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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joyce E. Endres
Department
President

It is an honor to be elected as Wisconsin's Department President by my fellow members. Thank you for placing your trust in me as we "Share our Life" with members and the people we serve.

Members helped me learn about the Auxiliary – **who we are, what we do and why we make a difference, plus the value of being an active Auxiliary Member.** Bonnie, Andrea, Carrie, and Linda's support is also amazing!

Members are the foundation of the American Legion Family. We grow stronger and provide the best service to veterans, active military, their families, youth and communities because we serve as active unit, post, detachment and/or rider members!

Life hands us many opportunities and challenges. I encourage you to meet those challenges head on and work as a team to grab onto the best opportunities to learn, share and make things happen together.

Department Presidents promote themes to support the ALA

mission and help members implement Auxiliary programs from new and different perspectives.

Leading candidate for National President Nancy Brown-Park's 2013-14 theme is "Pass it On." This theme fits so beautifully with Wisconsin's theme "Share your Life~Be Gems of Service."

I chose "Share your Life" to honor all veterans who served and are still serving at home or abroad. We are free Americans today because veterans continue to share their life serving our great country.

I also chose "Share your Life" to honor one very special veteran, our son Leo who from a little boy on wanted to join the Army, which he did, as well as served one term in Desert Storm. Leo died at age 30 from a basil artery aneurysm. He shared his life through the donation of his organs. After 15 years, his heart and kidney/pancreas recipients are going strong because he shared his life.

The President's Special Project is Organ Transplant Awareness and Organ Donation. I also ask you to continue to support the Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund.

Members of the American Legion Family share their lives



every day through programs and actions we perform for the people we serve.

"Be Gems of Service" as we illustrate our service and dedication to God and Country every day. Our "service not self" culture and different approaches to service add variety and excitement.

Einstein said "Try not to become a person of success, try to become a person of value." This statement symbolizes our direction for this year.

Smile before you go to sleep, it will help you sleep better. I look forward to the bus ride to National Convention in Houston, Texas. See you there!

Joyce E. Endres
Department President

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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Congratulations to Diana Sirovina on a phenomenal year as Department President! Diana's year culminated in a successful 93rd Convention of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha. I wish to acknowledge the Auxiliary and Legion members of Oconomowoc #91, Auxiliary staff, Angie Chappell and Adjutant David Kurtz of The American Legion, and the Milwaukee Marriott West for making this event successful. Pictures on page A4 capture some of the convention highlights.

The Auxiliary Convention opened with musical entertainment by gold medal winner David Skinner of the Zablocki Veterans Creative Arts Festival and was highlighted by the presence of National President Peggy Thomas, Honored PDP Janiece Fischer (1998-1999), Unit Member of the Year Dar-

lene Heller of Unit 12 in Spooner, 40-year employee Linda Carlson, 2013 ALA Badger Girls State Governor Astha Berry, and guest speaker Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch. Many units and members participated in a Parade of Checks for National President Peggy Thomas and donated more than \$3,200 to her special project – the Children of Warriors Scholarship Fund!

Although many units are worthy of recognition, Diana Sirovina presented 2012-2013 Department President's Awards for Excellence to six units as listed on page A2. These units were selected based on Diana's review of their accomplishments as documented in the Unit Year-End Reports.

The convention closed on Sunday morning with installation of new district and department officers in a joint ceremony with The American Legion at Olympia Resort. Department President Joyce Endres and Commander Ken Rynes challenged each other to see who could achieve the highest percentage of membership by Veterans Day. Let's prove Amer-

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MEMBERSHIP

Laura Calteux
Dept Membership Chairman

The new membership year is beginning and we are going to make it a big one! The National organization has set their goal for the next five years and I know that we can do it. That goal is to be One Million members by 2019, which is the American Legion Auxiliary's 100th Anniversary. Everyone will need to work hard to achieve this, but by doing the same thing we are doing to get new members and adding a push to get members to renew, we will get there.

The membership team for this year is Laura Calteux, Chairman, Berne Baer and Ruth Mengsol, UD&R and our Junior Representa-

tive, Morgan Johnsen. Your membership team is ready and available to help you reach your membership goals. If you are holding a membership event, let us know, as we would love to attend. Remember to make any and all membership events Legion Family events. We are all in this together and need to continue to work together.

