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September-October 2009 Auxiliary Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone had a great summer!
Now that we are approaching September we need to concentrate on the upcoming activities for our Unit.

Our first activity will be a Quarter Auction on Sunday, October 4, 2009 (see enclosed flyer for further information). All those who attended last year had a great time. Please consider attending this event to support your auxiliary. Call to make your reservations at 410-247-1121.

If you would like to fill the position of 2nd Vice or Community Service please get in touch with me.

Remember the American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women's patriotic organization. It takes part in many programs for those who are fighting to keep our shores free and to ensure that liberty will continue to prosper.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend. If you are unable to make it to this meeting then maybe consider the one in October.

Together let's strive to make the new year one to be proud of by working together to fulfill all of our obligations.

Jean McElroy, President

MEMBERSHIP

Well, it is that time of the year again when we renew our membership dues. *Renewal starts now!* For those of you who have paid your 2009-2010 dues, a huge *Thank You*. You are certainly classified as an "Early Bird". If you have not yet sent in your dues, you can do so now. Please mail your check to me at my home address listed below. In this way, I can do a quick turn-about in sending you your card. *Remember:* the annual dues are still \$18.00. A good deal for participating in the camaraderie and community feel of your peers. Also, to have a good time. There are several interesting things planned for this Fall, and I am sure you all want to be a part of it. You will still be classed as an "Early Bird" as long as your dues are paid by the end of the year.

The National Headquarters will be sending our renewal notices in September. If you have sent in your dues, please disregard this or call me at home at 410-747-7018, or e-mail me at doris1712@Comcast.net. I look forward to seeing your *-unique and exotic?-* check in the mail soon. My home address is 17 Delrey Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228-3422. If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Hope to see you at our meeting in September. We have several new members who, if they are able to attend, will be there to meet our Auxiliary family.

Doris Scheihing, Membership Chairman

CHAPLAIN

If there are any members or family members who are ill, please let me know so we can keep them in prayer. I can always be reached or leave a message at 410-796-7026. God bless you and keep you in good health.

Candi Hinebaugh, Chaplain

EDUCATION

Books, Books and More Books for Christmas!

This is a reminder to bring in coloring books, crayons, magic markers and books for children from toddlers through Grade 6. I will be collecting them at the September meeting.

Kathleen Maskavich, Education Chairman

CASH CALENDAR

What's in your mailbox? Back by popular demand we are having a cash calendar for the month of January. Not sure what to get that certain someone on your Christmas list? How about a cash calendar ticket. It would make a perfect stocking stuffer.

Jeanne Haney, Chairman

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

There are still several copies of the revised 2009 By-Laws available for members. A couple of things have been updated to concur with new Standing Rules. If you would like a copy, please either call me or e-mail me. Also, they will be made available at the September meeting. Thanks!

Doris Scheihing, By-Laws Chairman

LONGABERGER HOLIDAY BASKET RAFFLE

We will have a fun-filled Holiday basket raffle in October. Tickets are available now and thru September. A bargain price – 6 for \$5.00, and a chance to win several Holiday

decorations plus a couple of surprise gifts. I will have the tickets at the September meeting, or if you would like to purchase them now, please call me. (Where can you get a single, one holiday decoration for under \$10-\$15?) *Bargain days are here !!*

Doris Scheihing, Chairman

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

As chairman of the VA&R committee of the Auxiliary I have selected a new project for the year. We will be collecting and donating travel size toiletries for our veterans who are flying into BWI Airport and come to the USO area to freshen up. Most of the time the service people are returning from deployments and BWI is their point of entry back to the United States. USO Airport Services Manager Shauna Van Buren told me that the USO is always in need of travel size tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, mouth wash, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors, combs, and hand lotion. These are items the service people have packed in their checked baggage and not readily available to use. The travel size toiletries can be purchased by you usually for less than a dollar each at local drug chains, for example Rite Aid and CVS. Please drop off your donations to me at the Post on either the first and second Tuesday evening of each month. They can be left in the Lounge if I am in a meeting. Donations to buy the items can be sent to the Post in care of the Auxiliary. Please support this joint Auxiliary and USO project. Just like the American Legion the USO is not a government agency, but is funded entirely by donations from a caring public. Show a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine you care – make their first stop on their way home more pleasant. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 410-747-7986 or email nonniek@verizon.net .

Thanks for your support,
Sharon Knecht, Chairman