

UNIT 376 E-NEWS



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December 22, 2020 Hi ALA-ers,

★ **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!** ★

Dou'd better watch out, Santa might be coming by raft this year! (That way he'll be sure to miss the bear that I saw crossing on my road the other day!)
"This Thursday afternoon (Christmas Eve, 12/24) through Friday morning (12/25) heavy rain will move into the area Thursday and continue through Thursday night. The rain will fall on a deep snow-pack leading to snow melt. This snow melt combined with 1 to 3 inches of rainfall could cause urban and flash flooding. Flows in rivers may increase quickly and rise above flood stage." --Flood Watch warning from NY Alert.

Having trouble getting in the "Christmas spirit"? I know I am. Here are some internet suggestions: have some hot cocoa or eggnog, watch a Christmas-y movie (try Last Christmas -'19 movie with Emilia Clarke from Game of Thrones) or read a book, listen to carols, look at Christmas lights, put up a tree, reach out to an old friend by phone or card, and the biggie- community service. It's all a means to an end; that end being a warmed heart, a spirit that melts away the cynicism and primes the heart for a renewed sense of generosity.



- ★ THIS SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 27 – NO SUNDAY BREAKFAST**– The usual Breakfast will resume on Sunday, JANUARY 3, 2021*. Thank you for your continued support!
- ★ **HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2021!!!**
- ★ The Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross will be at Fort Hill American Legion Post 376 on SATURDAY, **JANUARY 9th** - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the dining room. (More info below)
- ★ ***Sunday Legion Community Breakfast IS BACK** – Sunday, **JANUARY 3rd**, 2021 from 7:30 – 11 a.m. We have been serving the All-You-Can-Eat breakfasts for 25 years. The pandemic is the only thing that has shut it down. Breakfast patrons: we are heeding the CDC information regarding the Covid-19 virus. Your health and safety is our concern! If in doubt, you may call to confirm that Breakfast is on: 843-8166 . The Breakfast dining hall is limited to sixty people, at ten tables, with chairs spaced for social distancing. People may be asked to sanitize and take their silverware to their table.
- ★ **NEXT ALA UNIT MEETING:** (No meetings in January) **Tues., Feb. 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m.** - Our 6th meeting of the (fiscal) year. *Come to a meeting and share your thoughts and ideas! Please wear your mask.*



December Birthdays – Gerry, Francene, Holly, Terrie, Laurie, Kirsten, Susan, and Nadine. ~ "**Happy Birthday to you all!!!**"

2021 Membership Renewals: I want to thank every one of you who have renewed in such a timely manner. I thought I'd see a dues drop due to financial difficulties during this troubled time, but your support has been TERRIFIC! (Kudos! Please pat yourselves on the back!) Those of you who are waiting until the New Year, reminder: You can renew by mail, online [– very easy to do with a credit card], or at the Post 376 bar. Do you know someone who would like to join the ALA? Click for an [ALA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#) (PDF)

Doing community service to help others and to make a difference in the community can result in making you feel better about yourself, making you feel valued and appreciated.

ALA's Mission: *In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.*

All ALA County meetings, First monthly Mondays, are planned to be held at the Sherburne Post #876, at 15 S. Main Street, for the rest of the year. *If* they have them, due to Covid-19, they have more rooms to spread out. *If* the numbers in Chenango County are still high, they will cancel the meeting again.

The American Red Cross has a holiday message, "**Blood Donors Have Warm Hearts!**" (*Very cute.*) Your donation is critically needed to help the sick and injured get through the winter months. It costs nothing but an hour of your time – and it's a gift like no other. To find a blood drive in your area, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org> or contact: 1-800--**RED CROSS** (1-800--733-2767) or email: customercare@redcross.org. The Southern Tier Chapter of Endicott, NY, will be at the Fort Hill American Legion Post 376, on the 2nd Saturday of every other month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov). All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Results available within one to two weeks. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Do you ever go to the Common Cents Thrift Shop on Rte. 12? Did you know that all their proceeds go to the Food Pantry? The Pantry has been working overtime trying to keep up with the high demands for food. Due to Covid 19 they have new hours for shopping and donations. Donations are by appointment only ...no drop offs. Donation days are only Mon.s and Wed.s, 9 - 10 am.

Call 843-6512. (They do NOT accept electronics ...that includes TVs, Computers, Printers, DVD or VCR players.) New store hours for shopping: Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and on Sat. 9 am - 1:00 pm. REMEMBER: NO MASK, NO SERVICE.

I thought I'd pass along this link for some really delicious **Spice Cookies**. They're not like ginger snaps – they're more chewy and they put a lot of spice in the air! *Simply Recipes* ~
https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/molasses_spice_cookies/



Best wishes for a **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**,
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