



THE MESSAGE

The Newsletter of the North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary

June, 2012

WELCOME TO JAMESTOWN

Ernest D. Robertson Unit #14 of Jamestown welcomes all Auxiliary members to our nice city of Jamestown to enjoy the 92nd ND ALA Dept. Convention 2012.

The Jamestown area is beautiful with the Jamestown Reservoir & Dam, many beautiful trees, unique shops in downtown, wonderful restaurants to dine at, and, of course our nice All Vet's Club, where you are never a stranger. The Jamestown Unit wants to welcome you, and hope you will enjoy your stay in Jamestown. Don't forget the parade on Friday evening before the Opening

Welcome Linda Juntunen

Linda J. Juntunen, a 21 year member of Fred C. Wagner Unit #235, being duly endorsed and further elected to the positions of ND ALA Vice Pres. & Pres. Elect, will assume the position of ND ALA President at the Summer Convention.

This statement itself is almost overwhelming, let alone being responsible for the duties of the task that is in front of me. I am humbled, and honored, by the trust that the members of this great organization. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as ND ALA President.

I thank those that have volunteered to serve as Officers and Chairman during the 2012-2013 term. I encourage and welcome each member to always be willing to express their

CONDOLENCES

The ND ALA would like to extend heartfelt condolences to Charlotte Lassonde and families on the death of her husband Fred Lassonde.

VETERANS OUR STARS

It has been nearly a year now that you ladies of the ND ALA entrusted me with the position of President for the greatest women's organization. This has been a great learning experience, but so very enjoyable. The members, Committees, District Presidents and Officers, all have contributed to make this successful.

The Spring District meetings are in the past. It was wonderful to see the attendance at these meetings and renew the new found friendships as well as to share new information.

Thank you for the generous monetary donations to the Veterans Affairs Meeting and the Emergency Fund of over three hundred dollars.

June 22, 23, 24 brings the Dept. Convention to Jamestown. The Chairmen will give short reports about their programs. We will hear the services to "Veterans Our Stars" that were achieved by the Units.

I congratulate all members for reaching the numeric objective of 95.7% for ND as of May 17. We are 4.3% short of 100% and by the time of Convention we will hit that mark. Thanks ladies for your hard work.

I extend my grateful thanks to all the Units and Posts for your monetary contributions toward my project of the Wheel Chair Glider that is now at the Veterans Home in Lisbon. I am hoping the weather man will

From Myrna

It has been a very busy year in the Office with lots of changes on the table... dues increases, new way for reporting our accomplishments, and other things, but we all manage to work through all of them. Many members have decided to become Life Members because of the dues increase. Nice to see so many!

I am very happy to see our Girls State attendance is up this year. I won't be attending the Girls State session this year, and will certainly miss it as I have been there for approximately 20 years.

Linda, Marlys, and I attended the Membership Workshop at Indianapolis the first part of May. Our incoming Natl. Pres. Peggy Thomas promised us no changes for this next year

Hope to see many of you in Jamestown for the Convention. Hopefully, the weather will be extra nice, no rain storms. We will have to accept whatever comes, I guess.



cooperate with the Veterans so they can enjoy the sunshine and outdoors.

I have been reading the Final Reports that the Dept. has received from the District Presidents. You did a wonderful job of serving our Veterans, Military and families, youth and the narrative reports of Community service. We only wish that more Units would have reported their hours and money spent to serve our veterans and military.

I had stressed at the District Meetings that these reports are very important as these figures are sent to National, and turn, are sent to Washington DC where our Congress bases their allocation of moneys for the support of Veterans Programs which are needed by the deserving Veterans and present Military.

June 10-15, is Girls State week in Grand Forks. Over one hundred girls will be learning about government, not only learning about government process, but being the process. Good Luck and have fun!

Thank you for a wonderful year and I wish to see you all at the Convention.



"two cents" into the operations of the ND ALA and I know with the help of my fellow officers, chairmen and the membership body we will have a wonderful year of service to our Veterans, active Military and their families.

Linda J. Juntunen
ND ALA President Elect

Myrna Ronholm
ND ALA Secretary

Betty Malkowski
ND ALA President



Fred Wagner Unit 235 of Rock Lake endorses Erica McDougall for ND ALA Treasurer. Erica is a 5 year member and has served as Treasurer for the her Unit. Erica works on the ranch with her husband, Kent McDougall, and is the part time Auditor for the City of Rock Lake.

