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### Dates to remember

- **February 14** : Launch of our new website <http://oxford-ala.chenango.org/>
- **Feb. 20**: Mailed Early Bird post card.
- **March 9**: Early Bird Dinner -over 100 attended steak & potato dinner!
- **Feb & Mar 11**: Oxford ALA meetings.
- **March 10**: County report due.
- **March 12**: Joint meeting -Sherburne.
- **March 13**: Wm. Ballin Sr., WWII vet, memorial luncheon held at Oxford post.
- **April 8**: Oxford ALA meeting.
- **April 20**: 6th Dist. Spring Conf -Vestal.
- **April 27**: Legion's Goofy Golf Tourney.
- **April 28**: Auxiliary served Community Bkfst. (4th Sunday of month)
- **May 4**: Red Cross Blood Drive at Post
- **May 10**: County reports due.
- **May 11**: Great Garage Sale Day & Bake Sale 8 AM-1 PM.
- **May 12**: Bake Sale continues at Mother's Day Community Breakfast.
- **May 13**: Oxford ALA meeting.



## Upcoming Great Garage Sale Day & Bake Sale May 11... the Excitement Grows!

Excitement is growing as we solidify plans for our upcoming 4th (mostly) annual Great Garage Sale Day and Bake Sale, to be held on Sat., May 11th, rain or shine, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A children's coloring contest has been added as well as a paper poppy exhibit. A U.S. worn flag collection area too.

Attention is being placed on Mother's Day for the bake sale, but shopping for moms, or even bringing moms is being encouraged.

Participants are still being accepted with garage/ attic items, antiques, crafts, home canned goods, or bric-a-brac. School groups, educational orgs, or promotional booths like Chenango Cty. Habitat for Humanity, are welcome. FYI: Booth

space is \$15 per 10' x 10'. (Tables/ displays not provided.) Booths will be in the parking lot, behind the Post #376.

If you "Stop for garage sales!" this event will be your one stop to shop. You never know when you might come across a gem of a collectible, some brilliant bric-a-brac, or something you've been searching for, for ages.

One special addition to the event is wood artisan Doug DeLong - Ole Timer Construction of Norwich. Doug is a retired aerospace engineer and now wood crafts are his passion.

Bruce Whitney of Oxford is bringing a flower garden's worth of plants such as columbines; creeping thyme;

glads; & he'll also have his specialty... daylilies.

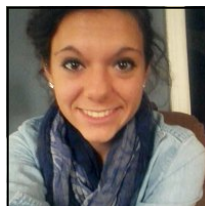
Our own Desseray Wallace will have a facepainting booth! Desi is really excited about her display plans, stickers for the kids and more!

Why not bring your mom to shop and then have a relaxing hot dog lunch al fresco.

**Donations of garage sale items still needed!** (No clothes or large appliances -thank you.)

The Relay for Life dinner will be at the Emmanuel Church in Norwich starting at 4:30. We are giving reciprocal mentions (one fundraiser to another.)

## Youth News



Lorrin Parks, Oxford ALA's  
2013 Girls State delegate

Feb. 15th, Eileen Lewis arranged for Sandy Dain and Anita Smith to interview 6 Nat'l

Honor Soc. juniors for Oxford ALA's 2013 Empire Girls State

delegate. Lorrin Parks, a very outgoing and avid soccer player was selected. Her friend, Danielle Camadine is the alternate. The G.S. pkt was submitted by 3/1/13 to Angela Jones (Sherburne) the C.C. Girls State rep. At the 6th Dist. Conference, they said it was possible for the delegate to get college credits but it takes work. It will be explained at the program.

April 12th, Desseray Wal-



lace, accompanied by Jeanie Petersen, presented Asst. Primary School Principal, Dawn Hover, a \$600 donation check for books from

## What Happened Since the Last Meeting...

the Sally Finch Book Fund during morning program with all the P.S. kids.



Allison Beckwith - Jr. MISS POPPY of ALA Unit 376

March 9, at the Early Bird dinner, 11 year-old soprano, Allison Beckwith sang the National Anthem beautifully

for all the Legion Post 376 members. She is the daughter of Michael and Karri Beckwith of Oxford.

