

# UNIT 376 E-NEWS



# American Legion Auxiliary

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Hi ALA-ers,

2020 Dues... so many of you have mailed in your renewals – thank you very much. It took me a couple of days but I finally got all the cards out. If you haven't paid, you can do so by credit card online, mail a check, or pay cash at the Legion bar (just ask for a receipt). This is my job folks;-) **Incentive:** Pay before Veterans Day (11/11), you will be an "Early Bird." You may go to the free Early Bird dinner at the Legion on Saturday, November 16th.

We have a busy, busy week!

● **MEETING: Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.** The next CC ALA meeting will be held tonight at the Perry Cook American Legion Post #973, 618 Valley View Rd, South Otselic, NY. Dinner will be provided. All 2019-20 CCALA future meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (but not in Jan, July, Aug). (Desserts/dinners at 6:30 p.m./ business meeting begins at 7 p.m.) Any member can go to this meeting. (Bring one bag of red, white and/or blue candy for the Conference.)

● **MEETING: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.** Our 2nd meeting of the (fiscal) year. NOTE: Due to a conflict, we will be meeting at the **Oxford Memorial Library!!!**

*Come to a meeting and share your thoughts and ideas!*

● **EVENT: Friday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** (same night as the Fun Night), our Unit is having our big, annual **Harvest Dinner**. This is for our "Finch Book and Education Fund". Money is donated each year for the Primary School to buy books for the children.



Terrill Sutton & Donna Woytek showing off a delicious Harvest turkey dinner plate.



Louise Spicer serving pumpkin pie.



Great grandchildren of Sally Finch who started the education fund for literacy. (2016 photo )

Nineteen years ago, Sally Finch started this fundraiser with ALA Unit 376 to promote literacy for Oxford community youth. Members of Unit 376 bake and donate sweet quick breads like zucchini and banana loaves to serve before the dinner and homemade apple and pumpkin pies to

serve for dessert. The rest of the dinner will be cooked in the Post 376 kitchen by ALA volunteers.

\$10 for dinner and we promise you'll be stuffed! (\$10 for adults/seniors; children, aged 6 to 12, are \$6; and under age 5 are free! Take-outs: \$10.)

The proceeds from the ALA Harvest Dinner are for a memorial fund named after Sarah "Sally" Finch, a

once proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Sally, who passed away in 2003, helped sponsor volunteer programs on the national and local levels of the ALA. Her daughters, Sharon Carpenter, Donna Clark and Connie McGowan, granddaughters and great granddaughters are all members of the ALA, and they carry on their mother's legacy. The Finch Book and Education Fund provides revenue for books for the Oxford Academy Primary School students. To date, the Oxford Legion Auxiliary has donated well over \$6,000.

● **CONFERENCE**: 6th District Fall Conference will be this **Saturday, Oct. 12th** at Post 189, Norwich. The special guest will be **2019-20 NYS ALA President Linda Tome**. Her fundraising project is **Stop Soldier Suicide**, a very important cause. There's a \$5 registration fee for the Fall Conference. There is also a lunch for \$15 but you do not have to stay for the lunch. For "Conference Call" info and registration it's on our website to print [PDF at <http://oxford-ala.chenango.org/>]. The (Friday) night before is "**Fun Night**" which will be held at the **Sherburne Post 876** and there are raffles, food, maybe some sort of games, and a lot of getting acquainted with members from other units of the district.

The **Legion's Sunday Community Breakfast**- (*since 1994*) has to raise their rates (just .50¢). This increase is in effect (as of Oct. 6). Seniors- 62 years & older \$7; Adults- 13 to 61 years \$8; All Firemen --Thank You! \$7; Juniors- 6 to 12 years \$6; Children 5 to 2 years \$2; Children under age 2- Complimentary; Re-Orders – Complimentary; and Take Outs - \$8.

The Breakfast longevity has/does depend upon help from volunteers like **you**. If anyone wants to help out or knows of an organization (adult or youth) that can volunteer, please contact Jan.

● **EVENT**: Dept. of NY Commander's Visitation Dinner - Fri, **October 25**. (More later.) Mike McDermott-Cmdr.

● **EVENT**: The Early Bird dinner will be on Sat., **November 16**, 4:30 to 6 p.m. (cocktail hour: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.) Veterans Day (the dues deadline, 11/11) is the anniversary of the official end of World War I (in 1918). Contact the Post 376 for reservations. You must RSVP the Post at (607) 843-8166.

Please visit our website for more news – [oxford-ala.chenango.org](http://oxford-ala.chenango.org)

Best wishes,

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