Erica is eligible through her husband, Kent McDougall, who is an Iraqi War Veteran and a former Central Region Vice Commander.

Your vote for Erica for ND ALA Treasurer would be appreciated.



Ernest Robertson Unit 14 of Jamestown endorses Myrna Ronholm as a candidate for ND ALA Secretary. She is presently serving as the ND ALA Secretary.

Myrna has worked on the Unit level in Jamestown for many years, has been District Secretary, District Vice-President, District President, Dept. Finance Committee, Dept. Treasurer, and has held numerous chairmanships.

Your vote will be appreciated.



Beck Sherven Unit 290 of New Town, would like to endorse Marlys Aubol for ND ALA President Elect.

Marlys has been a member of the Auxiliary for 30 plus years and is currently serving as president of our local unit, as ND ALA Vice President and is a past president of District 9. She has also been appointed by Linda Juntunen, incoming ND ALA Pres., to serve as ND ALA Membership Chairman for the year 2012-2013.

Marlys is a member of Bethel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Women, a member of the New Town Community Singers, serves on the New Town City Library Board as Secretary-Treasurer, and is a member of a local homemakers group. Marlys retired from Lakeside State Bank in 2006, after working 36 years over a 40-year span. Now she is a Girl Friday for Whiting Oil.

Marlys is eligible for the Auxiliary through her husband Royce. Marlys and Royce have been married for 48 years—they have two children (Eric and Lisa), and six grandchildren.

Again, we would like to endorse Marlys for ND ALA President Elect and have her name placed on the ballot for upcoming election in June.

Past Presidents Parley Luncheon

Name: _____

Unit# _____ Dist# _____

11:30 am Sat. June 23 at the Gladstone

Make check payable to Unit 14 of Jamestown for \$13 and mail to...

Marva Miska
710 13 Street SE, APT 2
Jamestown, ND 58401



Harley Salzman Unit 5 of Beach is pleased to present Beverly Wolff as a candidate for ND ALA Chaplain for the 2012-2013 year. Beverly has held offices on the Unit, District, Dept. and National Levels.

She is presently the ND ALA Chaplain, and NW Div. Emergency Fund Chair., past Natl. Chaplain, past NEC, past ND ALA President and has held Department Chairmanships.

Beverly is a Life Member of the Auxiliary through her husband Darrell who was a retired Veteran of the Korean and Viet Nam Era.

Your vote would be appreciated.



Walter Thome Unit 45 of Carson proudly endorses Annette M. Zeller for ND ALA Treasurer. Her main goal is to get the Dept. finances onto appropriate accounting programs such as QuickBooks and Excel.

Annette has held a variety of positions within the ALA since joining 16 years ago. These positions include the following positions but are not limited to: Junior Advisor (7 yrs.), District President (3 yrs) Americanism/Junior Chair. (2 yrs).

She has been married for 21 years, has 2 children and is teaching 7-12 science. Thank you for considering Annette for ND ALA Treasurer.

TINY TOTS

DISTRICT 1

Hadley Elbert - Hope
Ruby J. LeClair - Portland
Haley Ann Myron - Hatton
Eloise Jane Schultz - Casselton
Tenley May Terveen - Casselton
Lauren J. Aasmundstad - Casselton
Audrey Leigh Kremer - Casselton

DISTRICT 2

Colbie C. Hatlestad - Michigan
Thea A. Tveit - McVille
Ivy Elizabeth Black - Grand Forks
Kendra Culp - Lakota
Kathryn Ann Kolar - Pisek
Reilyn Kachena - Pisek
Jordan B. Jacobson - Pisek
Peyton A. Kachena - Pisek

DISTRICT 3

Isla Hewett - York
Leila L. Follman - York
Leslee K. Gustafson - Rolla

DISTRICT 4

Zoey Nikole Sisk - Jamestown
Halea Grace Monelt - Goodrich
Mya Rose Dawson - Jamestown
Olive Sandness - Jamestown
Mya Margaret Kapp - Jamestown
Allison R. Mattheis - Streeter

DISTRICT 5

Maci Mae Lauth - Fredonia
Alise Kay Buckeye-Olsen - Turtle Lake
Keeley Ann Buckeye-Olsen - Turtle Lake
Synneva M. Ellingson - Washburn

DISTRICT 6

Brandi Hinds - Flaxton
Alyssa J. Swartwout - Velva
Piper E. Gibbs - Willow City
Ava Rogers - Plaza

DISTRICT 7

Madalyn June Bohl - Flasher
Tylee Troy - Mandan

DISTRICT 8

Bailey Johnson - Mott
Madillyn M.L. Branden - Beach

DISTRICT 9

Journey J. Wells - Little Shell
Raquel Armajo - Little Shell
Melinda Yvonne Anderson - Williston
Tellie R.E. Sparks - Noonan

DISTRICT 10

Havin L. Salzer - LaMoure

ON THE WEB...