The Plan of Action for the coming year won't change much from last year, but the goals will. National is working on those goals and they will be out soon. We can expect those goals to be higher than usual due to the National goal of One Million members by 2019. Each unit should work on their own plan of action to reach that

higher goal. There will be many ideas to help you reach out to your communities for new members and ideas to help you retain and rejoin members. Watch your Wisconsin and unit mailings and don't forget Fall Forum on September 20th and 21st at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc.

Share Your Life, Be Gems of Service.

YOUR TEAM:

Laura Calteux, Chairman
Berne Baer, UD & R
Ruth Mengsol, UD & R
Morgan Johnsen, Junior Member

2013-14 DEPARTMENT LEADERS



Pictured here at the close of the Annual Convention of the Department of Wisconsin in Oconomowoc: American Legion Department Commander Ken Rynes; American Legion Auxiliary Department President Joyce Endres; Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Dan Daily; Auxiliary Department Honorary Junior President Caitlin Rosemeyer; Wisconsin American Legion Riders Association President Bob Lloyd

SHARE YOUR LIFE



SHARE YOUR LEGACY



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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The 93rd American Legion Auxiliary Convention has come and gone but the memories will remain. I am very honored by the trust you have placed in me as your new Department Chaplain. I am also thrilled to be serving with such devoted and dedicated officers. Hopefully this convention has made us all stronger as we strive for our goals for the coming year and for God and Country. Now as we travel to and from National Convention in Houston, Texas, may our Lord watch over our officers and the delegates of the Wisconsin American Legion and Auxiliary and may we have a safe and successful journey to the benefit of our Veterans.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, guide and support us as we gather at National Convention to conduct the business of the American Legion Auxiliary. May we work together in harmony and accomplish our mission in SERVICE TO OTHERS, NOT SELF.

Amen

MUSIC

TO YOU, OUR GOD, WE FLY

To you, our God we fly, for mercy and for grace.
 Oh, hear our lowly cry, and do not hide your face!
 O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand
 And guard and bless our native land.

The pow'rs that you ordained with heav'nly wisdom bless;
 May evil be restrained, replaced by righteousness.
 O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand
 And guard and bless our native land.

Give peace, Lord, in our time, Oh, let no foe draw nigh
 Nor lawlessness and crime insult your majesty!
 O Lord, stretch forth your mighty hand
 And guard and bless our native land.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen



American Legion Auxiliary 2013 State Convention Citations



PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Diana Sirovina, Department President
 6 – Unit 96 (Webster), District 12; Unit 100 (Sparta), District 7; Unit 263 (New London), District 8; Unit 355 (Grafton), District 2; Unit 449 (Brookfield), District 1; Unit 470 (Saukville), District 2

AEF

Pat Ziarnik, Department Chairman
 4 – Citations of Recognition for Highest donations by a Unit – awarded to Unit 449 (Brookfield), District 1; Unit 67 (Lake Mills), District 2; Unit 18 (Milwaukee), District 4; Unit 121 (River Falls), District 10

AMERICANISM

Teresa Isensee, Department Chairman
 5 - Americanism Essay Winners: Class I awarded to Kalen Berger, sponsored by Unit 461 (Pembine), District 9; Class II awarded to McKenzie Olson, sponsored by Unit 85 (Muscodia), District 3; Class III awarded to Kathryn Curtin, sponsored by Unit 12 (Grantsburg), District 12; Class IV awarded to Emily Stiemann, sponsored by Unit 132 (Siren), District 12; Class V awarded to Megan Gasper, sponsored by Unit 348 (DeForest), District 3
 1 – Most Outstanding Unit Americanism program – awarded to Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7

ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE

Jeannine Conradt, Department Chairman and Dee Woolf, Executive Director
 2 – Certificates of Recognition – awarded to Sherry Brasda of Unit 324 (Osseo), District 10 and Loretta Shellman of Unit 302 (Oconto Falls), District 9.

