

Rose Harms Legionnaire

February 2021



Jordan Berendt, a senior at Germantown High School, recently presented a donation check in the amount of \$220 to Post Finance Officer Ralph Beck.

Jordan, who works part-time, each year donates some of her earnings to an organization of her choice. Last year it was to the Wisconsin Humane Society.

This year, Jordan chose our Rose Harms Post 355 as she was aware that the Coronavirus has also impacted our Post.

Jordan is Ralph's granddaughter.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 1st

Post Executive Committee meeting

Wednesday, February 3rd

4 Chaplains Day

Monday, February 8th

Post General meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 9th

Sons of the American Legion

Sunday, February 14th

HAPPY
Valentine's Day

Time is running out!

Renew your Post membership for 2021

Mail in your \$35 or pay online

www.members.legion.org



Highlights from our last Post meeting

Guest. Ozaukee County Commander, Jim Schmidt, gave a report on:

- The 4-Chaplains Dinner will be hosted by Saukville Post. Normally is held on the first Saturday in February, but has been moved to April or May;
- Deadline for County Public Safety Awards is February 15 and March 1 for 2nd District;
- Youth and Government Day held at the old courthouse is on hold.
- All Legion members can assist to achieve goal for Posts, County, and District of 90% by January 30. "Buddy Checks" are highly encouraged.
- Jim also handed out the latest revision of the County Constitution and By-Laws.

Membership, Gater Gilstrap reported that paid members are at 268 with 100% goal of 298. A repeat reminder letter to unpaid members will be mailed in January. Also, a notification that if not renewed by April 1st, they will be removed from our Post's membership list.

Finance, Ralph Beck distributed the Post's finance report for the ending of December 31. He summarized some of the miscellaneous expenses; The lower hall's Furnace replacement at \$3,246 and Post insurance 6-month fee of \$3,500.

Hall Report, Al Richards received a quote from Carroll's Heating to replace the 20 year old upstairs furnaces before they break down, again. A family Christmas party, held upstairs last month, had to use electric space heaters due to both furnace's breaking down. Thanks to Nick Schanen for providing space heaters. Members present approved their replacement at a cost of \$8,235.

Butch Paegelow reported that the Post's annual Las Vegas Sweepstakes tickets will be mailed on January 21. He encouraged all members to participate, as this will be our only major fundraiser for the year. The winners will be drawn on April 17. Since Las Vegas Night has been cancelled, Doug Arendt suggested possible live drawing via computer technology.

Bingo, Jim Arentz reported that the Post's State Bingo license has been renewed. If possible, Bingo can be held next September thru February.

Children & Youth, Doug Arendt

- The student Coloring and Essay Contest is being reviewed for 2021. More information to come.
- The American Legion's Badger Boys State program, which is usually held in June, is on hold waiting for Ripon College to decide if it will be the host site again. Board of Directors to make an announcement the end of this month.
- In-person learning at the Grafton schools is going well.

Correspondence;

Thank you letters from Romie Monarski and Art Albers for the Aldi Holiday Gift Cards.

Good of the Legion.

Steve Shock reported that Cedarburg Post in cooperation with Milwaukee Blood Center will hold a plasma drive on Tuesdays, twice per month, 9am to 3pm. An appointment is needed.

Brent Kozak gave information about "The Healing Patriots" fundraiser that will be held in Green Bay on February 13th.

After meeting drinks provided by Chris Wegner. A thank you to SAL, Corey Esselmann and Chris Wegner for providing sandwiches during our social gathering.

Chaplain, Ken Kasprzak.

Taps were played at the conclusion of our meeting for Francis Scheer, a 10-year member, and Richard Langlois, a 14-year member. Both had passed away in October, but the Post had just recently received notice. May they both rest in peace.

This months Calendar Raffle Winners were;

Martin Miller \$50.
Linda Faas \$30.
Bob Januchowski \$25.
John Meyer \$20.
Diane Richards \$15.
Sam Bulgrin \$10.

CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK----01/13/21



The picture of me was taken October, 2014 at the Marine Corps Memorial, Washington, DC. I had just completed running a 26.2-mile marathon that followed a route passing many historic sites, such as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, and the U.S. Capitol. On that day thousands of spectators lined the route cheering the runners every step. It makes me very sad when I think of the riot that occurred this year on January 6 at our U.S. Capitol. Somehow changes need to be made so we can all feel safe wherever we travel. I offer the following prayer for us to reflect on.