Please check out the other news and events on the ND ALA Website...

www.ndlegion-aux.org

Education

This was an exciting year to be the Department Chairman of Education! North Dakota and California were the only two states that had two national scholarship winners! Cara Mund of Bismarck won a \$5,000 Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior members. Jessica Bontrager received a \$2,000 Non-Traditional Student scholarship. A \$400 state scholarship will be given to Jacob Metcalf of West Fargo and Kelsey Daul of West Fargo to attend NDSU. Continue to encourage your students to apply for these scholarships, their hard work does pay off in the end.

Debbie Slais
ND ALA Education Chairperson

District 10

My, how time flies. These past 2 years have been a great experience. I have enjoyed being District 10 President very much. Your next District President will be Robbin Witkowski from Gwinner. Thank You all for what you have done!

Joan Buske
ND ALA District 10 President

Flickertail Girls State

The 66th Annual American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held June 10-15 at the University of North Dakota.

The mock-government program, which will host 135 North Dakota high school girls, is designed to spark interest in the democratic process and to inspire participation in civic life.

During the week long experience, citizens of Girls State reside on the campus of UND in the residence halls. They are divided into cities, which partner to form counties, and all counties combine as a whole to make the mock state of Flickertail Girls State. With the support of UND staff, ND ALA staff and counselors, students have the opportunity to run for office and elect officials at the city, county and state levels of government. They are empowered to make up the laws and budgets of their state, deal with natural disasters and function in ways that mirror our government.

The public is invited to attend several events throughout the week...

- "Opening Session" Sun. June 10, 4:30 pm
(Chester Fritz Auditorium)
- "Women in Government Panel" Mon. June 11, 1:30 pm
(Chester Fritz Auditorium)
- "American Legion Night/Skit Night" Wed. June 13, 7:00 pm
(Chester Fritz Auditorium)
- "Election Results" Thu. June 14, approximately 10:00 am
(Chester Fritz Auditorium)
- "Closing Ceremony" Fri. June 15, 1:00 pm
(Chester Fritz Auditorium)

District 8

As I look back on my 2 year term as District 8 President comes to a close, I have learned so much and still have a lot to learn. I learned about dedication and I saw many Units struggling with maintaining their membership as well as a few dedicated ladies in each of those Units work very hard to keep everything going.

As I have traveled and attended the different meetings, from the local Unit in my district to the department conferences, I have learned and witnessed a collective pride and patriotism in our organization. I now better understand how the programs and projects of the American Legion and Auxiliary support our veterans and communities. Mostly, I have learned the rewards of new and continuing friendships.

I have said thank you many times to many people these last two years and because of all of you, I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being your District President.

Sandra Petermann
ND ALA District 8 President

Public Relations and Leadership

The Units that sent me clippings and pictures for President Betty's scrapbook have done a great job in both the Public Relations and Leadership. Many of the Units have helped their Post with Veterans Day and Memorial Day. The articles have given gifts to many Veterans on Christmas and helped in various ways. Keep up the good work. Wish I would have heard from more Units.

Arlene Davis
ND ALA Public Relations & Leadership Chairperson

District 2

I want to thank all the ladies of District 2 for letting me serve as your District President.

I have really enjoyed my year. I want to thank all the Units that extended invitations to their unit meetings or special events. It is really a great way to get to know the people of our District. I also want to thank each of you for all your hard work on all of the Auxiliary Programs.

Diane Kraemer
ND ALA District 2 President

District 4

Many thanks to all of you for making the two years as your District 4 President so enjoyable. We are working our way through the new year-end report form, and finding it to be much easier than we expected. I did not receive reports from all units, but I also know that it is getting more and more difficult to maintain members and get all the projects accomplished. We will have to pick and choose our favorite projects and be comfortable doing less. That's just the way it is.

