

UNIT 376 E-NEWS



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Hi ALA-ers,

I left you hanging regarding our Scholarship winner. Our 2019 ALA Unit 376 \$500 Scholarship winner is... Kelsey Drewniak!!! (Karen Covell's daughter). Congratulations Kelsey! Kelsey wrote a very nice thank you letter and emphasized how much going to Empire Girls' State last year influenced her; her love for government was enriched by the experience. In the fall, she will be attending SUNY New Paltz, majoring in Political Science and International Relations. Her goal is to become a lawyer. We're all rooting for you Kelsey!!!



Our Terrill Sutton with some of the 2nd annual Poppy Poster Contest winners.

That's ALA Unit 376 Poppy Program Chair Terrill Sutton with Oxford Academy High School students, Matthew Cole, Ashley Rhodes, Aubry Simpson and Lexi Kohlhepp on June 5th, 2019, at Oxford Academy's Spring Awards Ceremony. A total of nine students won prizes and their artwork was really outstanding. Congratulations artists!!! See winning Poppy Contest posters here- <http://oxford-ala.chenango.org/poppy-program.php>

We're gearing up for a new year! RE: 2020 membership dues - you can pay them now! As soon as I get the new 2020 membership cards, I'll send them out. They're coming back from the Dept. Convention so it'll be any day now.

[FYI- In case you were wondering: On/after September 1, 2019 - New member applications -for the 2020 membership year- can be submitted. New member dues submitted before 09/01/19 will automatically go towards 2019. This is why I usually hold on to new apps from June to Sept. ...but I will ask first.]

This weekend, at the ALA Empire State Dept. Convention (in Buffalo), representing us and the entire 6th Dist. is President Sophie Liberatore. Sophie is from (Norwich in) our County! And, it was just announced that the **Unit Member of the Year** is Deb Benedict (of Sherburne) - another Chenango



(L to R) 2019-2020- ALA 6th D. President Sophie Liberatore with NYS Department President Linda Tome.

County member! The NY State Convention will remember the name - **Chenango County!** Yeah for us!!!

FYI- Sophie has chosen to have the 6th District Fall Conference in Norwich. Plan to go – it's so close. There's a luncheon at noon and you will get to meet the Dept. President, Linda Tome! More info will follow, but save the date: Saturday, Oct. 12th. Registration from 8-9 a.m.

● **MEETING: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m.** Our first meeting of the (fiscal) year.

All of the elected officers are signing up again. Your 2019-'20 Unit officers are Jan Pollard - President; Louise Spicer - First Vice; Christine Gregoire - Second Vice; Trudy Huggins - Secretary; and Jeanie Petersen - Treasurer-Membership Chairman. Chaplain: Louise Spicer; Sgt-at-

Arms: Terrill Sutton, Historian and VA&R –Roberta Knoll. *Come to a meeting and share your thoughts and ideas!*

The 2019-2020 Chenango County ALA officers are - Pres: Joy Lawrence; 1st Vice: Angela Jones; 2nd Vice: Barb Pierce; Membership: Mary Lou McAvoy; Treasurer: Resi Fuller; and Sect'y-Colleen Melella. They just had their installation in New Berlin (where Pres. Joy is a member).

● **UPCOMING EVENT:** It's the Legion's big fundraiser, everybody's favorite, the **Alumni Ice Breaker!** This is always held on the last Friday of July (*of the last full weekend in July*). Did you see the half page (Oxford happenings) ad in the Pennysaver's **Great Getaways Guide**? It's Friday, July 26th and gets going around 5 p.m. DJ Dennis will be spinning the tunes, there will be food, drink, and fun. Oxford Academy classes have reunions, but anyone can come. It's a regular "Party on the Patio!" (Held in the parking lot.) If you simply want to help out, please let us know. Many hands make light work.

● **UPCOMING EVENT:** Save the Date- **Friday, Oct. 11th** is our big annual Harvest Dinner. More news to come later, but this is a benefit for our Finch Education Fund. We donate money for student's books for the Primary School.

ODDS AND ENDS - Other things that you might like to know—

Check out the new USPS Military Working Dog stamps https://store.usps.com/store/product/buy-stamps/military-working-dogs-S_680304 .

Best wishes,

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P.S.— Check out Chenango County Legion's NEW website: ChenangoLegion.org