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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**BONNIE JAKUBCZYK**  
Department President

June is a very patriotic month so be sure to get the extra red white and blue out for Flag Day. One of my favorite Americanism programs, ALA Badger Girls State, starts on Father's Day. This is an amazing week focused on responsible citizenship, leadership and love for God and country. Our devoted American Legion Auxiliary volunteers make sure the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic and civic objectives are carried out during

this learning week. A huge thank you to our volunteers, many of whom take a week of vacation to be counselors. Delegates learn the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government. They will then actively run their government for the state of 'Badger.' They are assigned to either the Federalist or Nationalist Party. During the week, two girls will be selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation in Washington DC in July, where they will act as senators for a week. They will run for political office, campaign and debate for passage of legislation, meet with their state U.S. Senators and

Congressmen, and meet President Trump.

I hope our National President Diane Duscheck has a great homecoming weekend and that many of our Wisconsin proud family members are there to show our love and support.

As summer time approaches and the weather improves, keep in mind that our veterans still need our help. Be sure to work with your American Legion Family at your summer events. Remember to keep track of your time and service.

*A SMILE is a curve that sets everything straight.*



## SUPPORT MEMBER INVOLVEMENT LET'S ENCOURAGE

## MEMBERSHIP

**Joanie Dickerson**  
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Our 2018 membership year isn't quite half-way over and yet we are already preparing for the 2019 year as Unit Dues Information forms were collected. Required information for the renewal notices was collected so it will be accurate when the notices are sent to our members in July.

Many units have expressed their dismay about the dues increase for the coming membership year. I have had several discussions with members from across the state and my response is ultimately the same. As our overall membership numbers decrease, the remaining members must shoulder the responsibility of making certain we can continue to do the business of our organization. Yes, we are a volunteer organization. At the same time, we employ professionals to staff our office in Portage. These ladies manage the day-to-day operations which include, among other things, the collection and distribution of our monetary

donations to the various programs we support. They diligently account for every penny of our hard-earned money and ensure it is spent for its designated purpose. They constantly evaluate operations to determine if there are additional efficiencies that can be employed to reduce costs. These ladies are to be applauded for being outstanding stewards of our funds. But just as our personal expenses increase (i.e. utilities, consumables), so do the operating costs of our organization.

I agree that it may have been easier if our dues were incrementally increased over a period of years but that proposal was opposed at recent conventions. At last year's Department Convention, we had the choice of eliminating the Wisconsin publication you are now reading or raise the dues. Most in attendance felt this newspaper was the only communication some of our members receive and were reluctant to eliminate it. As a result, a dues increase was needed to avoid a budget shortfall.

As the granddaughter of a World War I veteran and the daughter of a World War II veteran, both of

whom served in country and bore the scars of their service, I personally feel it is a privilege to be a member of this great organization and whatever I can do to support its mission is insignificant compared to the price they paid for this privilege.

I thank you all for your efforts to retain our current members and recruit new members to help ensure we will be able to continue to serve those who gave so much for our freedoms. We are now over 90% of our membership goal, which is wonderful. Please continue to invite former members to rejoin, lapsed members to renew, and potential members to lend a hand in all the wonderful projects you do to share our goal of "service, not self."

### 2018 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TEAM

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## Celebrating Dedicated Members!



The Legion Family recently gathered to honor charter members Ruth Blaisdell and Marion Marsh of Unit 451 in Boulder Junction, which was started in 1957. First row: Betty Hamilton, Marion Marsh, Junior Member Lily Reed, Ruth Blaisdell. Second row: Cheri Valoon, Josie Allen, Maureen Nelson, Diane Scapes. 3rd row: Joy Johaneck, Kris Reed and Unit President Jayne Blaisdell. Missing from picture: Anita Pierce, Benita Wyzlic and Anna Allen.



The American Legion Auxiliary honored Marlene Blumreich for 60 years of membership in Unit 239 in Tigerton. Marlene's family attended the celebration, including her daughter Lori Breaker, sons Mike (and Cindy), Tom (and Kathy), Roger (and Sue), and two great grandchildren. Marlene held each unit office at least once and is still involved in poppy distribution and helps when she can with all other activities. Pictured: Marlene Blumreich (left) with Unit President Virginia Kauffman.

