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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

February 2018

Lest-We-Forget

Let us pause and remember those Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion that have gone on to their reward and may our thoughts and prayers rekindle their souls with our heavenly Father.

Post 245 Sick Call

Chaplin Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home	Carl Lochner – Home	Paul Dull – Home
Dan Meier – Home	Allen Ripp – Home	Sam Dalio – Home
John Helleckson – Home	Bob Luhman – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Joe Hogdson – Home		

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems as we go thru these summer months. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as you go thru your day. If you know of anyone that is having health problems please give me a call.

Upcoming Events:

February	01 Lions Club	March	01 Lions Club
	15 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg		10 Board Games
	27 Model T Club		15 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
			18 Pancake Breakfast
			27 Model T Club

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Please email Carol Yttri at cyttri@amfam.com or call 798-4950.

HALL RENTAL: Notice to all members. There is a special rental rate for the use of the building to members. Contact Howard Hill at 608-977-2105 or email hillrdkng2112@hotmail.com

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or e-mail jpandreo@aol.com

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Carol Yttri	798-4950
S.A.L. COMMANDER	Kevin Boehnen	798-2113

Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L meetings: Dinner 6:30pm; Meetings 7:30pm; Third Thursday of Month
Executive Board Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month 5:15pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Ed Pelowsky

First I want to thank everyone, Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and SAL for the help they gave at the Spaghetti dinner.

On the week of February 19th a contractor will start to refinish our Hall floor. They will be sanding it, fix some bad spots and apply 3 coats of Polyurethane. This process will take 7 days. The Hall would be available for use on the 26th. The basement can be used, but make sure you use the North side entrance that goes to the basement.

I know we are several months away from elections of Officers, but I want to get you thinking about it. We could use some new blood in our officer ranks. This Post is successful because of its members.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Message from Dan Cady

Dear Comrades,

Just want to thank Howard Hill for taking over the hall rentals. Also, thanks to Frank Kooistra for taking over the billing for the flag program.

- Golfers and volunteer workers for our annual golf outing – the date is set for June 4th.

Take care from California see you in April,
Dan

Metal drop off:

If you have metal to recycle, you can drop off at the legion or give Dan Cady a call and we will pick up. 608 438 2987 or 608 798 2352. You can also call Dave Vidlock 608 798 3087 or 608 843 6968.

REGULAR MEETING January, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Commander Pelowski. Motion to read and accept the minutes of last meeting was made by Dan Cady and seconded by Ted Krajewski and passed.

Tonight, Dana Bonin came and joined us for our meeting. It was nice having her as she is an Army veteran. Along with her Peanuts Esser stopped by and stayed for our meeting, I think most of the members know him since he is from Cross Plains.

Lee passed out the year ending financial report and went over the results. The recap shows our legion as doing very well. A motion to accept the finance report subject to audit was made by Jerry Boehnen seconded by Geno and passed.

CHAPLIN: Pat stated that Joe Hodgson is still not well, they are doing many tests to try and determine the cause of his illness.

1st VICE: Bill says we have 184 paid members with 224 being our goal. We also have 3 new members, 1 transfer in and 2 out.

2nd VICE: Howie stated we have the game feed and the spaghetti dinner coming up. He and wife will cover the bartending for the game feed and John Hill will do the spaghetti dinner.

3rd VICE: No report.

SAL: Kevin stated that the SAL will cover the expenses for one Badger State Girl this year. Also, he was telling us about a group they have at work called the TDS PATRIOT GROUP. They work along with the VA and raised \$650.00 this year to purchase and send gifts to soldiers overseas at Christmas. They were able to send 31 boxes this year. While at the post office sending these boxes, they engaged in conversations with regular customers who then wanted to help by paying for some of the shipping fees.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan stated the order of jackets and shirts are in. If you want one see Dan. Geno stated the security cameras are now all mounted and ready to be activated.

NEW BUSINESS: We have a bid to sand and reseal the hardwood floors upstairs, it came in at \$ 5,200.00 and included sanding, 3 coats of a poly sealer. It will take 7 days to complete so there will be no hall rentals during that time. Howie made a motion to accept the bid, second was Geno and the motion passed by member vote.