If you can be at state convention, we will exercise our voting privilege on combining our state secretary/treasurer positions. I hope to see you there. Have a wonderful summer!

Marlene Boyer
ND ALA District 4 President

Constitution & Bylaws

We have in our Department Chairman's Constitution and Bylaws file, a copy of the National Constitution and a copy of the ND ALA Constitution. There are also 10, 3-ring notebooks, one for each District. Each Unit in that District, has their Constitution in it. There are 186 Units in ND. I received four updates this year. A number of Units have updated their constitutions over the last several years, and several are trying to complete their's soon. There are still a few Units that haven't, but need to update their Constitutions and plans are to work on those next year.

A big thanks to all the Units that updated their Constitutions and also to those Units that are still working on their Constitution.

To those Units that did not update or contact me, please check your Unit's Constitution and Bylaws to see if it needs to be updated. Don't forget to send a copy to Myrna and to me. Thank you.

Sandra Petermann
ND ALA Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson

VA & R

GREETINGS LADIES! This year has gone by so fast and I want to say Thank You for all the work you have done for Veterans. Your service to them "OUR STARS" has been wonderful. To those of you who have reached out to the homeless with your donations, gifts, lunches, Buddy Bags and Buddy Baskets and any other things you have done has been so appreciated by the homeless Veterans and their families and is greatly accepted by each and every Veteran.

Our mission is to help the Veterans everywhere and that is why we do all the fund raising, gift making, card sending, and visiting to give love to each of these Veterans.

I am looking forward to convention so that I can personally Thank You for all your work.

Mavis Goodroad
ND ALA Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairperson

Chaplain's Prayer

"Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have." Philippians 4:11

In our lives we have experienced enough to know that there isn't a mirror that can reflect what is in our heart, and that is what counts. The beauty of comprehending life's greatest treasure is finding satisfaction and fulfillment with who we are and what we use, no matter how we look, imperfections included. So look in your mirror, and in whatever state you find yourself...

Thank God! Rejoice in what you see!

Let us bow our heads and hearts in prayer, each in our own Faith. Dear Heavenly Father, we will give to others as You give to us. We will bless, as we are blessed, knowing whatever we give we will have forever. Guide our hearts and minds as we work together for You and The American Legion Family. Amen.

Beverly J. Wolff
ND ALA Chaplain

Children & Youth

Thank you, for sending reports and for all the great work you have done. I am estimating that ND ALA Units have impacted about 20,000 children and youth. Some of these children and youth were on the giving & volunteering rather than receiving of projects. During the volunteering, numerous youth had GREAT learning & growth experiences. I am inspired to work at getting more Juniors and youth to do volunteer projects. My hope is that members and units will do likewise.

Good reading and comprehension abilities are important for success in life; therefore, I made a contribution to the Dolly Parton 'Imagination Library' program. When I presented this to Jena Gullo at the Missouri Slope United Way, she quoted her Dad: "Readers are the leaders of the world." It is my hope that the Imagination Library program will be the beginning of many good leaders.

Shirley Hoberg
ND ALA Children & Youth Chair.

In Memoriam

DISTRICT 1

Virginia Maasjo - Fingal (Royal)
Martha Whitehead - Kindred
Avis Berg - Fargo
Marian Richards - Hope

DISTRICT 2

Jacqueline Luehring - Tolna
Frances L. Schulz - Crystal
Genevieve A. Ward - Tolna
Fern Sweeney - Larimore (Royal)
Donna Lewis - Grand Forks (Royal)
Susan D. Olson - Michigan
Caroline Karas - Lankin
Lois Kozojed - Grafton

DISTRICT 3

Jeanette Mygland - Rugby
Mary Lorenz Tveton - Langdon

DISTRICT 4

Lily Tangney - New Rockford
Ann Bergman - Harvey
Lorraine Binder - Medina
Ida Womacks - New Rockford
Margaret Braniff - Jamestown (Royal)
Alvina Hystad - Jamestown (Royal)
Patricia Johnson - New Rockford
Patricia Wenzel - New Rockford
Betty Rudy - Medina

DISTRICT 5

Tillie Isaak - Bismarck
Carol Burgett - Hazelton
Pauline Scherr - Napoleon
Judy Stadler - Turtle Lake
Emelia Kreitinger - Bismarck
Carol Lykken - Bismarck
Debbie Miller - Washburn