BOWLING

Gail Faust, Department Chairman
 1 – 'Team Event' Plaque – awarded to 'Team Gusto' of Unit 360 (Waunakee), District 3
 1 – Single Event winner – awarded to Carol Peters of Unit 189 (Watertown), District 2
 1 – Double Event winners – Tina Zander & Mary Sawle of Unit 437 (Mazomanie), District 3
 1 – All Event winner – awarded to Carol Peters of Unit 189 (Watertown), District 2

CHAPLAIN

Bonnie Jakubczyk, Department Chaplain
 1 – Best Prayer Book – awarded to Wendy Phermetton of Unit 98 (Cumberland), District 10
 1 – Certificate of Participation – awarded to Violet Monroe of Unit 343 (Hancock-Coloma), District 8

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sharon Zales, Department Chairman
 1 – Unit of the Year – awarded to Unit 18 (Milwaukee), District 4
 1 – Senior Volunteer of the Year – awarded to Judy Ruppel of Unit 410 (Fredonia), District 2
 1 – Wings of Service for Veterans Day Observance – awarded to Unit 109 (Lancaster), District 3
 1 – Wings of Service for Community Partner – awarded to Starfish Foundation, Milwaukee
 4 – Recognition of Community Service – awarded to Susan Davidson of Unit 15 (Juneau), District 2; Unit 91 (Oconomowoc), District 1; Unit 332 (Fifield), District 11; Unit 355 (Grafton), District 2.
 1 – Recognition of Highest Percentage of Annual Reports – awarded to District 3
 1 – Recognition of Second Highest Percentage of Annual Reports – awarded to District 2

EDUCATION

Kitty Larkin, Department Chairman
 1 – Most Outstanding American Education Week Program – awarded to Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7
 1 – Most Outstanding Literacy Program – awarded to Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7
 1 – Most Outstanding Scholarship Program – awarded to Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7
 1 – Most Outstanding Veterans in the Classroom program – Unit 449 (Brookfield), District 1

FIELD SERVICE

Kelli Mades, Dept Chairman
 1 – Most Field Service Hours by a Unit Senior Member – awarded to Shirley Soda of Unit 366 (Princeton), District 6

HOME SERVICE

Judy Kuta, Department Chairman
 1 – Most Home Service Hours in one year by a Junior Member – awarded to Madelyn Goc of Unit 263 (New London),

District 8

1 – Most Home Service Hours in one year by a Senior Member – awarded to Annie Williams of Unit 455 (Milwaukee), District 5
 9 – Certificates for over 500 Home Service Hours in one year by a Senior Member – awarded to:
 Gwendolyn Drehner of Unit 384 (Kewaskum), District 2; Linda Faas of Unit 355 (Grafton), District 2; Bonnie Wagner of Unit 387 (Franklin), District 2; Diane Fjelstad of Unit 141 (New Glarus), District 3; Sharon Jonas of Unit 437 (Mazomanie), District 3; Barbara Bowen of Unit 434 (Milwaukee), District 4; Bonnie Jakubczyk of Unit 434 (Milwaukee), District 4; Ruth Bittner of Unit 454 (Mount Calvary), District 6; Rosemary Szczyblewski of Unit 317 (Wautoma), District 8

HISTORY

Laurel DuBois, Department Historian

12 – Certificate of Participation – awarded to Unit 532 (Fifield), District 11; Unit 263 (New London), District 8; Unit 449 (Brookfield), District 1; Unit 125 (Chilton), District 6; Unit 519 (Stetsonville), District 11; Unit 18 (Milwaukee), District 4; Unit 434 (Oak Creek), District 4; Unit 189 (Watertown), District 2; Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7; Unit 53 (Eau Claire), District 10; District 10; District 8

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Anna Rosemeyer, Department Chairman

1 – Junior Member of the Year – awarded to Jennifer Posthuma of Unit 210 (Waupun), District 6

LEADERSHIP

Diane Weggen, Department Chairman

2 – Outstanding Unit Leadership Program – awarded to Marla Knuetel of Unit 263 (New London), District 7 and Patricia Smith of Unit 284 (Holmen), District 7
 1 – Distinguished Unit Leadership Award – awarded to Norris Spencer Unit 263 (New London), District 7

