## 10<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter-March 2016 American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Wisconsin

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Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter Blessings, Auxiliary Ladies,

Spring is in the air and The Legion and Auxiliary events are getting into full swing. Unit Annual Impact reports are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, District DEC meeting was this past Saturday at Alma and our Spring Conference is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to be held in Chetek. Conference registration forms are included with this newsletter.

Attached are our Bylaw and Constitution changes to be voted on during our Spring Conference. Please review carefully and be prepared to vote.

There will be a few changes in our Conference format this year. There will be no 60/40 raffle or Country Store, both of these will be replaced by a Silent Auction. If you have anything that you would like to donate for this auction, please bring it along. Another new item is we will have a guest singer for your entertainment. Abby Nyseth, Judy Walter's granddaughter, has consented to attend our conference and perform for us. All in all, it should be a new and exciting conference! Be sure to attend.

Well, it looks like I scared off most of you with the threat of my personally coming to your units to collect your unpaid district dues but a few of you are still on my visitation list and they are as follows::

Barron County-Prairie Farm \$4.00.

Chippewa County- New Auburn \$ 8.00(for two years)

Dunn County- Elk Mound \$ 8.00 (for two years).

Eau Claire County- Augusta \$4.60

St.Croix County- Emerald \$8.00 (for two years), Hudson \$8.00 (for two years), Hammond & Baldwin Trempealeau County- Whitehall \$4.00, & Blair

Please make payment to: Elsie Obermueller at 232 State Road, Wilson 54027-2605 ASAP- Elsie will no longer send out receipts, please consider your cashed check as a receipt- This will save the District postage and time. Thank you for your understanding.

Please remember to bring pennies and a Holiday item for the various fundraisers that were described in my previous newsletter

HISTORY BOOK REQUESTS......Yvonne Hil

Will each District 10 Unit please send me a short history of what you have been doing since Spring Conference 2014? This information will be included in the District 10 History book that I will be completing in time for Spring Conference April 23. Please mail to Yvonne Hill 2943 US Hwy 53 Rice Lake, 54868-9370 or email <a href="mailto:yhill45@yahoo.com">yhill45@yahoo.com</a>.

Please remember to bring your Unit History Books to Spring Conference for judging- A citation will be given to the winner and the winner will be taken to Department Convention for their competition.

## POPPY AWARDS.....Laurie Nichols

Best Overall Poppy Program- at the State convention, a citation will be presented to the unit chairman reporting the best poppy program. The report should be in narrative form and not to exceed 1000 words. All areas of emphasis should be covered and any relevant information included.

Poppy Poster Contest- Requirements: The words "American Legion Auxiliary" must be in the design, 10 word slogan and include a picture of a Poppy, Size= 11x14 poster board- bring poster to Spring conference for judging and will be forwarded to Department chairman by 5-1-16

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS.....SANDRA WERNER

Hi Everyone,

Congratulations goes out to Barron's Unit 0212 for the first unit in the 10th District to reach 100%! Way to go ladies! Haugen's Unit 0540 is very close at 97.44% and Wilson's Unit 0330 at 94.59%. Remember Family First Friends Forever Contest is getting closer and the Unit with the most new memberships is the winner of \$150.00, so keep on working for those new members.

Remember that there will be citations for the following categories; largest unit attendance, largest increase in membership and first unit over the top at Spring Conference.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER......MARY TOWNSEND

Awesome God:

As we look forward to warmer days ahead, help us be mindful that you will refresh the earth once again. Renew us body, soul and spirit. May our thoughts and deeds be pure before You. For Your goodness and mercy never fail, and Your kindness is to all generations. We pray for guidance for the Legion and Auxiliary and blessings on our nation. We ask for protection on all our Active Duty Military around the globe. Bless those who have already served, continue to remind them that you are their strength and helper. Bless our great nation!

Up-Lifting Thought: No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the bright side of things.

Be sure to send me a list of your deceased members before Spring Conference- my contact information is on the top of this letter. Also, if anyone submits a Unit Prayer book, a citation will be awarded at Spring conference.

Upcoming events:

Spring Conference, Chetek-April 23, 2016