PRAYER FOR HEALING----America is hurting. Covid Pandemic, racial inequalities, job loss, and political division have caused great suffering. As Christians, we can begin healing our land through prayer and action. Let us come together not just by words but a faith that produces works. The love and grace of God can begin turning the tide of America. We look to You, only, Lord. Help us make wise decisions that move our country in the right direction. Help us do our part in praying and staying with what we know is right according to the truth of Your Word. Teach us to make our actions count and our words matter. Teach us what we need to know to make our lives, and our nation count for You. Amen.

At our January monthly meeting, attendance was at 20 members present. Thank you to SAL, Cory Esselmann, Chris Wegner, and Neal Schutte for the after-meeting food and drinks.

Thank you letters were received from Art Albers and Romie Monarski, "Thank you for sending the Aldi gift card. We really appreciate it, especially at this time with the coronavirus going on. Hopefully the New Year will solve this health crisis."

Prayers for Dan Harris (stomach problems) and Joe Salamone (back surgery) who both are at home recovering from recent hospitalizations.

Living Well—Healthy Eating. Start with breakfast. Eat a small meal in the morning to give you better control of your appetite. Try substitutes. Aim for reduced fat, sugar, and calories. Watch your portions. Select favorites but go with reasonable-sized portions of foods you cannot live without. Savor each mouthful and enjoy your meal. Go easy on alcohol, especially those high in calories. Strive for weight maintenance instead of weight loss. To end, let's all stay safe.

On Feb. 3, 1943, the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed by a German sub while crossing the freezing the North Atlantic. Through the pandemonium, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light into the darkness. They all gave up their life jackets to those who had none, so that four other soldiers might live.

Then, the four "Men of God" linked arms and began shouting encouragement to the soldiers floating in the lifeboats and the icy waters below. As the ship went down, the perishing men could be heard saying the Lord's Prayer.

Those 4 Chaplains were; Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.





**American Legion Auxiliary
Rose-Harms Unit 355
Newsletter - February 2021**

Despite the restrictions of COVID-19, time seems to pass quickly; here we are, almost to February. We miss those who haven't been able to meet with us during this time, and look forward to seeing them at some point, hopefully in the near future.

Our January Unit meeting was held on Monday the 18th, with 18 members present. The following Recommendations of the Exec Board meeting of December 1st were approved at this meeting:

- 1) That we plan to hold a brat fry at Sendiks in May, with a date to be determined
- 2) That our Unit look into the cost of Veteran yard signs, with different wording and size options, as a summer fundraiser
- 3) That our Unit sponsor a Veteran for a week at Camp American Legion at a cost of \$500 per Veteran, using funds from a fundraiser

Butch Paegelow spoke at the January 5th Executive Board meeting, regarding the official cancellation of Las Vegas Night. This was a difficult decision, given the fact that it's their major fundraiser each year, but they couldn't expect businesses to donate raffle prizes when they've also been hit hard this year. And with Covid still in the picture, would they have had enough volunteers to run things? Following discussion of this news, a Recommendation was made that we make a donation of \$2,000 to the Legion. This was presented to, and APPROVED by the Unit at the January 18th Unit meeting. The check will be presented by President Sue Turowski to the Legion at their February meeting.

By the time you receive this newsletter, you'll already have received your Las Vegas Night Sweepstakes tickets with an explanation of the extra expenses the Legion has encountered this year. Not every Post in the County is able to own a building, much less one as nice as ours, and we need to do our part to support it. We ask that, if able, you purchase or sell all tickets sent to you (MORE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE).

News has been received from 2nd District President Amy Luft that the Mid-Winter Conference has been rescheduled to the weekend of May 7th through the 9th. This will include an ALA In-the-Know session for which prior registration is required. The 2nd District Spring Conference (a scaled-down version) will take place at the Grafton Post on Saturday April 24th. Attendance is limited to 30 people. Watch the March newsletter for further information. The 2nd district Auxiliary sweepstakes drawing will take place that day. The tickets will be sent to the Unit soon. This is a CASH raffle and is the only fundraiser for 2nd District.

County President Cathy Brunnquell reports few County Units are meeting regularly. At this time, no Spring County meeting is scheduled. The 4-Chaplains Dinner, which usually takes place in the month of February, has been postponed until April or May.