We have talked with Dave Heins about building a roof over our recycling area. This will be brought up at the next meeting and hopefully we will have a bid for the work at that time.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Bill gave us an update on Emily, all is going well for her and they are able to skype with her often.

50/50: went to Dan Cady

KITTY: \$30.90 went to Frank Bayer

Brandy: Went to Gary Itten

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting ended at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

Waaahooo!!!! January is over. I'm always so happy to see January come to an end. I enjoy the seasons we have in WI but the days are so short. I'm already noticing the longer days when I'm driving home from work.

Well, I incorrectly stated that the Spaghetti Dinner would be coming up in February in the January newsletter. I sure got that one wrong. It was on Sunday, January 28th. The Auxiliary had a great showing of people that worked. We also had a wonderful variety of desserts. Thank you all so very much. And a special thank you to Carol Zwettler and Cami Hill for getting the workers lined up as well as helping set up. That's why we have such a great organization – so many step up to help out when needed.

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 18th. I'll talk with the Legion to find out what they need from the Auxiliary and let you know.

Joan reserved Saturday, March 3rd at the Shoe Box to sell brats for a fund raising event. Teams usually sell 11:00 to 4:00. We'll need a couple of shifts of people so please mark this on your calendar to help out for a couple of hours.

I received an email from department reminding us that as members, we have many opportunities available to us. I have a document that has detail and will have it at our meeting but here is a summary of ALA Member Benefits:

- Gallagher Benefit Services – Insurance
- Bonus Drive - \$500 cash rebat when you purchase a vehicle from participating automotive companies
- Abenity Discount Program – Discounts available to ALA members (e.g. amusement parks, Hotels, movie tickets, restaurants)
- Additional Discounts – ScriptSave Prescriptions Savings Program (www.scriptsave.com or 800-700-3957)
- Technology – Savings on computers and software from Dell Computers
- USAA Credit Card – USAA Bank will make a contribution to the ALA when you open account, make eligible purchases
- Travel – Alamo Rental Car
- Wyndham Hotel Group – discounts for Wyndham
- Real Estate (SIRVA Home Benefits) – Real Estate & Mortgage Services
- Moving Services – NorthAmerican Van Lines and Allied Van Lines

Auxiliary scholarships:

Scholarships are available from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Post 245. The applicants need to have a member of the Auxiliary (not the Legion) as a sponsor in good standing to apply. Deadline to apply is May 1st.

There are also scholarships available on the state level for Children of Warriors, Non-Traditional Students and to high school seniors going on to college. Deadline to apply for these is March 1st.

All information can be obtained by calling Sandra Faust 219-7644 or emailing at wbuschma@tds.net.

February Lunch Committee: Debra Wipperfurth and Debby Niebuhr

Notifications: If you have a friend / relative that has passed and was an active member of the Auxiliary, please let us know. You can contact Carol Yttri (798-4950), Pat Cady (798-2352), Sheila Luhman (798-2451) or Debby Niebuhr (798-4178). We like to know so that we honor them at one of our meetings. We will also be involved at the funeral services if the family would like.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on February 15th.

Spaghetti Dinner

Was held on January 28th and I would like to thank those members who helped out in the kitchen. Thanks to Whitey Hillebrand, Paul Lochner, Mike Diebold, Gene Stormer, Tim Hillebrand, Todd Duquette, Kevin Boehnen, and Stan Nonn. Thank you to Ed Pelowsky who also helped set up and serve food. This event was very successful.

Ray Faust Scholarship

The Son's Of the American Legion Post 245 annually gives out a scholarship in memory of Ray Faust. Everyone in the surrounding area is eligible to apply for this scholarship. As always we encourage sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members to apply. If you know any good candidates from the surrounding communities also encourage them to apply.

If you are interested in applying for the Ray Faust SAL Scholarship of \$500.00 please contact Ron Faust at 2129 Caesar St Cross Plains, WI 53528, 798-2292 or by e-mail ronaldfaust@yahoo.com. We would like all applications turned in by May 1st.

Flags

If you need a flag please contact Rod Faust at 798-3535.