…from the Auxiliary President, Gorda Olsen

On behalf of our Auxiliary members I’d like to thank Jorie Heder for doing our Newsletter for the past few years. My daughter, Torrey Lenertz, has volunteered to do the Newsletter starting this month “Thanks” to her and Jan Lauby who does the printing and mailing for those who do not receive the Newsletter via email. If you would like to receive your Newsletter by e-mail, contact Torrey or Jan…..it saves the Auxiliary money.

Shirley See has agreed to be the Chairman for Children & Youth and Community Service for another year. We are looking for Chairmen for 1) Education 2) Scholarships and 3) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. If you would consider taking one of these positions please contact me by phone or email.

Several times a year our Auxiliary members are asked to donate baked goods for different events….a “List of Members” that like to bake and would donate their time and talent to the Auxiliary in this way would be great. We have the following events coming up:

- **October 7**: Bingo Night @ Hastings Veteran’s Home
- **October 27**: Military Appreciation Dinner. For those currently serving in the military, Veterans and their families, sponsored by Apple Valley Beyond the Yellow Ribbon & the Post.
- **October 29**: Auxiliary Craft & Bake Sale
- **November 11**: Veterans Day – Lunch & Dinner

We have 300+ Auxiliary members ---- HELP me out with this, contact me by email or phone if I can add your name to the list.

You should be very proud of your Auxiliary membership; all of the proceeds we take in from our fundraisers go to Veterans, those currently serving, and our community.

At our October 18th Meeting, we will be giving Auxiliary pins to all new members, and to those that have not received one yet. Wear it proudly. Meeting is at 7:00 PM.

Gorda
Chaplain…Janet Thompson

Chaplain: If anyone knows a member or family member is ill or passed away please contact me. We will get a card out to them.

VA Hospital: On Tuesdays I go with three other Auxiliary members and visit patients at the VA Hospital. We pass out personal hygiene items, lap robes, neck pillows and heart pillows (everything is donated and free of charge to the patients). The Auxiliary is in need of neck pillows and heart pillows. These items can be made and I can take them to the hospital.

1st Vice President…Sheri Hornnes

Please save Thursday, December 6, 2016. The Legion Christmas Party will be held that evening at Post 1776.

Membership…Jan Lauby

Okay, I’m ready….I’ve emptied the mailbox of all those yellowed old newspapers 😊 and am waiting for the stampede of membership renewals to pour right into that empty mailbox – let’s see if we can stuff it so full in one day, that the mailperson will have to carry it up to the door – just once. Our goal this year is so do-able, all I ask is that if you have not paid your 2017 dues yet, that you do so as soon as you get your renewal notice. There will be an incentive to paying your dues early…. All members who have paid their 2017 dues by December 31, 2016 will be entered into a drawing. Four (4) $25.00 gift certificates will be on the table. Drawing will be at the 1st Members Only Day in January (need not be present to win) I’ll even up the ante a little bit and say, “What the heck” I’ll put your name in the drawing twice if you pay by Thanksgiving. This means your name “could be” drawn twice! Online payments count, so if you pay online Thanksgiving Day – I will know. Just remember - the Post is closed and there is no mail – so plan ahead if you are dropping off at the club or in the mail, same goes for New Year’s Eve.

Auxiliary Continuous Years

A huge round of applause to our sisters in good standing who have hit a milestone for the 2016 membership year. Thank-you and congratulations!! Your support is appreciated more than you know.

5 Years: Jennifer, Kenzie and Piper Bormann, Dennise Herskind, Kaitlyn Isaak, Jean Lannes, Ella Mortenson, Jessica Neudecker, Carmen Redmond, Carsyn Sanucci
10 Years: Jane Anderson, Sherri Henry, Carrie Koepp, Maryalyce McCabe, Janet Thompson, Lisa Tollefson, Hildi Ubl
15 Years: Carleen Button, Joan Keller, Ola Lenvik, Dawn Mann, Rose Mann, Claudia Meyer, Aunika Rudesill, Marianne Salter
20 Years: Alta Bennetts, Dawn Blair, Sheryl Davey, Helen Fraser, Linda Johnson, Patrica Kuklock, Rachel Lanes, Whitney Lanes, Suzanne Myhre, Linnea Powers, Frieda Rath, Barbara Reber, Taylor Ubl
25 Years: Bev Copher, Darlene Kerr, Linda Kuntz, Rochelle Solmonson
30 Years: Judy Brantner, Janice Dodge-Anderson, Renee Kulhanek, Grace Maxson, Sandra Mortenson, Sondra Rowe
35 Years: Shirley Blix, Mary Borrowman, Barb Schauer
40 Years: Donna Bueche, Patricia Lange, Carol Snyder, Sally Uphoff
Longest Continuous Member: Josephine Johnson (62 years)
Past President...Janet Thompson