Membership currently stands at 151 members paid, or 83% of this year's goal. Thanks to all who have renewed and to our Membership Team, Lora Linder and Carolyn Knoppa. Lora can be contacted at 262-389-5339 for questions regarding your membership status.

VA & R Chair Mel Nowak has sent a mid-year report to Department. Highlights included are that our partnership with local Girl Scouts resulted in 13 Cases of cookies being donated to the King Veterans Home, and that the value of items our Unit donated this year to Christmas with the Vets at Zablocki totaled \$2,279. This was through the participation of 28 members, who spent 174 hours on this project.

State Bowling Chair Toni Moegenburg reports reservations are coming in for the tournament. See details at the end of this newsletter.

Approved at the Unit meeting was a motion to give a \$5 gift card from local coffee shops to all members of the Fire and Police Departments as a thank-you.

Please consider placing your name on the ballot.

This excerpt is directly from our By Laws.

Election of Officers

Section 1: The following Officers shall be elected annually by plurality vote of the ballots cast. When there is but one candidate the nominee can be elected by voice vote or acclamation. President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Historian, Chaplain and Treasurer

Section 2: The following officers shall be appointed by the Unit President subject to the approval of the Unit and shall hold office at the will of the appointive power.

Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian

Section 3: In order to participate in any election of Unit Officers, a Member shall have paid dues for the current fiscal year within which the election is held, at the time of nomination of candidates for office and, in any event, at least two weeks prior to the election.

Section 4: All Officers shall be elected annually at the May Unit meeting and shall assume their duties immediately following the meeting."

Pam Klenner has volunteered to Chair our nominating committee and has agreed to let us know who the rest of her team will be at the February meeting. At the writing of this newsletter we know that we are in definite need of a PRESIDENT & 1st VICE PRESIDENT, the committee does need to verify the position's for the rest of the officers. All positions are open at this time and anyone who meets with the dues criteria listed above may run for any position.

When asked what it was like to be President of Grafton Unit 355, President Sue Turowski said:

"I think I can speak for those of us who are Past Presidents; being President of anything is pretty cool! But, being the President of an organization which holds such esteem in our community, State and Nation, by representing the most valued group of people who are recognized all over the world! There are simply no words to describe what an amazing, fulfilling, life changing opportunity that we have all had! Personally, I have meet such amazing men and woman who I am so honored to call my friends. The accomplishment that I am most proud of? During my tenure as President, our Unit (355) was extremely instrumental in helping to better the lives of our Fallen Veterans Children through our work with Camp Hometown Heroes. We have worked with the children on projects, bought, prepared and served meals, bought carnival gifts. This work alone has changed me as a person! To know and work with this elite group of special children has really made me a much better person. I am so grateful for that and I think that my Dad (an Army Vet) and my Brother (a Marine Vet) would be very proud of me! I really cannot wait to see who the next President will be. They can absolutely have the time of their life!"

Unfortunately, the 2021Sweat-4-Vets event has been cancelled. Mark your calendars for May 21, 2022!

Our Buddy Basket project is coming along well. Thanks to your donations, at this point it appears we'll be able to provide 22 baskets to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI). Baskets will be packed up once we get a definite pick-up date from the MHVI. We hope to have it all out of the Post by the end of January and will give a complete report in the March newsletter.

The next Exec Bd meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 5th at 6:30 pm.

The next Unit meeting will take place MONDAY February 15th at 6:30 pm Upstairs

Until we meet again, let's keep checking on the welfare of our fellow Legion and Auxiliary members.

Submitted by Sue Turowski, President and Linda Faas, Secretary.

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
18th NINE PIN TAP TOURNAMENT (45th ANNUAL TOURNAMENT)
April 10 & 11 and April 17 & 18, 2021

100% Prize Fee Returned
 75% Handicap – 200 Scratch

Circle B Recreation Center
 6261 State Road 60
 Cedarburg WI 53012

The bowlers listed below enter the specified contest(s) at the annual WALASBA Tournament and hereby agree to comply in all respects with the rules of said tournament. The individual members are bona fide 2021 members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary.

Entry # _____ Date: _____

Entry Closing Date – Postmarked by MARCH 15, 2021
***DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME. JUST YOUR ENTRY FORM.**
 *Due to COVID-19 and not knowing the situation in April 2021, entry forms need to be received by March 15, 2021 but entry fees will be requested at a later date.