1 – Outstanding District Leadership Program – awarded to District 7
 1 – Most Outstanding Leadership Chairman – awarded to Marla Knuetel of Unit 263 (New London), District 7
 70 – Auxiliary Members who completed the 2012-2013 Leadership Correspondence Course: Elizabeth Johnsen & Morgan Johnsen of Unit 10 (Wausau), District 8; Debra Schowengerdt of Unit 20 (Waterford), District 1; Rose Heinz of Unit 38 (Appleton), District 9; Andrea Page of Unit 51 (West Salem), District 7; Rebecca Christenson, Darlene Dayton, Erika Gleason, Margaret Johnson, Marlene Koula, Tamra Lee, Jeannie Lesky, Kelli Mades and Mary Winder of Unit 52 (LaCrosse), District 7; Germaine Hying of Unit 85 (Muscodia), District 3; Alyssa Fraser, Amanda Fraser, Kathryn Fraser, Virginia Kodl, Zabrina Mason, Abigail Petranovich and Caitlin Rosemeyer of Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7; Penny Joren of Unit 161 (King), District 8; Sharon Balazs, Donna Bellettiere, Pamela Bellettiere-Goc, Betty Dowd, Ida Feltman, Madelyn Goc, Donna Hanson, Lynne Herminath, Beverly Jaeger, Amy Katzman, Beth Katzman, Judie Knapp, Marla Knuetel, Christine Mackey, Isabel Martinez, Sandra Massonet, Judy McDaniel, Karen Pieper, Leta Pope, Catherine Popke, Gloria Popke, Darla Poppy, Rebecca Schmoll, Suzanne Snyder, Edith Steffanus, Mary Anne Strite, Kathleen Williams and Russella Wochinski of Unit 263 (New London), District 8; Mary Clements, Mary Dokkenbaken, Mary Hakala, June Kukovec, Candace Lund, Bev Mades, Diane Scholze, Patricia Smith, Ann Stasiak, Kathleen Stoen and Tamara Taylor of Unit 284 (Holmen), District 7; Margaret Geiger, Sandra Mack, Carol Szudrowitz of Unit 288 (Cedarburg), District 2; Colleen Kujak of Unit 336 (Onalaska), District 7; Pat Boshen of Unit 428 (Amberg), District 9; Evelyn McSherry of Unit 442 (Wisconsin Rapids), District 8; Janet Mullard of Unit 476 (Loomis), District 9; Jeanne Brown of Unit 499 (Gordon), District 12

1 – Best Prayer Book – awarded to Wendy Phermetton of Unit 98 (Cumberland), District 10
 1 – Certificate of Participation – awarded to Violet Monroe of Unit 343 (Hancock-Coloma), District 8

LEGISLATIVE

Joan Chwala, Department Chairman

1 – Most Outstanding District – awarded to Kelli Mades, District 7
 1 – Most Outstanding Overall Program – awarded to Cecil Tormey ALA Unit 118 (Tomah), District 7

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Rose Wenger, Department Chairman

2 – Registered Nurse Scholarships – awarded to Kayle Prosser of Unit 62 (Columbus), District 2 and Payton Tepp of Unit 6 (Stevens Point, District 8)
 2 – Health Career Scholarships – awarded to Morgan Fischer of Unit 134 (Boscobel), District 3 and Hannah Schmitt of Unit 93 (Tomahawk), District 11
 1 – Member of the Year – awarded to Darlene Heller of Unit

District 12

12 (Spooner), District 12
POPPY
Laura Calteux, Department Chairman
 1 – Best Overall Poppy Report – awarded to Unit 470 (Saukville), District 2
 8 – Poppy Usage Contest Certificates of Participation – awarded to Joanne Abendroth of Unit 364 (Winneconne), District 6; Jan Banks of Unit 33 (Neenah), District 6; Judy Hacker of Unit 125 (Chilton), District 6; Lauren Hacker of Unit 125 (Chilton), District 6; Meghan Helms of Unit 70 (Oshkosh), District 6; Shawna Henseler of Unit 126 (Brillion), District 6; Sue Hinchley of Unit 33 (Neenah), District 6; Char Kiesling of Unit 33 (Neenah), District 6.
 6 – Poppy Poster Contest – Class I awarded to Logan Rendell sponsored by Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7; Class II awarded to Sky Green sponsored by Unit 512 (Shiocton), District 9; Class awarded to Hannah Borree sponsored by Unit 33 (Neenah), District 6; Class IV awarded to Rachel Staaden sponsored by Unit 171 (Union Grove), District 1; Class V awarded to Tristan Clark sponsored by Unit 150 (Wausaukee), District 9; Class VII awarded to Trever Rogers sponsored by Unit 150 (Wausaukee), District 9.
 18 – Certificates of Participation – awarded to Jenna Adelman sponsored by Unit 394 (Loretta), District 2; Ayla Bounds sponsored by Unit 171 (Union Grove), District 1; Taylor Brazil sponsored by Unit 150 (Wausaukee), District 9; Teagan Carroll sponsored by Unit 384 (Kewaskum), District 2; Michelle Guerrero sponsored by Unit 261 (Greenbush), District 2; Madison Greschener sponsored by Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7; Emily Hanson sponsored by Unit 171 (Union Grove), District 1; Shawna Henseler sponsored by Unit 126 (Brillion), District 6; Joshua Ertscher sponsored by Unit 384 (Kewaskum), District 2; Katya Krueger sponsored by Unit 125 (Chilton), District 6; Allison Ott sponsored by Unit 43 (Ripon), District 6; April Ott sponsored by Unit 43 (Ripon), District 6; Caitlin Rosemeyer sponsored by Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7; Hailey Sanders sponsored by Unit 171 (Union Grove), District 1; Erin Schneider sponsored by Unit 384 (Kewaskum), District 2; Alli Scott sponsored by Unit 512 (Shiocton), District 9; Brooke Webb sponsored by Unit 118 (Thorp), District 7; Brooke Willkomm sponsored by Unit 171 (Union Grove), District 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Joyce Endres, Department Chairman