DISTRICT 2 94.12%	DISTRICT 3 92.99%	DISTRICT 8 91.93%	2017-2018 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY	DISTRICT 4 90.94%	DISTRICT 11 90.91%	DISTRICT 1 89.69%
<b>WISCONSIN PROUD - S.M.I.L.E. TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 90.68%</b>						
DISTRICT 6 89.52%	DISTRICT 7 89.15%	DISTRICT 12 89.07%	MAY 2018	DISTRICT 10 88.95%	DISTRICT 9 86.96%	DISTRICT 5 80.54%

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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*1 Corinthians 13:13 tells us, "There are three things that remain--faith, hope and love--and the greatest of these is love."*

Famous American author Og Mandino wrote, "Sooner or later all mankind will realize that the greatest cure for all the ills and wrongs, the cares, the sorrow and crimes of humanity rests solely in acts of love. Love is the greatest gift from God. It is the divine spark that produces and restores life. To each and every one of us, love gives us the power to work miracles with your own life and those we touch. Do all things with love."

Do you always treat your ALA sisters with love? When you want them to do something, do you demand they do it, or do you encourage them to cheerfully and lovingly help for the good of all? Do you inspire them to be an active member? Do you accept their ideas? Do you show them you appreciate all they do? Remember, President Bonnie encourages all of us to SMILE. A smile on your face radiates the love in your heart, and it is contagious. Be kind and encouraging and treat others with love and do it all in the Spirit of Service, not self.

From Og Mandino, "Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again." Mark Twain states, "Kindness is the language where the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Abraham Joshua Herschel was a Jewish rabbi and leading Jewish theologian and philosopher. He tells us, "When I was young I used to admire intelligent people; as I grow older, I admire kind people." We should all strive to be that kind, loving member who others admire.

*Dear Lord,  
Help me to become a more loving person. I need Your help to treat everyone with kindness and love. Assist me to be patient, kind and appreciative toward all I meet and work with. Use me to spread love and kindness every day. I ask this all in Your holy name. Amen.*

### MUSIC: WHEN YOU'RE SMILING

*Smile tho your heart is aching  
Smile even tho it's breaking  
When there are clouds in the sky  
You'll get by.*

*If you smile thru your fear and sorrows  
Smile and maybe tomorrow  
You'll see the sun come  
shining thru for you.*

*Light up your face with gladness  
hide every trace of sadness  
Altho a tear may be ever so near  
That's the time you must keep on trying.  
Smile, what's the use of crying  
You'll find that life is still worthwhile  
If you just smile.  
The whole world smiles with you.*

## GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Member benefits! Women who join the American Legion Auxiliary not only receive the benefit of knowing they are honoring a special veteran (or veterans!) in their life and that their dues help support programs for veterans, active duty military and their families, but they can also receive many direct personal benefits. Once a member's dues are processed by Department Headquarters, she is considered a "member in good standing." Members in good standing have the privilege to vote on Auxiliary business matters and may hold office.

Another benefit of membership is the national Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). This program was set up for members to help other members. Donations may be submitted to Department Headquarters using a General Fund Suggested Donation Sheet and marking #4801-AEF. Wisconsin often experiences flooding, tornadoes and fires; women who have been ALA members for three consecutive years and whose homes have been damaged by natural disasters may receive assistance of up to \$2,400 through the AEF. Grant awards are intended to help with emergency shelter, food or utilities, but cannot be used for medical expenses or debt such as that on credit cards. Visit the department website for an application and complete details.

Another important benefit is the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund. Wisconsin Auxiliary members may apply for interest-free loans of \$800 per year for

up to five years while attending college. Loans are repaid monthly after the student finishes or withdraws from school. Interested students should contact Chairman Joan Chwala at 715-668-5661 for a loan application.

Visit the department website (Membership page > Member Benefits) to download a listing of other available benefits including: life insurance, pet insurance, prescription savings, and discounts on dental, vision, hotels, movies, car rentals, new vehicle purchases, amusement parks and so much more!

Although the 2018 membership year runs through December 31, membership cards for 2019 will be distributed to units after Department Convention. Units may start submitting dues for the 2019 calendar year as soon as they receive the cards. 2019 NEW member applications cannot be processed until September 1st. But remember! Units that hold new member applications until September are delaying a member's eligibility for AEF benefits for one full year. New member applications received prior to September will count as members for the 2018 membership year so don't hold onto them!

