



American Legion Auxiliary

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Hi ALA Members,

For those of you who were unable to attend our last ALA meeting (on Tues, April 21st –postponed a week later, due to the snow storm), here are some highlights:

Monday, April 3rd: If you were ever curious about attending a Chenango County ALA mtg, it's our turn to host a meeting at our Fort Hill Post 376 on April 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. We will be serving a ziti with (and without) sausage, salad, Italian bread, dinner, with cake dessert. There's no cost, just let us know ahead if you can attend, so we can set an extra place at the table. If you can lend a hand with food prep, please let member, Jan Pollard know (jjpollard@exede.net or call 843-9378) as president Tesha will be unavailable. Jan is coordinating the dinner, and our new member, Paula Schoelier, is buying and making the salad. (She just jumped right in to help! Thank you Paula.) If you don't know our CCALA president, she's Resi Fuller. (See picture at Left.) She will preside at the meeting. It is the time of year that a committee is formed to put together an officer nominations list for 2018. That goes for our next meeting too.



Poppy Program – our poppy order has arrived. This year I ordered 200 poppies to make sure we have extra to bring to the Vets' Home. Tesha is lining up (at least one) Poppy Princess. A surprise - TBA. She's also organizing the paperwork for our 2017 Empire Girls' State delegate, Vanessa Hedlock. Vanessa can read "In Flanders Fields" on Memorial Day. We will have a poppy brochure to distribute (made by yours truly and approved of at the meeting). Tesha will print an initial run of 100 and we will reimburse her for this printing. They could educate kids in school, explain why we distribute poppies on Memorial Day, encourage donations, and more!

For April: Jan told us that the Legion's St. Paddy's Day Dance raised just under \$500 which is earmarked for a new (\$20,000) roof for our Post home. The Legion raised \$1,750 with their last raffle ticket and they will be printing a new raffle ticket for May, to be sold in April. It's based on the NY#'s from the Lottery. Interested in getting a ticket? Contact the Legion bar (843-8166) or a Legionnaire.

Saturday, April 8: We are having a *Soup-Casserole sale –April 8th, from 9-11 a.m., alongside the Legion's Chicken BBQ. Food contributions welcome!!! If you bring in a gallon of soup, we can decant it, on the spot, and return your pot. Foods that compliment the BBQ chicken are a good idea too. (Like Paula S.'s Cowboy Baked Beans and Linda T.'s Mac and Cheese.) Picture at right- Dianne Lewis with 1 qt. soups.



Tuesday, April 11: Our Unit 376 will hold its 7th (monthly) meeting of the (Auxiliary's fiscal) year on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 p.m. [Just 3 weeks away.] As mentioned above for the County, we too will need an officer nominations committee to make a list of potential officers running for positions in the 2017-18 year. The list is voted on in May. It was announced at our last meeting that our dear president, Tesha Tefft, will not be running for a second term.

Sunday, April 16: On Easter, during the Sunday Community Breakfast (with the Easter bunny), we're having an *Easter Bake Sale, April 16, 7:30-11 a.m. Food contributions welcome!!! Pies, cookies, cakes, cupcakes,

*Both the Soup and Bake Sales are fundraisers for our scholarship.

Sunday, April 23: The 6th District Spring Convention will be on Sunday, April 23rd, at the American Legion Post #907, 90 Spencer Rd, in Candor. (607) 659-7395. It will be conducted by Donna Riley – 6th D. president. There's an 8 a.m. registration and the Morning Session begins at 9 a.m. with a special Memorial Service to be



given by CC ALA president, Resi Fuller. (If you've never seen this, the county presidents wear all white and honor the ALA members lost from their county in the past year.) 12:00 p.m. - noon luncheon (tossed salad, stuffed meat rolls, potato, vegetable, dinner roll, & dessert.) Guest speakers: Mark Coon, an Afghanistan veteran and Bronze Star recipient; Clear Path Rep (TBD); and Michael Middaugh – a Tioga County Service Office representative. 1:30 p.m. -

Afternoon Session – business meeting to cover audit results, officer nominations, and conference report. Each Unit is asked to (at least) send their President, Membership Chairman, and Chaplain. If you want to see the paperwork, send me an email. Photo at left is of the district presidents back in 2013.

Jan also mentioned the tour of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (wall) that will be on exhibit in Oneonta, **April 25-27th**. They are looking for volunteers to man the wall, as it needs 24 hr security in 4 hr shifts. Sidney and Unadilla are running buses there. If I have the right website, it states, "80% scale Traveling Vietnam Wall is the largest traveling Vietnam wall replica." (360 ft long/ 8ft tall at apex.) Read more here: <http://www.americanveteranstravelingtribute.com/traveling-wall>

Saturday, May 6: The 3rd annual Cinco de Mayo dinner will be May 6th. This Spanish-flavored fiesta is gaining momentum and a following! (The date conflict was resolved with the IBEW dinner. They are postponing until fall.) More info at the next meeting.

TOMORROW - Saturday, March 25th: If you're going to the CC Habitat Souper Bowl at the Norwich YMCA tomorrow afternoon (4-6 PM) maybe I'll see you there! This is a fun soup tasting event. For just \$7 you can taste all 31 different soups – delicious! You have to try as many as you can, and then you get to vote for your favorite. There's live music, basket raffles, and a bake sale. And it helps support this fine non-profit organization.

Besides, what better way to get flavor ideas for OUR soup sale! I can't wait to try the Potato-Leek-Bacon (New York Pizzeria), Cream of Broccoli-Bacon-Cheddar soup (made by Mr. Chubb's), the Thai Shrimp soup (Bonnie's Restaurant) and the Bourbon Peach Habanero Chili soup (Garf's Deli)!

Tuesday, April 4: Also, if you didn't get the email, there's an upcoming WWI program being put on by the Oxford Historical Society (OHS) on April 4th, 7 PM. It will be in the Community Room of the Oxford Memorial Library. Historian Vicky House will be reading excerpt from a detailed report written by Stella Emerson (from Greene) the Oxford Librarian, right after the war. Our Post 376 Commander will be there talking a little about the fact that our post is a "Centennial Post" which came about at the end of WWI. I will be there (as I am also an OHS officer), but I will represent the ALA and take a minute to talk about our paper poppy program –also started at the end of WWI. This is a free program with refreshments.

While I'm slightly off [ALA] topic, our own Jacky Knoll-Carr, Unit 376 Chaplain, is teaching Zumba on Tues and Thrs nights, 5:30-6:30 pm at St. Paul's church in Oxford. She has been running a March special that's almost over. If you've never been, come with a member and that 1 class is free. So... please be my guest! And on the first Saturday of the month, like this April 1st, there's an indoor Farmers' Market in that same St. Paul's church space. You will find Unit 376 member, Lillian Quinn with her baked goods, and Unit member Dianne Lewis is always there with her farm fresh eggs, pies, and other goodies.

If you see or hear about something you'd like me to share in the next newsletter, please let me know.

Best wishes,

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