1 – Best Unit Public Relations Display Award – awarded to Unit 305 (Johnson Creek), District 2
 4 – Honorable Mention: Unit 189 (Watertown), District 2; Unit 333 (Sun Prairie), District 3; Unit 109 (Lancaster), District 3; Unit 186 (Independence), District 10
 1 – Best District Public Relations Reporting Award – awarded to District 2
 1 – Honorable Mention: District 3
 1 – Best Unit Outstanding Public Relations Award – awarded to Unit 13 (Richland Center), District 3
 8 – Honorable Mention: Unit 288 (Cedarburg), District 2; Unit 387 (Franklin), District 2; Unit 355 (Grafton), District 2; Unit 47 (Portage), District 2; Unit 243 (Plymouth), District 2; Unit 447 (Viola), District 3; Unit 125 (Chilton), District 6; Unit 106 (Seymour), District 9.
 2 – Best Public Relations Write-up Award – awarded to Unit 189 (Watertown), District 2; Unit 98 (Cumberland), District 10.
 1 – Best Unit Three-Media Award – awarded to Unit 121 (River Falls), District 10
 1 – Best Public Relations Best Media Coverage of Activity or Project Award – awarded to Unit 326 (Boyd), District 10

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Virginia Kodl, Department Chairman

1 – Best Overall VA&R Program Award – awarded to Unit 53 (Eau Claire), District 10
 1 – Honoring their Service Award – awarded to Unit 355 (Grafton), District 2
 13 – Certificate of Participation – awarded to 2nd District; Unit 387 (Franklin), District 2; Unit 470 (Saukville), District 2; Unit 434 (Milwaukee), District 4; Unit 33 (Neenah), District 6; Unit 52 (LaCrosse), District 7; Unit 100 (Sparta), District 7; Unit 263 (New London), District 8; Unit 38 (Appleton), District 9; Unit 461 (Pembine), District 9; Unit 106 (Seymour), District 9; Unit 87 (Rice Lake), District 10



