April 1 & 2 or April 8 & 9, 2017.

Green County will be the host for this year's tournament at Leisure Lanes in Monroe. The registration forms and tournament details have been mailed to each team captain that participated in last year's tournament, was included in the January Unit mailing, and is posted on the Department website ([www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)). Please register a team today! Entry forms are due to Bowling Chairman/Tournament Manager Jenni Syftestad, 205 Thompson Street, Verona, WI 53593 by March 1, 2017.

Questions? Contact Jenni at home or email; please put "WALASBA Tournament" in the subject line of your email message.

Encourage your unit to form a bowling team – you can mix with other units too – just make sure all entry forms are mailed to the Chairman/Tournament Manager at the same time. To be eligible for this tournament, each bowler's 2017 membership dues to the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary must be paid and recorded at department headquarters. All members are verified by department and if there is a member whose dues are not currently paid, the TEAM will not be assigned a squad time until those dues are received at headquarters.

Have you thought about hosting a Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Association (WALASBA) tournament? This tournament is a great fundraiser for units. If you are interested, please contact the Bowling Chairman/Tournament Manager. The 2018 tournament will be in Platteville. The WALASBA Committee hopes to see you in Monroe in April!



# NATIONAL SECURITY

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Are you prepared for the weather or an emergency? You can be informed, learn about resources, make plans and get a kit in the event of weather, natural disaster or other emergency. Ready Wisconsin has suggestions, ideas and articles for all. You can learn more at: <http://ready.wi.gov/>.

Remember also, if you SEE something, SAY something. We all play a role in

keeping our neighbors and communities safe. To report suspicious activity, contact your local law enforcement agency. If it's an emergency – call 9-1-1. Remember to provide the who or what you saw, when you saw it, where it occurred and why it's suspicious. The Department of Homeland Security has information on this, fighting human trafficking, the Citizen Corp, Stop the Bleed, and more at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov). Together we can help others and make a difference!

## WANTED: A MEMBER FOR THE DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin revised the Department Bylaws at the 2016 Department Convention to allow any member with appropriate experience to serve on the Department Finance Committee, effective with the 2017-2018 administrative year. Additional members on the Finance Committee include the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman and the Office Policy Committee Chairman.

The Senior Vice President and the First and Second Vice Presidents, with input from the Department President and the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer, will appoint one member annually to serve for a three-year

term on the Finance Committee.

Candidates for this position need to have experience in accounting, finance, auditing or other relevant experience to be considered. A resume highlighting this experience must be submitted to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2017. Resumes may be sent via email to [deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org](mailto:deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) or mailed to ALA-Wisconsin, Attn: Dept Executive Secretary-Treasurer, PO Box 140, Portage, WI 53901-0140.

Candidates to be considered will be contacted by the appointment committee for a telephone interview and subsequently will be notified by mail once a decision has been reached.



**MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
CONFERENCE OF UNITS  
Invites all Legion Family Members  
and Guests**

**The 91st Annual George  
Washington Luncheon**

**President's Day**

**Monday, February 20, 2017**

Klemmer's Banquet Center  
10401 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee WI

Social Hour - 10:30 am

Opening Ceremonies - 11:45 am

Lunch - 12:00 noon

Cost - \$20.00 per person

For information contact Diana Sirovina, 414-321-1479

**Reservation deadline:**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2017 – NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Registration form is available on  
the home page of the department website.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP SUCCESS!**

**Diana Sirovina  
Department Chairman**

The 2016 American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop at Zablocki VAMC was extremely successful! Department Chairman Diana Sirovina and her husband, SAL Detachment Vice Commander Bob Sirovina, shopped for sample gifts to show the hospitalized veterans the items they could select to send to their families. Gifts included baby layettes, legos for kids, tools for men, watches for women, bath sets, and many more special items.

National President Mary Davis joined Auxiliary members from across the state to participate with the order taking at the Community Living Center during her official visit to Wisconsin. After taking the orders, shopping for the Christmas gifts began and eighty (80) gifts were soon ready for wrapping.

Another visit to Zablocki was scheduled and orders were taken from the patients in the Spinal Cord Injury facility. A third visit was conducted on the Dialysis floor. Nurse Marie was a special Christmas Angel and helped reach all the patients in her care! After all the orders were completed, gifts were purchased and wrapped.

In total, 245 gifts were given to family members of hospitalized veterans, at no cost to the veterans! Thanks to everyone who donated to the Christmas Gift Shop or helped with taking orders, shopping, wrapping and delivery of the gifts to sup-

port our mission of serving veterans.

The process was much different this year than what was typically done in the past, but the end result was bringing this unique program to as many hospitalized veterans as possible. As Chairman Diana talked with veterans and staff on the wards, they loved the changes and were so excited to have the selection of 24 sample gifts to pick from. The changes to the program were wildly successful and National President Mary Davis said she would share the concept with other departments to see if the process could be duplicated in other parts of the country.

