VETERANS HELPING VETERANS
AMERICAN LEGION
ALEXANDER BRADLEY BURNS POST 80
4000 SARATOGA AVENUE
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

LEGION - AIRE

January 2011

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SR. VICE .....TODD HANSON
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FINANCE .....BOB PARKER
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SGT-AT-ARMS.....HOWARD PARKER
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DUES: LEGION $35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. $ 7.00/YEAR **630-964-0011 630-963-9100**

1919....Walter Staats
1920....Robert W. Carpenter
1921....Jay Allison
1922....Dan M. Diener
1923....Norman E. Anderson
1924....Henry Swift
1925....Morris E. Stevenson
1926....William E. Hooper
1927....Harold H. Clarke
1928....George Hannan
1929....A.T. Witt
1930....Arthur Johnson
1931....A.T. Witt
1932....A.J. Walter
1933....J. Richard Hawkins
1934....Melvin G. Binder
1935....L.J. Dixon
1936....William A. Finger
1937....G. Willard McCollum
1938....Leslie L. Meyer
1939....Charles Dyer
1940....Newell Fishel
1941....Rollin Whitaker
1942....Ivan M. Webster
1943....Thomas C. Arndt
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock
1945....Stanley A. Lynch
1946....Louis A. Edwards
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan

Italics denotes deceased

1948....Eugene Weaver
1949....Fred W. Lester
1950...Harvey H. Kenitz
1951....Joseph R. Krepper
1952...Gilbert G. Giesler
1953....Andrew S. Blaida
1954....Herschel Hubbard
1955....A.R. Fister
1956....Dino Convalle
1957....Tony F. Morello
1958....W.H. Schenke
1959....James L. Newall
1960....Edwin D. Wrenn
1961....Bernard J. Blaida
1962....Louis W. Wrenn
1963....James R. Hodous
1964....Jerry Kopecky
1965....Earl W. Will
1966....Leonard J. Voss
1967....Gene Kappelman
1968....Alois E. Sheber
1969....Mason Taylor
1970....William Harkness
1971....Earl W. Will
1972....Steven J. Kadlec
1973....Joseph A. Bartels
1974...Zedo Oliver
1975....Herbert Morrison
1976....Chester Kotowski
1977....Ed Knickerbocker
1978....Elmer J. Mears
1979....Dudley E. Smalley

1980....Jens P. Vimtrup
1981....Elmer W. Anderson
1982....Elmer W. Anderson
1983....Frank J. Bulin
1984....George R. Novak
1985....George R. Novak
1986....Bill Johnson
1987....A.E. Sheber
1988....David D. Wisbrock
1989....David D. Wisbrock
1990....David D. Wisbrock
1991....Gilbert J. Gawin
1992....Gilbert J. Gawin
1993....Ken Gallagher
1994....Richard Bernardini
1995....Emery Wolff
1996....Curt McCullagh
1997....Larry Bryant
1998....Larry Bryant
1999....John Magic
2000....Jack Border
2001....Jack Border
2002....Bob Isenberger
2003....Bob Isenberger
2004....Joe Pappalardo
2005....Richard Rooney
2006.. .Richard Rooney
2007.. .Richard Mueller
2008.. .Richard Mueller
2009....Woody Kawaters
2010....Woody Kawaters

Commander's Column

The Kid's Christmas Party was another great success. They love that Reptile Man. There were plenty goodies, hot dogs, and soda pop for all. Christmas songs were sung to enhance the Christmas spirit before Santa handed out presents to the kids. Thanks to our Jr.-Vice Ralph Luneburg, Rich Jones, and all the ladies of the Auxiliary for making a great party for the kids.

On Dec 11th seven Legion members were out in the morning in downtown Downers Grove collecting for the disabled Veterans. Jim Rosenkrantz was our number one collector. He did over $300. Big thanks to Jim, Herb Morrison for organizing the event and helped collect too, Joe Pappalardo our bookkeeper. The other collectors were Todd Hanson, Emery Wolff, Jack Border, and myself that braved the elements. Herb has collected over $2300 to date for the Disabled Vets (Gifts for Yanks).

The Honor Guard was called upon again to serve at the funeral of William Shaeffer a decorated bomber pilot from WWII.

Four of us have volunteered to help Pads, which provides shelter for the homeless at the First Congregation Church on 12/27 and 12/28. This is just one more way of reaching out to the community, and helping those that are less fortunate than us.

The New Year is two weeks away as I write this. I'd like to wish you all Happy New Year, best wishes and good health.

Rich Greenwald, Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Year

The Legion hosts a Children's Christmas Party every year and the Auxiliary gladly does the shopping for Santa's toys. This year Bonnie Wisbrock was Santa's shopper. The Auxiliary also wraps Santa's gifts. This year the Auxiliary wrapped 54 gifts. And during the Children's party, the Auxiliary provides Hot Dogs to the children and their parents. Just about everybody knows this but I want to emphasize that this is another example of how we work together as a family, the Legion Family.