2013-2014 DEPARTMENT VIP'S



OFFICERS:	Term	District	Unit	Name		Term	District	Unit	Name
President	2013-2014	3	360	Joyce Endres	Fundraising	2013-2014	6	364	Sandra Hinkle
Senior Vice President	2013-2014	10	326	Teresa Isensee	Junior Activities	2013-2014	7	118	Anna Rosemeyer
First Vice President	2013-2014	4	416	Laura Calteux	Assistant Jr. Activities	2013-2014	8	6	Mariah Pursley
Second Vice President	2013-2014	12	278	Laurel DuBois	Leadership Committee				
Historian	2013-2014	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk	Chairman	2013-2014	7	118	Diane Weggen
Chaplain	2013-2014	6	33	Char Kiesling	Committee	2013-2014	9	38	Rose Heinz
Exec. Secretary/Treasurer	2013-2014	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak	Committee	2013-2014	10	326	Joan Chwala
Nat'l. Executive Committeewoman	2013-2014	4	537	Diana Sirovina	Legislative (current NEC)	Automatic	4	537	Diana Sirovina
Alt. Nat'l. Exec Committeewoman	2013-2014	10	326	Joan Chwala	M. Louise Wilson Education Fund	2013-2014	2	243	Violet Feldmann
Parliamentarian	2013-2014	8	6	Barbara Kranig	Membership	2013-2014	4	416	Laura Calteux
Sergeant-at-Arms	2013-2014	3	501	Rebecca Lovell	UD&R	2013-2014	2	457	Ruth Mengsol
Asst Sergeant-at-Arms	2013-2014	3	385	Shannon Churchill	UD&R	2013-2014	9	11	Berne Baer
DISTRICT LEADERS:					UD&R		All		District Presidents
1st District President	2012-2014	1	449	Chris Ertl	Music (current Chaplain)	Automatic	6	33	Char Kiesling
2nd District President	2013-2015	2	355	Judy Kuta	National Security	2013-2014	2	243	Karen Degner
3rd District President	2012-2014	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Office Policy Committee				
4th District President	2013-2015	4	415	Donna Jensen	Chairman	2012-2015	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan
5th District President	2012-2014	5	406	Wilma Kidney	Committee	2011-2014	8	6	Diane Kranig
6th District President	2013-2015	6	75	Beth Puddy	Committee	2013-2016	1	79	Reta Bohnsack
7th District President	2012-2014	7	51	Andrea Page	Past Presidents Parley/				
8th District President	2013-2015	8	239	Joan Wilkinson	Cavalcade of Memories	Automatic	10	121	Sue Vorwald
9th District President	2012-2014	9	512	Linda Coppock	Poppy Program	2013-2014	1	449	Kitty Larkin
10th District President	2013-2015	10	121	Jean Erlewine	Poppy Shop – Supervisor	2013-2014	1	494	Karen Schroeder
11th District President	2012-2013	11	90	Barbara Johnson	Poppy Shop Assistant	2013-2014	4	416	Shirley Meyer
12th District President	2013-2015	12	499	Barbara McDaniel	Liaisons to TAL	2013-2014	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak
PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:					Communications Committee	2013-2014	9	302	Loretta Shellman
Americanism	2013-2014	12	278	Laurel DuBois	Public Relations Committee				
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	2013-2014	9	11	Pat Ziarnik	Chairman	2013-2014	10	326	Teresa Isensee
BGS Committee					Committee	2013-2014	8	6	Lorrie Barber
Chairman	2011-2014	9	512	Jeannine Conrad	Committee	2013-2014	7	51	Andrea Page
Vice Chairman	2011-2014	8	6	Diane Kranig	Standing Rules	2013-2014	8	6	Diane Kranig
Department President	Automatic	3	360	Joyce Endres	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation				
Senior Vice President	Automatic	10	326	Teresa Isensee	VA&R Chairman	2013-2014	7	118	Virginia Kodl
Executive Director	2013-2016	3	42	Dee Woolf	Director of Hospital Volunteers				Vacant
Assistant Executive Director	2012-2015	3	482	Joanie Dickerson	Field Service	2013-2014	7	52	Kelli Mades
Exec. Secretary/Treasurer	Automatic	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak	Home Service	2013-2014	2	288	Shirley Krier
Americanism Chairman	Automatic	12	278	Laurel DuBois	Homeless Women Veterans	2013-2014	10	53	Judy Walters
Committee	2011-2014	9	11	Heidi Bremer					
Committee	2012-2015	1	48	Jan Jordan	HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES & DEPUTIES				
Committee	2013-2016	11	547	Theresa Schindler	Madison – VA Medical				
Committee	2013-2016	7	273	Carol Sidwell	Representative	2013-2014	3	84	Rose Wenger
Committee	2012-2015	6	70	Danyelle Thompson	Deputy	2013-2014	3	151	Darlene Jensen
Bowling Committee					Tomah – VA Medical				
Chairman	2012-2015	3	437	Anna Graham	Representative	2013-2014	7	201	Patricia Flanders
Dept President	Automatic	3	360	Joyce Endres	Deputy	2013-2014	7	52	Mary Callaway
Senior Vice President	Automatic	10	326	Teresa Isensee	Deputy	2013-2014	7	201	Zetta Fredrickson
Exec. Secretary/Treasurer	Automatic	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak	Deputy	2013-2014	7	201	Laura Hubert
Tournament Manager	2013-2016	3	385	Jenni Syftestad	Zablocki – VA Medical				
Committee	2012-2015	9	512	Lisa Blom	Representative	2013-2014	4	434	Bonnie Jakubczyk
Committee	2013-2016	3	385	Shannon Churchill	Deputy	2013-2014	1	449	Sharon Miller
Committee	2012-2015	9	512	Linda Coppock	Deputy	2013-2014	4	537	Marilyn Reese
Committee	2011-2014	9	262	Nellie DeBaker	Deputy	2013-2014	4	537	Shirley Scott
Committee	2013-2016	3	85	Germaine Hying	King – Veterans Home				
Committee	2011-2014	11	90	Linda Kostka	Representative	2013-2014	8	161	Nancy Neuroth
Committee	2013-2016	3	482	LaVon Schurman	Assistant Representative	2013-2014	8	161	Alice Bentley
Children & Youth	2013-2014	2	189	Mary Petrie	Deputy	2013-2014	8	161	Shirley A. Johnson
Liaison to Child Welfare Foundation	2013-2014	1	310	Pearl Behrend	Deputy	2013-2014	8	161	Dawn Lind
Christmas Gift Shop	2013-2014	4	416	Florence Groth	Union Grove – Vet Home				
Gift Shop Assistant	2013-2014	5	23	Janice Dahlke	Representative	2013-2014	1	171	Marcie Perez
Community Service	2013-2014	3	493	Florence Wasley	Kenosha Outreach				
Constitution & Bylaws	2013-2014	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan	Representative	2013-2014	4	537	Sue Hembrook
Editor – Wisconsin Publication	2013-2014	7	273	Bonnie Dorniak	Assistant	2013-2014	1	544	Evelyn Clancy
Education	2013-2014	4	537	Sue Hembrook	Oscar G. Johnson – USVA				
Finance Committee					Assoc. Representative	2013-2014	9	150	Cora Gavigan
Chairman	2013-2016	6	282	Diane Duscheck	Assoc. Deputy	2013-2014	9	150	Joan Krukowski
Office Policy Chairman	Automatic	3	360	Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan	Minneapolis – USVA				
NEC	Automatic	4	537	Diana Sirovina	Assoc. Representative	2013-2014	10	121	Betty Swenson
Committee	2012-2015	9	512	Diana Blom	Assoc. Deputy	2013-2014	10	121	Marie Deja
Committee	2011-2014	7	284	Pat Smith					

