



8th District Newsletter



President's Message

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to Mosinee for being a 100% Unit for 2025! Vesper only needs 2 more members. Keep up the good work everyone! Officers make sure you get your memberships in.

There are several units that have members that haven't renewed their membership for 2024. If they are interested in renewing, they should turn in their dues as soon as possible.

Unit Presidents, a friendly reminder, please send in your 2024-2025 Unit Officers Form to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. This form should be completed and returned even if your officers haven't changed for the new Auxiliary year. In order to win any membership awards, you need to have your updated form in to Department.

I am still looking for District Program Chairs for the openings listed in the box below. The position would only last until July 2025. The responsibilities of being a District Chairman are that you would be the liaison between Units and District, present a report at District Conferences and submit articles to the District newsletter. It's vital that we fill these roles as soon as possible. Please let me know if you are interested in one of them. My contact information is at the top of the newsletter.

I will be attending Wittenberg's meeting on October 8th to install their officers.

A reminder to all Units, if any Unit has any upcoming events that they would like included in this newsletter, please let me know!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference! Thank you for all you do!

Linda Tryczak

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Mark your Calendars!!

**Midwinter Conference
January 16-19th**

**Hilton Paper Valley
Appleton WI**

5 Ways to Keep your Members

1. Keep members' names and addresses current and accurate – it's the best sign of a "caring" organization. It is common courtesy and good business practice to keep your membership records as accurate as possible. This becomes even more important because members' expectations increase as they compare your unit's communications to those they receive from other sources.
2. Make sure you capture e-mail addresses whenever possible. Also make sure your members know your unit e-mail address so they'll accept email from you. E-mail is the quickest and least expensive method of sending information and documents to your members and to receive correspondence from your members.
3. If you ask a member to do a volunteer job, make sure it's a WORTHWHILE job! Even the smallest volunteer jobs need to provide some sense of accomplishment for the members assigned to do them. Although there is a lot of pressure to get members involved in the unit's leadership structure, just having a title is not enough to justify the valuable time members have to give up in order to participate. Be able to pinpoint the contribution each member makes to your unit's success and be certain to mention that contribution when thanking the member.
4. Call you annual dues an investment rather than "dues". Referring to your dues as an investment will create an image that your unit isn't spending the members' dues but rather investing it in programs and services that bring value to the members, to the unit and to the community.
5. Assign an officer to contact a certain number of inactive members each month – just a little "say Hi!" call. Some members believe that the only time we contact them is when we need money, information or support. This impression is strongest among the less active members. To alleviate some of these feelings ask officers and E-board members to make some random phone calls each month to your inactive members. These courtesy calls will remind these members that the unit knows they're still out there and that their opinion is valued. Be sure to give the callers something substantial to talk about, such as getting input on an upcoming legislative issue or proposed unit policy change.

Program Chairman

Legislative: Kay Grosskopf

Juniors: OPEN

VA&R: OPEN

Americanism: Betty Blume

Membership: Fran Bender

Children & Youth: OPEN

Please let me know if interested in any of these open positions.

Upcoming Events / Dates

Midwinter Conference – January 16-19, 2025

Attachments

Unit Updates – Wittenberg Unit 502

Wittenberg Legion Post 502 dedicated a Tribute Wall in Wittenberg on September 14. The Women's Auxiliary were also involved in the event. Slabs of marble mention the names of the deceased veterans and living veterans from the Wittenberg area. We also had a flag ceremony, 21 gun salute and patriotic songs sung by Brianna Schmidt. We also had a picnic lunch served thanks to the Wittenberg Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted by: Barb Staehler – Auxiliary member