Our annual Christmas Pot Luck was held on one of the coldest evenings of the year. But attendance was good. We proudly adopted a female veteran for Christmas and we presented Pennie Griesmann, who is the Hospital Rep for the DuPage County Convalescent Center with her Christmas gifts.

We also presented to Cook's Manor at Hines, a check for $1000.00. Cook's Manor is a two-year rehab program for homeless veterans, which has a phenomenal 80% success rate.

Just because there isn't a meeting in January doesn't mean that the Auxiliary hasn't anything to do. We are hosting our first of four Power Poker events. Hopefully, we will be able to generate more income for our veterans and their families. I need volunteers to help staff this event. It's not rocket science. Please call me if you are interested.

And on January 8 and 22, we are hosting Department Leadership training. Space is limited so call Pegi Castle if you plan to attend. January 9 will cover the Auxiliary, Officers and Committees. January 22 will cover Programs and Reports. Training begins at 10:00am lunch will be provided. I need help in the kitchen, please give me a call. All new officers and members should attend.

January		No meeting
January 15		50/50 Luncheon, *Call Arlene Guest*
January 16		Auxiliary Power Poker
January 19	**7:00pm**	Audit
	7:30pm	Executive Board Meeting; *all officers and Committee Chairs to attend*
January 8 & 22	**10:00am**	Leadership Training *Hostess help needed*

UNIT 80 AUXILIARY

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ADOPTED APRIL 19, 2010

BYLAWS

Article V

DUES AND FINANCE.

Section 1. The annual membership dues for the Unit shall be **$15.00** for Senior members and **$3.50** for Junior members paid annually for life, and shall not include the Department and National per capita.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR POWER POKER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011
Your time supports the Legion Family
Contact, Karen Greenwald if interested.
630 960-5898

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

I have made our reservations with the Kane County Cougars for **May 29th**. It's a **Sunday evening** game that starts at **6PM**. The ticket prices are **still $12 each** for reserved seats at our favorite spot at home plate on the third base line.

The bus will pick us up at **4:30 PM** at the Post and return us after the game.

The bus fare has risen again and including gratutuity will be $11/person. The total ticket cost will be $23.

The absolute drop-dead date to purchase tickets is

April 18th.

Please make checks payable to **American Legion Post 80** for **$23 per person,** which includes the **cost of transportation**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people:_____ x **$23.00** = _____ (Total)

Rich Greenwald (630-418-5372)
Commander

Gifts FOR DISABLED AND HOSPITALIZED YANKS

MEMBERS OF POST 80 COLLECTION CREW

Gifts for Yanks Update

Post 80 thanks the members that collected for Gifts for Yanks (Gifts for Disabled and Hospitalized Veterans) on Dec. 11th. Thank you, Rich Greenwald, Jim Rosenkranz, Todd Hanson, Emery Wolff, Jack Border, Herb Morrison, and Joe Pappalardo (our money man). The Post also thanks those that sent checks, R.H. Hoffmann, Jacob Pollack, Woody Kawaters, Gene Kulaga, Stanley Rumomski, Terry Johnson, James H. Scott and Joe Hinton.

The Post thanks Jim Nelson and the Bingo workers and others that work Bingo and collected money. We are sorry if your name was missed. Jim Rosenkranz was the high man collecting on Dec. 11th. As of December 12, 2010, the total we received was $2,334. A very good year.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

FEBRUARY 6TH @ 4:00pm

All Post and Auxiliary members are invited to the Super Bowl Party.

Guests are invited also.
It's a potluck affair.
So, bring an entrée, side dish or dessert.
Admission is canned food for the Township food pantry.

Drinks are membership prices for everyone, but no drink tickets.
Doors open at 4pm.

Any questions contact Ed Ludwig (630-964-1561) or Rich Greenwald (630-960-5898)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

First and foremost, we hope you had a wonderful Holiday season. The update on members paid stands at 347 paid out of 440. We are still one of the lowest averaged posts with paid membership. Ladies and Gentlemen, we can use your help. If you haven't paid your 2011 dues, step up and send them in now.

Once again, I thank all for your help.

Post 80 Adjutant
Jim Nelson

Attention:

Be a participating member of Post 80, if you would like to be a volunteer as a paid hall representative contact Ronald A. Czech at 630 734-1098 for additional information.

Thank You

Sick Call

GUS WAGNER

TOBY VUKARODIC

If you know of any member that is not feeling well please drop Woody Kawaters an e-mail at **hckawaters@comcast.net**.

Bartenders Needed

Steve Collins, our Bar Manager, is in need of some B.A.S.S.E.T. trained bartenders (a Downers Grove requirement for someone to be behind the bar, even to serve soda or water) to help with our growing bar business. This is a great and easy way to help more veterans. Contact Steve Collins at usmc.snickers@yahoo.com to express your interest and obtain more details.