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

Pat Ziarnik
AEF, Department Chairman
 "I wish there was more I could have done." How many times have you said or heard this phrase from someone?

Here is your opportunity to do something for your fellow Auxiliary members that are in extreme need of assistance, either

due to natural disasters such as flood, tornado, or hurricane; a financial crisis when no other source of aid is available to pay for shelter, food and utilities; assistance for educational training for members with lack of employment skills or to upgrade competitive workforce skills. The intent of this assis-

tance is to be a bridge offering a helping hand until financial stability is established.

Any American Legion Auxiliary member who has been a paid member the past two years and has paid the current year's dues (total of three paid years) is eligible to apply for assistance. The grant

amount is \$2400. The application can be downloaded from www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Now you know – there IS more you can do! Your donation to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund could be the very life saving assistance needed to get another Auxiliary member back on her feet. Or if you know a

member who feels too uncertain to apply, you can offer to help her through the process of getting the application and filling it out when applying for the type of assistance she may need.

Please remember the Auxiliary Emergency Fund when making donations to Department this year.

FALL INFORMATIONAL FORUM 2013

September 20th & 21st

Olympia Resort & Conference Center - 1350 Royale Mile Road - Oconomowoc, WI

Join us for the 2013 Fall Informational Forum! Department program chairmen will present workshops and provide information to get units off to a great start for 2013-2014. Juniors, Legionnaires, and SAL members are also encouraged to attend. Registration forms were in the Unit Mailing for June Meetings and are posted on the department website.

Junior members are encouraged to attend the Fall Informational Forum activities, the Junior Members Fall Workshop, and Saturday morning program workshops. Junior members have the option of participating in a Junior Social Lunch (\$5) after the Junior Fall Workshop or purchasing a ticket for the Membership Luncheon. Juniors who register for the Social Lunch are welcome to attend the program portion of the Membership Luncheon (approximately 1:15 pm) at no additional cost.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The annual Membership Luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 21st at 12:30 pm. Menu options are: Pasta Primavera for \$15 or Chicken Cordon Bleu for \$18. Reservation deadline: September 6th.

