

UNIT 376 E-NEWS



American Legion Auxiliary

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October 16, 2020 Hi ALA-ers, **HAPPY FALL!**

- ★ The annual ALA HARVEST DINNER was on Oct. 9th, and we had record sales!!! Your support and support from the community was outstanding. Thank you for the many wonderful pies! Watch for news of a roast beef dinner in November. Details pending.
- ★ **Oct. 24** – Chicken BBQ – last one of the year!
- ★ The Early Bird dinner in November, Cancelled.
- ★ **NEXT UNIT MEETING: Tues., Nov. 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.** - Our 3rd meeting of the (fiscal) year. *Come to a meeting and share your thoughts and ideas! Please wear your mask.*
- ★ Also on **Nov. 10th** - Coincidentally, this is the Auxiliary's Birthday! The American Legion designated the "birth" date of the American Legion Auxiliary as Nov. 10, 1919, as per our National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules.
- ★ **Sunday Legion Community Breakfast IS BACK**- Sundays from 7:30 – 11 a.m. (No specials.) We have been serving the All-You-Can-Eat Breakfasts for 25 years. The pandemic is the only thing that shut it down - temporarily.



Breakfast patrons: we are heeding the CDC information regarding the Covid-19 virus. Your health and safety is our concern! (Special thanks to Connie McGowan for the great Sunday Breakfast pictures.)

- ★ **Saturday, Oct. 30, 2020** - **YES**, there will be **HALLOWEEN** candy given away in individually wrapped goodie bags to Trick or Treaters. Please make donations of (wrapped) candy downstairs in the bar. (The bar is closed on Mon. and Tues.; open Wed. - Sat. from 2:30 - close. Sunday open 2:30 - 6 p.m.) See the PDF on the Village website "Covid-19 Halloween Guidelines"

([http://www.villageofoxfordny.com/assets/Halloween-](http://www.villageofoxfordny.com/assets/Halloween-Covid19-2020.pdf)

[Covid19-2020.pdf](http://www.villageofoxfordny.com/assets/Halloween-Covid19-2020.pdf)) - will be followed. Know any kids (or the young at heart) that would like to color? There's a free ALA Halloween Coloring Book you can print from here:

https://www.alaforveterans.org/uploadedFiles/ALAforVeteransorg/Resources/Assets/Programs/Youth_Development/Children_and_Youth/ALA_Halloween_Coloring_Book-05-2020-lp.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1FjXLXT3bQw_R5mgicAzAdRGMWSBKij-WP_RJHiSNraqftHtealirgiGc



October Birthdays – Nellie, Alma June, Laura, Carol, Joan, Nancy, Deb, Barbara, Peggy, Cathy, Kaz, Cindy, Kelly, & Leslie ~ "Happy Birthday to you all!!!"

November 1 – ALA Program chair-people: first reports (of 3) are due 11/1! You can get them online at the NY Dept website (https://www.deptny.org/?page_id=17).

Nov. 14, 2020 - is ALA National Read Your Constitution & Bylaws Day. Our C & BL have been recently updated and approved. The old ones are still on the website – I have to scan and post the new ones. I'll get them up in time for 11/14.

The 6th District ALA Representative to the Oxford Veterans' Home, Tami Zebrowski-Darrow has veterans events for this year; I put the list and dates on our web home page. Volunteers, usually wanted, but this year due to Covid, ***no one can volunteer***. Events (such as pumpkin decorating or Bingo) will happen WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS or may not happen at all. Once volunteers are allowed, we will get the word out. **Donations are still needed and greatly appreciated** for the annual **Vets' Home Christmas Gift Giveaway** on Dec. 12. Send donations to: Tami Zebrowski-Darrow at 6 Lillian Dr, Binghamton, NY 13903. Please make checks out to: **ALA 6th District Oxford Home**. Contact Home phone - (607) 722-5994 ; Cell phone - (607) 759-6891. Since we are not doing the luncheon for the volunteers this year, your Unit 376 has donated \$200 for this important veterans activity!

The Sept. Chenango County ALA meeting (S Otselic) was cancelled. They're usually held on the first Monday of each Month, 6:30 p.m.

All future ALA County meetings, starting with Monday, **Nov. 2**, 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 Past President Parley meeting for October has been cancelled. – from Colleen Melella, ALA County Secretary

Bacon lovers, there's a new face mask for you. Hormel Foods, known for its Black Label Bacon, announced the launch of "Breathable Bacon," what it calls "a revolutionary face mask featuring the latest in pork-scented technology." Now through Oct. 28 at www.breathablebacon.com, Hormel is giving away free masks and for every request will **donate one meal to Feeding America**, up to 10,000 meals. The free masks will be given away while supplies last, according to a news release. [While I'd like to forget it, the Times recently wrote, "*The autumn wave of the coronavirus has reached a dangerous new stage. The number of new daily cases has risen almost 50 percent in the U.S. over the past month.*" Today they wrote, "*New daily coronavirus cases have reached their highest point yet in 17 states, including Minnesota, Montana and Wisconsin. In no state are cases clearly on the decline.*"]

In the last newsletter I mentioned the US Semiquincentennial; are you aware of this? Visit <https://www.america250.org/> The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission was established by Congress to inspire all Americans and each American to participate in our greatest milestone ever — the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. They're charged with orchestrating the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in our nation's history. The Commission will work with public and private entities across the country to make America 250 a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all Americans. I think we all need something exciting to look forward to!

2021 Memberships: You can renew by mail, or online, 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. You might learn a new skill or get to use skills you already have. Some volunteering can give your life purpose while you're giving hope to others or making other people feel happy. It can also be a good way to meet new people, make friends and to have fun!

Best wishes,

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P.S.—Our website is located at – oxford-ala.chenango.org

Also check out Chenango County Legion's website: ChenangoLegion.org

BTW- I just saw this on Facebook--

"We, here at the Veterans Home, are trying to make Veterans Day a little more special and need your help! We are asking for people in the community to send cards or a short letter addressed to "Any Veteran" so Recreation Therapy staff can pass them out on Veterans Day and bring a little sunshine to their day!"

Please address envelopes to:

New York State Veterans Home at Oxford

Attn: Kristen Slate

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