Allison, the great granddaughter of the late Robert H. Carey, is our newest Jr. ALA member and has agreed to be our Jr. **MISS POPPY**. She will be in the Memorial Day parade and will sing at the Riverview Cemetery service.

At the 6th District Spring Conference, April 20th, Susie Boise and Resi Fuller of the Chenango County ALA, participated in a memorial that (among others) recognized our 3 recently departed members: Esther McGowan, Kathryn Paden, and Edna Hill .

### OTHER NEWS~

**Poppies, poppies, poppies** –part of our Americanism program. I'm happy to report from Desi that our 100 poppies have arrived! Good timing for the Great Garage Sale. Eileen Lewis made a tri-fold poster display so people will know the history and importance of poppies.

The Oxford Review-Times has run many articles to help us promote the Great Garage Sale. Now they're printing a **Poppy Coloring Contest** insert for us this week (May 2)! The contest is only for Oxford kindergarten and 1st graders.

### DID YOU SEE...

...that the U.S. flag flew at half-mast from April 15-20 for the Boston victims?♦

...the table in LaFayette Pk Sat., April 27th, advertising the Great Garage sale?♦

...the Nat'l Auxiliary online E-News? See [http://americanlegion.informz.net/AmericanLegion/archives/archive\\_1984932.html](http://americanlegion.informz.net/AmericanLegion/archives/archive_1984932.html) ♦



President Sylvia and PR chairperson Jeanie at the 6th D. Spring Conference

## County & District News

The CC ALA is planning a **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon** in Sherburne on Sat., Oct. 5th, noon-3 PM. Each Unit should get info out to their area. We should have hand-outs for programs (things the VA offers like counseling) and job info. They should get a "Thank you for your service" certificate. (Jeanie will make). There should be a little something that says "Thank you!" More on this at the next County meeting.

Resi Fuller—Legion Riders, is fundraising for the Landstuhl Hospital Care **Project**

for wounded US soldiers in Germany. May 18th they're having a raffle. Soldiers need phonecards, blankets, and sweatpants. Joe Angelino has been invited. CC ALA donated \$100.

At the District, Carol Johnson talked about volunteering at the Vets Home. Maybe we can get a calendar of their events. Also, Sylvia said the V.H. gift shop needs help on wknds too. 2 hrs. would help.

**"Units need to be chartered and bonded NOW."**

**—Ann Gere**

Ann Gere said that dues should be in 'Standing Rules' not the Constitution— policies could be changed often. Also, we need to be chartered, and every Unit should have an audit committee. She also mentioned the distribution of poppy seeds ~part of "**Poppy Fields Across America.**"

ALA Units have gotten help from District Leadership Committee. McDonough ALA was having trouble working together, but they've turned it around. They have fish fries, donated quilts, to the park comm. and to the food pantry. The Jr. ALA sent cards to soldiers. Cortland had an

## Remember ~ Renew ~ Reachout

open house with reps from Sen. Seward's office and the V.A. explained benefits for vets. Otsego had a Girls St. dinner for girls, parents, and teachers.

Unit 376: You may be called upon to participate or just bake something for the Garage Sale. Please help. If you are baking, try to do something a little special for Mother's Day. If it's not sold on 5/11, it'll be sold at the Sun. breakfast bake sale 5/12.

Read ALA In the Know— <http://alaintheknow.wordpress.com/>

Look to the future—give some thought to the **Memorial Day Parade** on Mon, **May 27, 2013, 9 AM**. Please join the ALA parade this year it's a fun walk! What floats can we work on? How many poppy people will we have?

Any thoughts on the Sunday breakfast? The Legion is brainstorming new ideas to

make it more popular.

May 4, 7:30-12:30 is the Red Cross Blood Drive at our Legion. Please donate to honor those who have served our country. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Red-CrossBlood.org

So, did you like this 3rd Newsletter? Any ideas for the next edition? Email me, Jeanie Petersen, your ALA Unit 376 PR chairperson at: [Events@OxfordNY.com](mailto:Events@OxfordNY.com) or call (607) 843-2121.