DISTRICT 6

Ursula Wunderlich - Velva
LaFern Rosenberg - Minot (Royal)
Irene Kretschman - Minot

DISTRICT 7

Mary Leupp - Stanton
Barbara Monson - Flasher
Grace Smith - Almont
Dee Leinius - Stanton
Francis Schmitz - Elgin

DISTRICT 8

Carrie Narum - New England
Laura M. Cymbaluk - Bowman
Opal Burns - Bowman
Luella Jacobs - New England

DISTRICT 9

Deloris Brown - Ross
Irma Sateren - Crosby
Esther Trulson - Stanley
Ruby Engberg - Crosby
Selma Brorby - Noonan
Lois Kuster - Stanley

DISTRICT 10

Carrie Gentzkow - LaMoure
Lavonne Blikre - Wahpeton
Ruth Deering - Ellendale
Lois Mueller - Ellendale
Violet Neil-Steinwand - Ellendale
Betty Bauley - Oakes
Ashley Meyer - Oakes
Shirley Engbrecht - Ellendale
LaJune Gibbon - Milnor
Marie Iverson - Oakes
Shirley Engbrecht - Ellendale
Jean Isakson - LaMoure
Verna Holub - Verona
Grace Lobeck - Verona
Florence Gemar - Oakes
Christine Larson - Oakes
Crystal Miller - Oakes

Americanism

One report I received began with the words "small but active." Another Unit stated that... "America is comprised of many small grass roots communities such as ours." I believe these are statements that describe all our ND ALA Units. Communities do a great job to promote and preserve Americanism. There were many outstanding projects reported.

Eight Units sent reports to me. I thank you for working so hard all year. I think more Units did programs and projects this year but I didn't hear from them.

Thank you to the Units that sent entries for the Americanism Essay Contest. The theme this year was "HOW CAN I SHOW MY PATRIOTISM IN THE COMMUNITY." I received 39 essays from 18 Units. Unfortunately I received a few essays after the winners were chosen and sent to NW Division. Reading these essays was an interesting experience and gratifying to see how thoughtful these young people are on the subject of patriotism. I will announce the winners at the convention.

Poppies

We have sent about 80,000 poppies this year. 1st Place Winner was the Streeter Unit. 2nd Place was the Rolla Unit. I want to remind you to please fill out the Poppy Order form, don't just write the amount on the mandatory contribution form. I need the order form to see how many you want and where to send them. The order form goes to the ND ALA Office. Thank You!

Joan Buske
ND ALA Poppy Chairperson

Cheryl Crook
ND ALA Americanism Chairperson

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 21, 2012

1:00 pm Golf Tournament (Jamestown Country Club)
7:00 pm Early Arrival Social (Gladstone - Anton Klaus)

Friday, June 22, 2012

7:30 am Officers & Finance Meeting (Civic Center - Exchequer Room)
8:00 am Registration (Civic Center - Lobby)
9:30 am Pages Rehearsal (Civic Center - Exchequer Room)
10:30 am Installation Practice (Civic Center - Exchequer Room)
11:30 am Pages, Officers, & Dist. Pres. Luncheon (Depot - Lantern Room)
2:00 pm Department Executive Meeting (Civic Center - Exchequer Room)
3:30 pm Flag Rehearsal for Opening Session (Civic Center - Arena)
6:30 pm Parade (Downtown to Civic Center)
7:30 pm Joint Opening Session (Civic Center - Arena)

Saturday, June 23, 2012

8:00 am Registration (Civic Center - Lobby)
9:00 am Auxiliary General Session (Civic Center - Exchequer Room)
11:30 am Past President Parley Luncheon (Gladstone - Rooms 1 & 2)
12:30 am Meet & Greet incoming Dist Cmdr & Pres (Civic Center - Hansen II)
1:15 pm General Session Resumes (Civic Center - Exchequer Room)
5:30 pm Social Hour (Civic Center - Arena)
6:30 pm Commander & President Banquet (Civic Center - Arena)
8:30 pm Dance - N.D. State Legion Band (Gladstone)

Sunday, June 24, 2012

8:00 am Joint Memorial Service (Civic Center - Arena)
9:00 am Joint Session (Civic Center - Arena)
11:00 am Auxiliary General Session begins (Civic Center - Exchequer Room)
Installation of New Officers
Post Convention Meeting (Delegates for Nat'l Convention)

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change. Refer to your Convention Program Booklet.