After July 1st members are encouraged to renew their 2019 dues online through the national website. Visit [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org), go to the "Members Only" tab and create a log-in ID if you don't already have one. The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. If you need assistance with creating a log-in ID, please contact the national organization's helpline at [alahq@alaforveterans.org](mailto:alahq@alaforveterans.org). Members may also call national headquarters at 317-569-3400 during normal business hours and pay their dues over the phone with a credit or debit card. This

is especially convenient for women who pay for several family members. Upon receipt of payment, national headquarters will mail the 2019 membership card to any member who pays her dues online or over the phone.

The 98th Annual ALA Convention is July 12-15, 2018 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Pre-registration fee is \$25; registration after July 9 is \$30. The full schedule of activities and convention information was sent to all Unit Presidents and is posted on the department website. The number of delegates each unit is allowed is based on total paid membership 30-days prior to Department Convention. Delegate forms will be mailed to each Unit and must be returned to headquarters so credentials and voting cards can be printed prior to convention.

This year's Department Convention will include a 'Parade of Checks' to support both Department President Bonnie and National President Diane Duscheck's special project, the ALA Foundation Endowment Fund. Anyone wishing to participate in the Parade of Checks should bring a check payable to ALA-Wisconsin, noting "ALAF Endowment Fund" in the memo field.

National Convention is August 25-30, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is the year to be Wisconsin Proud – as National President Diane Duscheck and National Commander Denise Rohan preside at their respective national conventions and wrap up their year of service to the national organizations. All members are encouraged to attend – if not as a delegate or alternate, then as a Legion Family Guest. Anyone interested in attending should contact me at [deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org](mailto:deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org) or 608-745-0124 to request an information packet when it becomes available.

## BOWLING

**Jenni Syftestad**  
Chairman/Tournament Manager  
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Well the first weekend was a nice drive to Platteville, but the second weekend was touch and go.

Again, I want to thank everyone for another great year of bowling. I hope everyone had a great time and a safe trip home.

Department President Bonnie threw out the first ball and got the ball rolling. Unfortunately, Secretary Bonnie's team won the competition between the President and

Secretary teams. This competition has always been fun!

Lisa Blom Unit 512 Shiocton rolled the single high game of 277!

Our 2019 tournament will be in Plover on April 6 & 7 and April 13 & 14. I hope to see you there.

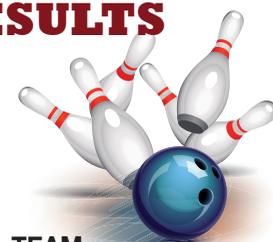
Please contact me if you are interested in hosting the annual 9-Pin Tap Bowling Tournament in your area. We request 16 lanes and motels in the area.



Representing the Secretary's Team (aka, Dorniak's Dangerous Dames): Jenni Syftestad, Lisa Blom, Ashley Foust, and Shannon Churchill.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Top 3 places in each category



### TEAM

**1st Place (2464)**  
Wolf River Hookers - Fremont Unit 391  
**2nd Place (2407)**  
Pergande Cranberries - Tomah Unit 201  
**3rd Place (2355)**  
Bonduel Gals #1 - Bonduel Unit 217

### DOUBLES

M Pergande / D DeLong - (1369)  
Tomah Unit 201  
K Grosskopf / T Bucholtz - (1343)  
Fremont Unit 391  
D Welcing / K Welcing - (1305)  
Bonduel Unit 217

### SINGLES

Deb DeLong (841) - Tomah Unit 201  
Lisa Blom (745) - Shiocton Unit 512  
Laura Bertrand (724) - Grafton Unit 355

### ALL EVENTS

Deb DeLong (2379) - Tomah Unit 201  
Laura Bertrand (2041) - Grafton Unit 355  
Taylor Welcing (1957) - Bonduel Unit 271



## 2018-2019 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CANDIDATES

### Candidate for Department President Char Kiesling

Charlayne (Char) Kiesling, is announcing her desire and asking for your support for the position of President for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin. Char has fulfilled department offices of Chaplain; Historian, receiving Outstanding Historian Report of Central Division; 2nd Vice President, receiving Outstanding Americanism Program in Central Division; and 1st Vice President, receiving Outstanding Membership Report of Central Division. This year as Senior Vice President, she held the Service to Veterans chairmanship, is Co-Captain for Goal 1-Increasing Membership Strength, on the Strategic Planning Committee, is a member of the ALA Centennial Planning Committee, and is Unit 33 and 6th District Junior Activities and Children & Youth Chairman. Char is a retired RN but has served as Head Nurse at ALA Badger Girls State for the past five years and has been invited to serve at Girls Nation this year. She has held



all offices in Unit 33, Neenah, and is a 35-year member, joining under her husband Kent, an Air Force Vietnam veteran. She has been Unit President, Winnebago County President for two terms, and 6th District President with both years attaining 100% in membership.