As the program goes forward next year, we would like to include more of the VA facilities so we can reach out to even more veterans. But none of this would be possible without the generous donations of Auxiliary units and members across Wisconsin. Although the Christmas Gift Shop operates for about two months a year, you can make Christmas a year-round project by sending financial donations to Portage whenever you can. This program cannot continue without you! Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support this great program.



**DECEMBER 2016**

**CALENDAR**

**SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS**

1	15.00	Patricia Katalinick	Chilton
2	15.00	Sue Stockbauer	St Petersburg
3	15.00	Joan Weitkum	New Lisbon
4	25.00	Susan Blanchard	Delafield
5	15.00	Lavonne Pulvermacher	Lone Rock
6	15.00	Joyce Baneck	Spencer
7	500.00	Karen Hennig	St Paul
8	15.00	Susan Westra	Randolph
9	15.00	Joy Hoard	Port Washington
10	15.00	June Brunell	Mercer
11	25.00	Ann Kelly	Plymouth
12	15.00	Irma Ulmen	Seymour
13	15.00	John Scheibe	Harshaw
14	15.00	Gretchen Scharringhausen	Holmen
15	15.00	Karen Raines	Ontario
16	15.00	Ann Bechel	Plum City
17	15.00	Grace Borgkvist	Dalton
18	25.00	Joanne Brusky	Stratford
19	15.00	Elizabeth Rasmussen	Milwaukee
20	15.00	Linda Dalton Roth	Tomah
21	15.00	Mary Dunn	Tomahawk
22	15.00	Elizabeth Olson	Suring
23	15.00	Darcy Swiscz	La Valle
24	15.00	Cheryl Brossmann	Wauwatosa
25	25.00	Jean Fuller	Oshkosh
26	15.00	Betty Ponto	Ripon
27	15.00	Cheri Faust	Madison
28	15.00	Lonna Mayer	Monroe
29	15.00	Gail Barker	Milwaukee
30	15.00	Ann Sprain	Sparta
31	15.00	Sharon Wismar	Rio

**... 2017 DATES TO REMEMBER ...**

<b>Jan 19-22</b>	<b>TAL Midwinter Conference</b> HoChunk Casino • Baraboo, WI	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>11th District Spring Conference</b> Eagle River, WI
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Junior Winter Conference</b> Stevens Point, WI	<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>2nd District Spring Conference</b> Wintergreen Resort, WI Dells, WI
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>George Washington Luncheon</b> Klemmer's Banquet Center Milwaukee, WI	<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>3rd District Spring Conference</b> Fennimore, WI
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>7th District Spring Conference</b> Rome Town Hall • Rome, WI	<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>9th District Spring Conference</b> Woods Dining & Spirits • Crivitz, WI
<b>April 1</b>	<b>8th District Spring Conference</b> Hahn-A-Lula Supper Club • Fremont, WI	<b>Jun 3</b>	<b>Department President's Testimonial Dinner</b> Siren, WI
<b>Apr 1-2 &amp; Apr 8-9</b>	<b>WALA State Bowling Tournament</b> Leisure Lanes • Monroe, WI	<b>Jun 9-10</b>	<b>2017 Department Leadership Conference</b> Department Headquarters • Portage, WI
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>1st District Spring Conference</b> Post 449 • Brookfield WI	<b>Jun 18-23</b>	<b>ALA Badger Girls State</b> UW-Oshkosh
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>6th District Spring Conference</b> Post 306 • Green Lake, WI	<b>Jul 13-16</b>	<b>2017 Department Convention</b> Radisson Paper Valley Hotel • Appleton, WI
		<b>Aug 18-24</b>	<b>2017 National Convention</b> Reno, NV

*(Installation of National Officers Diane Duscheck & Denise Rohan)*

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!**

**WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME AT UNION GROVE, WISCONSIN**

The American Legion Auxiliary is looking for two energetic, organized, dedicated Auxiliary members to volunteer at the Veterans Home in Union Grove. We are looking for a representative and a deputy. These positions would help lead the volunteers that offer their services there. Some of the responsibilities would be to coordinate volunteer hours, send thank

you letters for donations, and other duties as determined by the Volunteer Director of Union Grove.

Volunteering can be the greatest gift that one can give of and to themselves. It really conveys the commitment of who we are, what we do and why we do it. Volunteering one on one with a veteran will truly reiterate why you belong to our organization.

Anyone interested in being the Representative or Deputy at the Veterans Home in Union Grove should contact Director of Hospital Volunteers Sue Hembrook at genesuehem@wi.rr.com or (h) 262-843-4791 or (c) 262-945-9791.

Your prompt response is greatly appreciated as these positions are currently vacant. Thank you!