HOTEL ROOMS

Reservations must be made directly with Olympia Resort by August 21st. Please call 800-558-9573 and indicate you are making reservations with the WI American Legion Auxiliary to receive the discounted rate of \$80 per night for a double room, plus \$10 for each additional person.

JUNIOR FALL WORKSHOP

Hands-on activities will be conducted during the Junior Members Fall Workshop on Saturday, September 21st from 10:30 am to 12:15 pm. Registration Fee: \$5.00. Deadline: September 6th.

Friday, September 20th

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Registration and Fundraiser
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Department Executive Committee Meeting
 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm General Business Meeting
 8:15 pm - 9:30 pm Networking (Chairman Round Tables)
 Social Time (Cash Bar)

Saturday, September 21st

7:30 am - 8:30 am Registration and Fundraiser
 8:30 am -12:15 pm Workshops (see schedule below)
 10:30 am -12:15 pm Junior Members Fall Workshop
 Junior Social Luncheon
 Membership Luncheon
 WALA Bowling Meeting

SATURDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Time	Olympia C	Illinois A	Illinois B	Illinois C	Wisconsin A	Wisconsin B	Wisconsin C
	PODS:	Organizational Support	Dept. Officers / Personal Development	Family Support	Membership Development	Youth Development	Veteran/Military Support & Advocacy
8:30 to 9:15	VA & R	Constitution & Bylaws	President	Community Service	Membership	Junior Activities	Homeless Women Veterans Project
9:30 to 10:15		Standing Rules	Secretary	Education	Public Relations Communications	Children & Youth	National Security Legislative
10:30 to 11:15	Junior Members Fall Workshop	Past Presidents Parley	Finance	Chaplain/Music	Leadership	Liaison to Child Welfare	Poppy
11:30 to 12:15		Historian	Personal Development	Americanism	Long Range Strategic Planning	ALA Badger Girls State	Hospital Rep Meeting
		Cavalcade of Memories	President's Special Project		Auxiliary Emergency Fund		

Unit 66 Donates Beautiful Gift

The American Legion Auxiliary of Marinette County raised money to buy a gift for the Veterans at the Oscar G Johnson Medical Facility in Iron Mountain. With

the help of the staff, the Auxiliary purchased a set of beautiful wind chimes to be shared by the residents and guests who visit the living garden there.



Pictured with the wind chimes are hospital volunteers from Marinette County Athelstane/Silver Cliff Unit 66 (left to right): Darlene Corbeille, Ann Wender, Patsy Jose and Karen Ladd.

Notice of Correction



Linda Coppock

In the July issue of the Wisconsin, the year-end district reports mistakenly listed Cora Gavigan as 9th District President. The year-end report was submitted by **9th District President Linda Coppock** whose term is from 2012-2014. **We apologize for any confusion.**

Convention Highlights



Diana Sirovina and National President Peggy Thomas celebrated as members and units of Wisconsin generously contributed more than \$3,200 at the Parade of Checks to support the Children of Warriors Scholarship Fund.

Diana Sirovina addressed the American Legion Family at the first joint installation ceremony and shared highlights of her year while working together with Commander Wayne Jensen.



Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch discussed activities that made 2012 the Year of the Veteran, as well as shared stories from a recent visit to Bunker Hill in Boston that sparked a new respect for our veterans and what they sacrificed for our freedom.



National President Peggy Thomas recognized Linda Cason for 40 years of dedicated service as an employee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin.

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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ican Legion Auxiliary members value their membership and help President Joyce win this challenge!

2014 membership cards have been mailed to all Units. Each unit must return the form provided in their packet acknowledging receipt of the information. Any Unit that has not received a packet should contact Andrea Stoltz at department headquarters immediately. Members are encouraged to renew their memberships as soon as possible. Any memberships that were not processed by department headquarters by August 7th will receive a renewal notice from national Headquarters in mid-September.

The 2013 Fall Information Forum is scheduled for September 20-21 at Olympia Resort in

Oconomowoc. Hotel reservations must be made by August 21st and registrations are due September 6th. Registration forms were in the monthly unit mailing for June meetings and are posted on the department website.

I would like to thank Diana Sirovina and her officers and chairmen for the privilege of working with them this past year. I also acknowledge Commander Wayne Jensen and Adjutant David Kurtz, SAL Detachment Commander Steve Myer, and Legion Riders President Bob Lloyd for their support of the Auxiliary and the headquarters staff. I look forward to an equally successful year ahead with the newly elected Legion Family officers.