Legion Scholarships
Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2011

This is the 34th year of the veterans memorial scholarship and we hope to have many of our Post 80 children and grandchildren enter. All children must be out of high school,and going into first year of college or more and can enter all four years of college. Scholarship Forms may be picked up at the Post Forms will go to five judges, two non-Legion members and three Legion members. Names will be blocked out and a number assigned to each entry. Only the chairman will know the identity of the entry.

All scholarship entries must be mailed by March 15, 2011. This will allow the judges to have them by April. Mail Scholarship Entry Forms to: Veterans Memorial Scholarship, American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave. Downers Grove, IL 60515.

All those that enter must not be over 23 years old. 1st place winner will receive $1000 and 2nd place winner will receive $500.

Enter all the scholarships you can. The Samsung American Legion Scholarship gave $20,000 to their winner. This item was in your June Legion magazine. The American Legion Auxiliary also have Scholarships. If we find more scholarships, we will put them in our Newsletter. Good Luck.

Scholarship Book

500 Entries for Scholarship info.
Get a Free book, "Need a Lift"
Go to online: http://www.legion.org/needalift

Thought*of*the*Month

Today lets look at that most amazing part of our body, Our Soul:

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PRESIDENT..... KAREN GREENWALD
VICE PRESIDENT.....BONNIE WISBROCK
SECRETARY .....ELECTA CHONKO
TREASURER..... NORMA BORDER
CHAPLAIN .....GERRI GRAGG
HISTORIAN.....MARGE PAVICH
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....ARLENE GUEST
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....LORRAINE DONNEGAN

DUES: AUXILIARY $15.00/YEAR JR. AUX $3.50/YEAR

PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb
1921....Jessie Straub
1922....Matilda Uhlorn
1923....Myra Hawkins
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins
1925....Emily Sanders
1926....Daisy Swift
1927....Florence Johnson
1928....Mary Pfaff
1929....Esther Binder
1930....Beulah McCollum
1931....Viola Vix
1932....Bernice Goltry
1933....Mae Jones
1934....Bernice Hannan
1935....Marie Finger
1936....Evelyn Walter
1937....Josephine Mitchell
1938....Lorraine Edwards
1939....Ethel Margison
1940....Vera Iehl
1941....Mabel Webster
1942....Muriel Fischel
1943....Ruth Karvatt
1944....Emily Mrkvicka
1945....Flossie Dreuttel
1946....Minnie Lester
1947....Esther Weaver
1948....Myrtle Kraft

Italics denotes deceased

1949....Vivian Harkness
1950....Christine McGarvie
1951....Shirley Wrenn
1952....Letitia Mrkvicka
1953....Corabelle Krepper
1954....Christine McGarvie
1955....Elsie Niedner
1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss
1957....Marian Lacey
1958....Evelyn Fredericks
1959....Shirley Schenke
1960....Margaret Morello
1961....Marian Ruzicka
1962....Margaret Edwards
1963....Alice Pechinski
1964....Alice Pechinski
1965....Anne Creel
1966....Evelyn Jenkins
1967....Dorthy Nied
1968....Eleanor Bartels
1969....Alice Pechinski
1970....Helen Beck
1971....Jeanette Foster
1972....Dorthy Kadlec
1973....Margaret Morello
1974....Ann Hodous
1975....Ann Hodous
1976....Eleanor Bartels
1977....Alice Pechinski
1978....Mildred Mueller
1979....Catherine Smalley
1980....Frances North

1981....Anne Creel
1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1984....Anne Creel
1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1987....Ethel Clark
1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1989....Eleanor Bartels
1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1994....Midge Zielinski
1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1996....Leora Novak
1997....Leora Novak
1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
2001....Leora Novak
2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2003....Midge Zielinski
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
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2008....Bonnie Wisbrock
2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
2009....Rosemary Collins
2010....Rosemary Collins

Bingo Workers

Jan. 4 **Kitchen:** Karen G., Pam H., Joey K..
Tickets: Jane B., Leora N.

Jan. 11 **Kitchen:** Lorraine D., Marge P., Mary P.
Tickets: Evelyn F., Leora N.

Jan. 18 **Kitchen:** Karen G., Kathy P., Charlotte U.
Tickets: Pam H., Eileen K.

Jan. 25 **Kitchen:** Arlene G., Dolores H., Marge P.
Tickets: Jane B., Leora N.

January 2011

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri.	Sat
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2	3	4 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	5 Business Meeting 7:30pm	6	7	8 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am Auxiliary Leadership Training
9	10	11 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	12 County Meeting Westmont Post 338	13	14	15 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am Auxiliary 50/50 Luncheon
16 Auxiliary Power Poker Doors Open 1:30pm	17	18 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	19 Executive Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	20	21	22 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
23	24	25 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	26 Board Meeting 7:30pm	27	28	29 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am Auxiliary Leadership Training
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ELIGIBILITY DATES

WORLD WAR I *APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918* ● **VIETNAM** *FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975* **WORLD WAR II** *DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946* ● **OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA** *DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990* ● **KOREAN WAR** *JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955* ● **GRANADA & LEBANON** *AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984* **PERSIAN GULF** *AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities*