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Dates of interest

- **October 31:** Halloween 5:30-8 Past Pres. Roberta Knoll will be handing out candy on our Post's porch.
- **November 5:** Chenango County ALA meeting, 7 PM, Post #348 New Berlin
- **November 9:** Oxford Legion's 2nd annual SAL Spaghetti Dinner (sheet cakes wanted). Just 3 days later...
- **November 12:** next Oxford ALA meeting, at 7 p.m.

Final plans will be made for the NYS Commander's visitation dinner. It's an honor for our Post to be asked to host again, and I'm sure it has something to do with Cindy's delicious roast pork dinner (which she'll be making again)!!

- **November 15:** State Commander's Visitation Dinner



ALA Dept. of New York, Department President – Sally Johnston

ALA Harvest Dinner, it's Friday

This is just a quick reminder about the ALA Harvest Dinner, it's THIS Friday from 5 – 7 PM. As you know, it's sponsored by the: FORT HILL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #376. (But did you know that's the proper name of our unit? I had to know for my PR chairman's report. BTW– it wasn't hard and I just emailed it to Kari Buck, the C.C. PR chairman. 'Snap!' It was just that easy.)

Details about the dinner, in case you didn't already know—

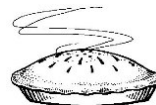
Menu: chicken & biscuits, gravy, cranberry sauce, peas~n~carrots, mashed potatoes, relish trays, homemade breads, and dessert pies.

ADULTS - \$7 • SENIORS - \$6 • CHILDREN 6-12 - \$5 •

5 & Under – FREE! Takeouts - \$7.50 Proceeds benefit the *Sally Finch Book Fund.

*If you don't know who Sally was, look for the framed wall hanging bio and picture of her in the post.

Some of you may be getting called to donate food; especially sweet quick breads or Pumpkin/ Apple pies (especially pies!) for the Harvest Dinner. Please do what you can to help.



With everybody's efforts to get the word around, we're all anticipating a greater attendance. If that happens, more food will be needed!

Did you see the ad for the Harvest Dinner in The Oxford Review Times? It has good placement; right inside the cover! Watch for the Pennysaver's ad - Wed., 10/24, in the Good Times Guide (sect. B). (That ad will be a little smaller.)

I hope everyone who took Harvest Dinner posters got them up. If anyone wants me to email them the poster PDF to print themselves – please let me know.

Desseray Wallace, Treasurer, volunteered to come in this Thursday at 7:30 PM, (after the Rotary mtg.), to set tables, and work on sprucing-up the floral table arrangements. Maybe she could use a hand?

Some Details from Our Last Meeting

1. **PRICE INCREASE—** The ALA state & nat'l dues rate, which is currently (for 2013), \$15.80, will be going up to \$17 in 2014/ annually. We currently only pay \$20/yr. It was voted and approved to raise Oxford ALA dues for 2014 to \$25.00. Sorry ladies, but

the Unit can't run on air. (It's only \$5 ;-)

2. Girls' State Rep. cost is going up too, from \$275 to \$295.

3. Here's some *good news*: the County ALA fundraising calendars

raised \$1200! They will use these proceeds to make donations to food kitchens/pantries throughout the county. This comes at an especially good time— when United Way funds are down.

State Commander's Visitation

(DON'T GUESS NOV. 15)

WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?



FYI it's: **NYS Department Commander Timothy S. Van Patten** (a Navy veteran from East Amherst) traveling along with **Legion Auxiliary President Sally Johnston** of

Franklin County, and **state Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander John J. Knapp Sr.** of Binghamton. They're fundraising for:

- Cmdr. Van Patten is raising money for a National Emergency Fund that gives grants to Legion posts damaged by natural disasters

throughout the U.S.

- SAL Cmdr Knapp Sr. has two projects: the National Emergency Fund and (CWF) Child Welfare Fund.
- ALA Pres. Johnston's project is the Warrior's Family Assistance Program. It's for soldiers from NY who come home and don't get payments right away and are in dire need. The money may be used for a variety of things such as food, rent, utilities, home owner's insurance, medical expenses and work-related transportation. Any (NY) veteran currently in the Armed Forces or that has served within the past five years is eligible for grants up to \$1,200. For info about the Warrior's Family Assistance Program go to: www.deptny.org .

Let's show them our Chenango County hospitality and good times at this 2nd annual dinner. Please mark this date on your calendar and come help make this a memorable and spirited evening!



Last year's Visitation Dinner— (Past) Dept. Pres. Ann Geer, the Chaplain, and our own Fort Hill Unit 376 (Past) President Cindy Hubschmitt.

Auxiliary Merchandise & More—Get in the Spirit!

Auxiliary Emblem T-Shirt



I get no kick-back for mentioning this, but there is a catalog/website for all sorts of Legion goodies with a special section for the Auxiliary. It's called

American Legion Flag & Emblem and you can call 1-888-453-4466 and ask for a catalog or go online at <http://e m ->

blem.legion.org . Consider 'showing off' a little bit. They have ALA emblem t-shirts, jewelry, stickers, etc. Because we're doing good things for the community, (like the Harvest Dinner fundraiser for instance), you should be proud of what you and what we're all accomplishing in the ALA. If you project a positive "vibe"

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Remember ~ Renew ~ Reachout

then that pride will be part of our (collective) positive image! (Spreading this spirit is a good kind-of contagion.)

Did you know that we have a Facebook page? Here's the web address - <http://www.facebook.com/legion.oxford?ref=ts&fref=ts>

or if you're already at **Facebook**, type

in "Legion Oxford" in the address window at the top. Why not write something good about what you're doing in the ALA?

Did you know the Chenango County American Legion website has a page for our Unit 376? Have a look—

<http://www.ccalegion.org/County Aux/index.htm> (click "376") It's now up-

dated with our 2012-13 officers!

So, did you like this Newsletter? Do you have any ideas for a next edition? Email me, Jeanie Petersen, your ALA Unit 376 Public Relations Chairman at: Events@OxfordNY.com or call (607) 843-2121.