Char has been a faithful and long-standing member of Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church in Appleton. She is a proud mom of two daughters and one son, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She has been married to Kent for 52 years. Char is a caregiver to Kent, using all her patience and faith in God, as she is his memory after a brain infection.

Char feels prepared and excited about this step of her journey. This will be another challenge so she is asking for your continued support. She believes and lives the mission of this premier service organization. Char feels blessed and proud to be a part of this American Legion Family.

### Candidate for Senior Vice President Joanie Dickerson

Joanie Dickerson is a 59-year Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member of the American Legion Auxiliary and is eligible for membership as the result of her own service; that of her late husband, her grandfather, father, and brothers.

She is an active member of Liscum Brothers Unit and Post 482 of Bagley, serving as Unit Treasurer and Post Finance Officer. Joanie has held numerous chairmanships for the district and department. She is currently a member of the ALA Badger Girls State committee and serves as the Assistant Executive Director.

An active member of St. Mary Parish, she assists where needed and has been employed as a teacher at their school for the past 16 years. Joanie continues to serve on a local level as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



where she coordinates public education activities for members of the boating public and verifies navigational aids on the Mississippi River. A long-time supporter of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, she is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout Honor Society, is a religious award counselor and a committee member for Troop 88.

Joanie's two sons, daughter, son-in-law, four grandsons and granddaughter are all members of the Legion Family. She has been endorsed by her unit, county and district. Joanie has been blessed to serve as Department 1st Vice President and membership chairman this year and prays for your support as she offers herself as a candidate for Department Senior Vice President for 2018-2019.

### Candidate for 1st Vice President Diane Weggen

Diane Weggen is announcing her candidacy for the office of Department First Vice President.

The most important role of First Vice President is serving as Department Membership Chairman. If elected, her goal will be to increase American Legion Family membership.

A Gold Star sister and 33-year Paid Up For-Life (PUFL) American Legion Auxiliary member, Diane joined through the service of her brother Jerry, a Navy pilot who lost his life during the Vietnam War. From a family of veterans—late husband Donald served in the National Guard; brothers Bob, Army, and Tom, Air Force; son James and daughter-in-law Jennifer, Navy; and granddaughter Amanda, National Guard—Diane has a vested interest in serving veterans.

Two married children, a daughter in California and son in Virginia, and five grandchildren comprise Diane's family supporting her American Legion Auxiliary work. Cecil Tormey ALA Unit 118, Clark County Council ALA and District 7 endorse Diane for the office of Department First Vice



President.

In addition to unit, county, and district president, Diane has held other American Legion Auxiliary offices, chairmanships and was a committee member for the 2010 National ALA Convention held in Milwaukee. Currently, she is Department Second Vice President and Department Americanism Chairman.

Taking leadership roles in several civic activities, Diane serves as a certified volunteer at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls, member of Chippewa Veterans Home Recreation Committee, treasurer of Otter Lake Booster Club, active member of All Saints Parish, group leader of Holy Family PCCW, committee member for the Thorp Junior Achievement program and treasurer of Partners with Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Stanley.

A firm believer in "Service, not self," Diane is passionate about the American Legion Family and volunteering. If elected, Diane Weggen will travel to serve the position of First Vice President well.

### Candidate for 2nd Vice President Linda Coppock

An active member of Shiocton Unit 512 for 57 years, Linda has been endorsed by her Unit, Outagamie County Council and the Noble 9th District, along with the support of her family, as a candidate for Department 2nd Vice President.

Linda has been an active ALA member since she joined at the age of 6. She is also a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member. She is currently the President for the Outagamie County Council and is serving as the 9th District Secretary for 2016-2018, as well as the current Department Historian. Linda has served as District and Department Sergeant-at-Arms and as AEF Chairman. Currently, she is a committee member for Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Association, a Co-Goal Champion on the Strategic Plan Goal 5 Team, Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee member, and ALA Centennial Year Committee, a presenter for ALA in the Know sessions and will again attend ALA Badger Girls State as a counselor.



