

# UNIT 376 E-NEWS



# American Legion Auxiliary

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Hi ALA Members,  
I went to the NYS Veterans' Home at Oxford on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> for the commemorative "Gold Leaf" ceremony honoring the late Mary Genung. Unfortunately I had the wrong time and I just missed it by 15 minutes! I did get to see the leaf on the "Giving Tree" and I also got a nice picture of Mary's grandson, Rhett Genung and his wife Melody by the Gold Leaf.

If you aren't familiar, the Giving Tree is a plaque of gold engraved leaves and bronze branches on the wall in the piano lounge of the Veterans' Home. It serves as a permanent record of special past and present residents of the facility who have been honored by friends, family or organizations. Donations for the leaves go into an account used exclusively for the benefit of residents in this home. FMI- contact Hettie Rosenbarker at (607) 843-3120/ hrosenbarker@nysvets.org .



### ALA Unit 376 Scholarship

Taylor Munson, our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual scholarship recipient has been awarded her \$500 check. We

received proof of her exceptional GPA from the end of Taylor's first Fall semester at the State University of NY at Cobleskill. We congratulated her on receiving a 3.30 GPA and for being named to the "Dean's Honorable Mention List". Taylor's majoring in Early Childhood and Psychology. Now we need to raise funds for future scholarship winners.

### Fundraising!

Everybody please pitch in – we're having our first fundraising event of 2018 – a **Valentine's Day** themed, combination **Soup, Casserole, and Bake Sale** on Saturday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **9-12** inside (in the dining room). Do you bake or are you better at cooking savory foods? Some of you have already said you'd be making soups, chili, mac n cheese, cupcakes, cookies, etc. ;-) Maybe you just want to come and buy things – that's supportive too.

If we have too much to sell, we'll offer it for sale on Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, in the morning (7:30 – 11 a.m) during the Community Breakfast.



**Decorations:** If you haven't been (upstairs) in the dining hall, it is all decked out with Valentines! Red roses and hearts abound – it's very pretty. ♥ ♥ ♥

**Empire Girls' State** – EGS Chairman, Christine Gregoire will be getting a list of eligible candidates from the Oxford High School Guidance Counselor by mid-Feb. A committee will interview these girls by end of the month. We sponsor one (female) Junior High School student each year at a cost of \$350. We have heard over and over how impactful this leadership program is on the students and their futures, so it's something we are very proud to be able to do!

**Cards at our Post** - Play Pitch?

There are two games. It's a great time and the public is welcome!

Wednesday Pitch - games are held at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. They have a 50-50 raffle and proceeds are used for a buffet dinner. For more info contact: Cindy Mullenax - (607) 725-7120.

Winter Pitch Tournament - games are held the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. during the winter. It usually ends the 3rd Sat. in April. Come and enjoy an afternoon of conversation, good food, and cards at Post 376. Tournament starts at 1, but come a little early to sign up. \$10/team, 50¢/up. Only even number of teams allowed. Play 10 games to 11. 100% payback.

**Upcoming Activities at the NYS Veterans' Home at Oxford:**

Friday, February 9, 10 a.m., Female Veterans Tea

Tuesday, February 13, 10 a.m., Valentine's Day Flower Arrangement

Any questions, contact [Tami Zebrowski-Darrow](#), 6th D. Field Service Rep. [Click for complete schedule](#)  
*Volunteers always wanted!*

The **American Red Cross** is back for another blood drive on **Saturday, March 10**, from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (It's usually on the 2nd Saturday every 2 months.) They ordinarily take walk-ins, but making an appointment is a much better idea. You can even go online for the screening questions to save time. Visit the website: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>. "**Due to severe winter weather, the Red Cross is experiencing a shortage of blood donations.** Please sign up to donate blood via our [convenient online scheduler](#) or [Blood Donor App](#)."

"**Thank you!**" to those of you who paid your **ALA membership dues** since my last newsletter! Our paid membership is up to 66% now, so I'm feeling better about this. (This time last year we were at 69%, so we're close.) If, however, you haven't paid your 2018 ALA membership dues yet, please do so. (\$25.00 – but it's going up a little next year). Let's get it over and done with... please? Mail to the PO address in the upper right of this header. Don't have the renewal form – no problem. Don't worry about your mbr # either - I have all of that. Prefer to pay cash – leave it at the bar, but please ask for a receipt from the bartender. Thanks! Please try to get it done no later than April. That's when National ALA prints membership cards for the next year. Crazy right?  
(FYI – I have nothing to do with the Legion or SAL memberships.)

Department of NY President Pat Hennessy says, "Many people don't know who we are and would join if we made ourselves known to them. Bolster community awareness wherever you can. Wear your Legion Family apparel and pins."

(FYI- All sorts of items are sold at <http://emblem.legion.org/> They have inexpensive patches and pins, centennial items, a really nice stars & stripes tote bag, as well as t-shirts and other wearables.)

Best wishes,

*Jeanie*

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