Fall Conference: Is scheduled for October 28 and 29, starting Thursday late afternoon. I am hoping to attend. There will be the annual Auxiliary Emergency Fund Silent Auction. Items donated are new or gently used items, craft, baked goods, theme baskets, etc. This is one of the main fundraisers for this Fund. If any of you have items to donate please contact me and I will take it.

Scholarships: It may seem early to talk about scholarships but the Auxiliary had several scholarships at the Unit, Department and National levels. Our Unit has two $500 scholarships for members who are continuing their education. The Department has several $1,000 scholarships for children or grandchildren of veterans that served in the Armed Forces during the eligibility dates of AL membership. Also there are scholarships for students going into nursing from the Past President Parley. All of the applications have various due dates starting soon. If you need any information on any of these please contact me.

Girls State: We will have our five Girl Stater's visit and give us a report in the coming months. They are a great bunch of girls.

Fundraisers...Marlene Heinzen & Mary Lyman

Saturday, September 24, was our Flea Market and it was a GREAT SUCCESS! There were 50+ vendors signed up. A few didn’t show. It was a bit windy but the rain held off and it was a fun day. Brats and hot dogs were sold by our Auxiliary women and sold out right at the very end of the day. Thank you to all who helped out and shopped! I will have a full report at the October 18 meeting.

The Craft & Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 – 4:00 pm. Save the Date! I’m so excited to report our Craft & Bake Sale is going great. All of the tables are taken by 27 vendors. A variety of new crafters are coming this year. This is a good time to start your shopping for Christmas. We also will be laminating our new membership cards so please don’t forget them. If you have more bring them too.

Our bake sale is one of the biggest sales ever! Our Auxiliary ladies know how to bake! We can use your help in variety of ways. We need help setting up tables on Friday during the day and early evening, marking baked goods, and selling on the day of the sale. If you would like to participate but you don’t bake or you live out of town you also can make a donation by check to ALA and memo it “Bake Sale”. You can mail it to the Legion, drop it off at the pull-tab booth or bring it to the sale. Please bring your items for sale on Friday or Saturday before 9:00 AM and sign the sheet in the backroom of the banquet room.

So get your recipes out! Jam, pickles, salsa, cookies, snacks and bars go well. Please mark your food for allergies, sugar free, nuts, peanut butter, and gluten free. Label all items but do not price them. From 11-3 pm we will also be selling a crowd favorite......Linda’s famous sloppy joes. Pop, water and chips will also be sold. If you can help us for a few hours in any area call me. All our proceeds go to our community schools and veterans. Please help us to make a difference in this holiday season. See you there and God Bless you all!  Marlene Heinzen, 651-423-2493

NEW....Cookbooks: We are looking for your favorite recipes as we will be publishing a new auxiliary cookbook! You may email them to mcelman@comcast.net or drop them off at the pull tab booth to my attention. We are very excited about this and are looking forward to sharing all of your recipes. Thank you, Mary Lyman, 612-308-3311
Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation…Gorda Olsen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th - BINGO NIGHT @ HASTINGS VETERAN’S HOME…..Bus leaves promptly at 6:00 PM, Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. Linda Kuntz is making her famous “sloppy joes”, the Veterans love them. We will need bars, cookies and pop.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the Legion--- please let us know if you will attend. Baked goods and pop should be left at Legion by 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Call Gorda if you have questions.

Wear your Auxiliary or Legion shirt if you have one.

Auxiliary General Membership Meeting
3rd Tuesday of each month 7pm (no meeting in July or Dec)
At the Post in the backroom
All members are welcome to attend

Events for October & November

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