Linda and husband of 27 years, Gary, a Vietnam Era Navy veteran, have raised three daughters: Jennifer, a Bosnia Era Air Force Veteran and dual member, Michelle and Suzanne; who are all ALA members and past Department Miss Poppy's. Their son, Major Stephen B. Olk, currently Army Reserve, having served in Iraq and Afghanistan, is a TAL member. Their two oldest grandsons, LCpl Chasen M. Gardner and LCpl Trevor A. Gardner are both currently serving in the USMC. They have three other grandsons, Braedon, Lukas and Dallas. They have five granddaughters, Sage, Brielle, Annika, Evelyn and Clara, and one great granddaughter, Ariyah, all Auxiliary members. Linda is a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church and a member of the Shiocton Area Veterans Memorial Committee. Linda is a retired Municipal Court Clerk/Assessment Technician.

Linda is looking forward to serving you as a Department officer again and is grateful for all the support she has been given in the past.

### Candidate for Department Historian Maggie Geiger

Maggie Geiger, a 13-year active member of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), is announcing her candidacy for Department Historian. Her dedicated service to the Auxiliary is done with compassion for our nation's heroes and as a tribute to honor her father's service during World War II.

Having the privilege to stand beside nearly one million ALA sisters that promote the ALA programs and its mission, has only flamed her passion for this amazing organization. Maggie believes that knowing what our predecessors have done has helped the ALA think outside the box, to try new ideas, some that worked well and some that did not. But if the organization doesn't record these ideas, members will not know the path to help build a future. The ALA has amazing units in the state that quietly work to help our veterans, but do not realize that what their units do, has a huge difference in the lives of our heroes. Maggie would like to encourage units to write their history to pass forward, to those who follow us.

Maggie, a Paid Up for Life (PUFL) member, has been an extremely proactive member of Cedarburg Unit 288, serving in the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Executive Board Member and President. Her unit was the recipient of the National President's Award for Excellence during her two-year term as President (2013-2015). At the county level, Maggie has held the



offices of Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain and First Vice President in Ozaukee County. For 2nd District, she has served as Chaplain and VA&R Chairperson, as well as Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson. Maggie has also been active at the department level, participating as a member of the Membership Team, Poppy Chairperson, and on the ALA Strategic Plan #5 Team for 'Increasing Brand Awareness.' Along with two members from Rose Harms Unit, she held a Reporting Clinic. Maggie has attended leadership trainings with the American Legion Auxiliary, including ALA in the Know and ALA Mission Training.

Maggie is an active member of her church and has served as the Director of their Sunday School Program; secretary and member of their Board of Directors; and along with ten families from their church, started an offshoot of their church in a new community. She is a lifetime member of the Ozaukee County Historical Society and a co-founder of Sweat4Vets, which was established in 2016. Sweat4Vets is a post to post walk fundraising event designed to benefit Veterans organizations. Since the inception of Sweat4Vets, she has helped raise \$31,000 to support Veterans.

Maggie and her husband SAL member Brian, have two children and three grandchildren. She also has a brother and nephews who have either served or are currently in the military or reserves.

### Candidate for Department Chaplain Rebecca Mueller

Rebecca (Becky) Mueller is excited and humbled to announce her candidacy for the office of ALA Department of Wisconsin Chaplain.

Becky gained her eligibility in this wonderful organization from her husband Clarence's service in the Army during the Vietnam era. She also would have been eligible from the service of her deceased first husband, Richard Young, who served three tours of duty in Vietnam. She feels these tours of duty contributed to his deteriorating health and eventual death. Her father was also an Army veteran who served during non-eligible membership years.

Becky joined the Krause-Kraft-Mueller Unit 106 in Seymour in 2007. Since that time, she has served as Unit Secretary and President (4 year term). She is now completing her term as Ninth District President. During her terms of office, she tried to incorporate new ideas and ways to accomplish the Auxiliary mission to serve others, especially our veterans, service members, their families, and our communities. She encourages the exchange of new ideas and allowing everyone to be part of the process. She is proud of the Ninth District for trying a new concept during the Spring Conference with Show and Tell events. This showcased each unit's accomplishments and



personality. It also made networking with each other easier.

