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Legion Rider Update for American Legion Post 80 May Newsletter

THANKS TO ALL FOR SPAGHETTI DINNER SUCCESS

On Saturday, April 16th, the Post 80 American Legion Riders, with much appreciated help from our fellow Legionnaires and Auxiliary members, hosted their 2nd Annual Spaghetti Feast. We were happy to have as our honored guests fellow veterans from the VA Spinal Unit as well as familiar faces from DuPage Convalescent Home.

We owe special thanks to a lot of people who so generously volunteered their time and help! Our thanks to Auxiliary Unit 80 Members: Dee Harrison, Arlene Guest, Julie Isenberger and Evelyn Fredericks for their help with everything from tickets to dessert. Auxiliary Junior members, Tajah Miller and Kim Wales (Kim and John Cruz's granddaughters) baked desserts and helped out wherever they were needed. We also want to thank fellow Legionnaires, Commander Rich Greenwald, Ralph Harrison, Frank Mangone, Jim Rosenkranz, and Gene Kaluga for helping us with escorting and playing host to our Hines VA and Dupage Convalescent guests.

We are also grateful for help from Scouts Adam Gesior, Larry Dunn and Andrew Sterr, as well as Kevin Krause Scout Master and his daughter Patricia Krause from Post 181, John Becker, Cub Scout Master, Post 80, and Mike Kennedy, Scout Master. Sue and Bruce Preston donated and manned the Patriotic Illinois Lottery Ticket Tree. Our friends from Global Hope, Connie Christoff, Anna Albrecht and Mary Lothrop helped serve and visit with our Hines VA and DuPage Convalescent guests. Our thanks also to Dorothy Polyak, Jenny Pavich, Elizabeth and Ray Kaufmann who were there wherever help was needed.

The winner of the TV Raffle was Izabela Rau. Many thanks also go to those friends and businesses that donated Raffle Baskets or Gift Certificates in support of our goal of "Veterans Helping Veterans"

Another Round (Bar and Grill), Ballydoyle, Capri Ristorante, Chicago Army Navy Surplus Co., Dolores & Bob Pavich, Downers Delight Restaurant, Gatto's Restaurant & Bar, Global Hope, Kim & John Cruz, King Car Wash, Kristina's Café, Louisa's & Millie's Chocolates, Norma & Jack Border, 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill, Sue & Bruce Preston, Ultra Foods, Walmart.

ACCIDENT SCENE MANAGEMENT TRAINING - April 9, 2011

Post 80 Legion Riders attended the Accident Scene Management Training course at Loyola Hospital, in Maywood, IL on April 9th. The all day certification course, taught by Emergency Medical Technicians, ER Nurses and other trauma care professionals covered the key factors of traffic control, injury assessment, correct techniques for positioning and moving injured patients and how to provide correct triage information to police dispatch and emergency responders. It was an update for all on first aid techniques as well as CPR and mouth to mouth resuscitation. The 22 course participants came from as far away as Poland as well as Kentucky, Indiana and down state Illinois and left with solid knowledge on how to be of real help in an accident situation.

WHEEL CHAIR OLYMPICS AT HINES VA – MAY 14TH

Legion Riders Post 80 are working to assist veterans at Hines VA 2011 Wheel Chair Olympic Opportunity Fund as well as in support of the activities of the Hines VA Physically Challenged Sports Program. The Hines VA Spinal Rehab Unit patients and staff have alerted us that the Wheelchair Olympics are set for May 14, 2011 and hope that Legion Riders and Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will plan to participate. If you are interested in volunteering to help veterans

participate in the events that Saturday, please contact Norma Border at w.border@comcast.net or give Jack a call at 630 971 1438. Volunteers will receive a sponsorship T shirt and lunch as part of the day's events.

MARK THE CALENDAR – JULY 30TH CONCERT

Global Hope, a DuPage County based charitable organization that focuses on providing hands on assistance where help is needed has chosen Veteran's Assistance as their key 2011 project. Global Hope representatives have approached the Post 80 Legion Riders and all of the Legion Family with a proposal for a joint fund-raising concert to benefit disabled and homeless veterans. The Concert date has been set for July 30, 2011. Look for more information on the concert program and other associated events in the Post 80 newsletter. For more information on Global Hope, please visit their web site at: <http://www.globalhopenow.org/>

American Legion Riders of Post 80 normally meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am. Please check with Steve Collins, Director, (630 968 8147), John Pavich, Treasurer (630 541 5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting location for any given month.

Legion Rider Scheduled Events for May and June 2011:

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| May: | Memorial Ride for Nick Pavich | May 1, 2011 |
| | Hines VA Wheel Chair Olympics Maywood IL | May 14, 2011 |
| | ALR 80 Meeting | May 21, 2011 |
| | Memorial Day Parade | May 30, 2011 |
| June: | ALR 80 Meeting | June 18, 2011 |
| | Freedom Run to Marseilles, IL | June 18, 2011 |
| | ALR Picnic for Hines VA Vets @ Post 80 | June 26, 2011 |