For the past few years Becky has been a presenter at the ALA in the Know events. She strongly believes she has learned more than those she presented to. She especially enjoyed meeting all the wonderful ladies that belong to this organization statewide.

Becky is currently a Goal Champion with Judy Kuta on Goal 4 of the Strategic Planning Team. They have been working with other volunteers to steer the organization into the future.

The United Methodist Church has certified Becky as a Lay Speaker. She occasionally leads the services at her home church, New Life UMC in Seymour. She serves as the Lay Leader for the city-site and serves on multiple committees. Becky is especially drawn to missions and serving others.

'For God and Country' defines Becky's calling and passion. She would appreciate the opportunity to serve this organization and each of you personally in the position of Department Chaplain. She has been endorsed by her unit, Outagamie County Council and the Ninth District

Thank you for your consideration. God bless you and the USA.



## American Legion Auxiliary

# 2018 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS (1) - \$1,000.00 - GRADUATE STUDENT**  
Mary Barneson, Chippewa Falls Chippewa Falls #77 10

**H. S. & ANGELINE LEWIS (5) - \$1,000**  
Brooke Alexander, Kaukauna Wrightstown #436 9  
Emma Crist, Darlington Darlington #214 3  
Sydney Herman, Mishicot Denmark #363 9  
Ellie Knodle, Neillsville Neillsville #73 7  
Logan Matson, Neillsville Neillsville #73 7

**MERIT & MEMORIAL (7) - \$1,000**  
**Merit Scholarship**  
Elisabeth Cartwright, Verona Monroe #84 3  
**Harriet Hass Scholarship**  
Julia Hall, Whitefish Bay Cedarburg #288 2  
**Adalin Macauley Scholarship**  
Hanna Jens, New Holstein New Holstein #124. 6  
**Eleanor Smith Scholarship**  
Olivia Patrizzi, Kenosha Headquarters #2930  
**Pearl Behrend Scholarship**  
Kennedy Robelia, Durand Durand #181 10  
**Barbara Kranig Scholarship**  
Annika Strand, Wauwatosa Brookfield #449 1  
**Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan Scholarship**  
Jenna Strand, Wauwatosa Brookfield #449 1

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS (3) - \$1,000**  
Carly Hartenberger, Neshkoro Wautoma #317 8  
Jenna Klos, Grafton Grafton #355 2  
Claudia Strand, Wauwatosa Brookfield #449 1

**DELLA VAN DEUREN MEMORIAL (2) - \$1,000**  
Ellie Madsen, Fremont New London #263 8  
Morgan Wright, Black River Falls Tomah #201 7

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY (3) - \$1,000.00**  
**Nursing:**  
Haley Lewallen, New London New London #263 8  
McKenna Pedretti, Galesville Ontario #467 7  
**Health Career:**  
Jessica Lange, Stevens Point Stevens Point #6 8

**CHILD WELFARE (1) - \$1,000.00**  
Andrea Schmidt, Wauwatosa Chilton #125 6

**ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP (4) - \$500.00**  
Gretchen Geiser, Belgium Grafton #355 2  
Olivia Eisenhauer, Meno. Falls Menomonee Falls #382 1  
Delaney Agnew, Randolph Cambria #401 2  
Eden Evans, Reedsburg Reedsburg #350 7

**EILEEN KNOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1) - \$500.00**  
Katelyn Schultz, Butternut Butternut #272 11

**HARRY & SHIRLEY KUEHL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (1) - \$500.00**  
Jessica Robers, Horicon Horicon #157 2

**WI NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship**  
**Department Award - \$1,000**  
Drew Jorgensen, Fond du Lac Fond du Lac #75 6

**Non-Traditional Student Scholarship - Department Award - \$1,000**  
Jeanne Flaskrud, Eau Claire Bracket #550 10

**Spirit of Youth For Junior Members Scholarship**  
**Department Award - \$1,000**  
Kamryn Eberle, Oconomowoc Beaver Dam #146 2



Diane Weggen,  
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It was disheartening to read in a couple senior high school students' essays that "It's not cool to show patriotism" is a trend in their schools. This attitude demonstrates the need for all to promote patriotism, veterans, and the military. Thankfully, most of the essays clearly identified ways students understand they can personally promote patriotism.

Honoring student winners at the community Memorial Day or end-of-year programs is a great way to promote the importance of patriotism to students, parents and community members.

## THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the love, hugs, encouragement and support sent upon the accident and subsequent death of my son. Billy was a proud member of The American Legion after his service in Desert Storm. He was an organ donor and in his death helped many people.

Mary Krutz,

Department Membership Team

## PARADE OF CHECKS

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a Parade of Checks at the 2018 Department Convention in Oshkosh on Friday, July 13, 2018. Checks should be brought to convention, payable to "ALA Wisconsin." All donations will be directed to President Bonnie Jakubczyk's and National President Diane Duscheck's special project, the ALA Foundation Endowment Fund.



## 2018 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

*Essay Topic: What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?*

### CLASS I (GRADES 3 & 4)

1ST PLACE - Bennett Nabi Unit #75 Fond du Lac  
2ND PLACE - Savanna Miller Unit #470 Saukville  
3RD PLACE - Miles Rauter Unit #382 Menomonee Falls  
4TH PLACE - Vivian Verich Unit #364 Winnecone  
5TH PLACE - Ella Cairns Unit #13 Richland Center

### CLASS II (GRADES 5 & 6)

1ST PLACE - Grace Levere Unit #100 Sparta  
2ND PLACE - Landon Penk Unit #118 Thorp  
3RD PLACE - Ava Krueger Unit #469 Marathon  
4TH PLACE - Weston Huempfer Unit #75 Fond du Lac  
5TH PLACE - Diana Herbers Unit #482 Bagley

### CLASS III (GRADES 7 & 8)

1ST PLACE - Autumn Quick Unit #547 Lublin  
2ND PLACE - Elena Ciolkosz Unit #118 Thorp  
3RD PLACE - Jessica Patterson Unit #482 Bagley  
4TH PLACE - Julianna Thurs Unit #469 Marathon  
5TH PLACE - Haley Wenthold Unit #100 Sparta

### CLASS IV (GRADES 9 & 10)

1ST PLACE - Charlie Metko Unit #263 New London  
2ND PLACE - Christina Beaubrun Unit #75 Fond du Lac  
3RD PLACE - Grace Jokinen Unit #272 Butternut  
4TH PLACE - Avrum Berg Unit #13 Richland Center  
5TH PLACE - Timothy Riemer Unit #410 Fredonia

### CLASS V (GRADES 11 & 12)

1ST PLACE - Hannah Fischer Unit #486 Jackson  
2ND PLACE - Cole Schmidt Unit #118 Thorp  
3RD PLACE - Abigail Peterson Unit #130 Sharon  
4TH PLACE - Violet Galindo Unit #447 Viola  
5TH PLACE - Isaac Wegner Unit #272 Butternut

### CLASS VI (STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

1ST PLACE - Cameron Guell Unit #75 Fond du Lac  
2ND PLACE - Hailey Hand Unit #544 Twin Lakes

## WINNERS

### APRIL 2018 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

1	25.00	Emma Hughes	Hartford
2	15.00	Tierney Watzke	Wauwaukee
3	15.00	Doreen Unferth	Lomira
4	15.00	Mary Petrie	Watertown
5	15.00	Grace & David Strassman	Brownsville
6	15.00	Kathleen Echterling	Tomahawk
7	15.00	Sharon Balazs	Winchester TN
8	25.00	Sally Johnson	Winnecone
9	15.00	Eunice Moore	Richland Center
10	15.00	Lianne Becht	Campbellsport
11	15.00	Donna Emery	Hayward
12	15.00	Evone Finch	Grantsburg
13	15.00	Keith Miller	Tomahawk
14	15.00	Kyle Herrewig	Middleton
15	25.00	Barbara Lonze	Delavan
16	500.00	Kathleen Martell	New Richmond
17	15.00	Dorothy Watson	Pleasant Prairie
18	15.00	Lois Paczocha	Cudahy
19	15.00	Kathy Pieper	Spencer
20	15.00	Barbara Bowen	Oak Creek
21	15.00	Emma Gassman	Platteville
22	25.00	Mary Dreifuers	Plymouth
23	15.00	Patricia Premo	Cedar Grove
24	15.00	Beverly White	Fennimore
25	15.00	Dick Lieven	Kewaskum
26	15.00	Elmer Myers	Nelson
27	15.00	Heraldine Fronsoe	Amberg
28	15.00	Lucia Radloff	Hustisford
29	25.00	Joyce Thomley	Baldwin
30	15.00	Melissa Hancock	Chili