Mail entries to: Jenni Syftestad
205 Thompson Street, Verona WI 53593

WALASBA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUBSTITUTES!

Team Name: _____ Unit/City/Location: _____ Unit #: _____

Indicate what Events bowler is entering:

Team (Please Print)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Team
\$19.00

Y N
 Y N
 Y N
 Y N

Saturday: April 10	11am or 2pm	Team or Double/Singles
Sunday: April 11	9am	Team or Doubles/Singles
Saturday: April 17	11am or 2pm	Team or Doubles/Singles
Sunday: April 18	9am	Team or Doubles/Singles

Doubles and Singles:

1. _____
2. _____
1. _____
2. _____

Doubles
\$19.00

Y N
 Y N
 Y N
 Y N

Singles
\$19.00

Y N
 Y N
 Y N
 Y N

All Events (If you want to enter all Events)
\$3.00 Per Person

Y N
 Y N
 Y N
 Y N

Bowling	\$7.50
Prize	\$5.50
Expense	\$6.00
Total	\$19.00 per person per Event

Please print complete address & phone # where mail will receive immediate attention

Captain: _____

Ph: () _____

When two or more teams are inter-bowling for doubles partners, please be sure to send your entries together.

Complete Address: _____
 (City/State/Zip)

Email: _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

TEAM _____ DBLS _____ SINGLES _____
 ALL EVENTS _____ TOTAL PAID _____

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
TOURNAMENT RULES – READ CAREFULLY

1. All senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary, holding 2021 membership card are eligible to enter the tournament under the below rules.
2. New bowlers enter the tournament with an average of 145.
3. Entrants allowed bowling only once per event.
4. Everyone MUST bowl when scheduled.
5. **For the 2021 Tournament Only:** Due to COVID-19 and not knowing the situation in April 2021, entry forms need to be received by March 15, 2021 but entry fees (\$19.00 per bowler, per event) will be requested at a later date.
6. No entries shall be accepted after the entry closing date. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Hostess city entrants will be given dates and times requested, **if possible**; otherwise the tournament manager will assign dates and times. **NO** hostess city entries will be refunded.
7. All events are optional and may be entered for a \$3.00 fee. Paid all events are not transferable unless the substitute replaces original entrant in all three events.
8. If a team has only 3 bowlers, only 3 scores can be used. **NO** blind score will be used.
9. This tournament will be conducted on a handicap basis of 75% of the difference between each entrant's average and 200 pins.
10. **If a substitution is made in the doubles event the substitute must take the place of the bowler she is replacing. NO rearranging of partners will be permitted in the doubles.**
11. A sub shall be allowed, if one is available, in case of disability after a game has started, in team and doubles only. Only the actual score of the frames bowled shall count if a sub is not available.
12. Bowlers entered in all three events will be so scheduled to permit them to complete competition within two days, unless they are doubled with someone who is bowling on another four-woman team at some other time, which prevents scheduling of these participants on same convenient dates.
13. Teams will bowl all three games on their scheduled pair of lanes. Doubles and Singles events will be bowled on another pair of lanes.
14. Every bowler entered in the individual events must have at least one ball for her personal use. No sharing balls with other bowlers. (House balls are acceptable.)
15. If a bowler is absent by the scheduled time and does not arrive by the end of the 4th frame of the 1st game, absent bowler shall forfeit the first game, but is eligible to bowl 2nd and 3rd game if arrival prior to the start of the 2nd game. This is for Singles and Doubles ONLY.
16. Team Champion will receive a plaque for the winning Unit.
17. Cash prizes will be determined upon completion of tournament, based on funds received.
18. **NO SMOKING OR DRINKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLERS SEATING AREA.**
19. Make sure you are watching for your turn to bowl and keep the games going. There are other shifts for Auxiliary bowling and possible league bowling scheduled after our tournament.

CAPTAINS

1. Captains must check in and verify lineups **45 minutes** prior to starting time. **Registration will CLOSE 30 minutes before squad time. This is all necessary due to last minute changes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**
2. When substitutes **not** registered on entry blank are used, captains shall report same to Tournament Manager before entering contest and present 2021 American Legion Auxiliary membership card of substitute.
3. There must be a TEAM CAPTAIN FOR EACH TEAM.

CONDUCT OF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

This tournament shall be conducted as a form of social enjoyment for all Senior members of the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary.

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED BUT NOT REPRODUCED IN ANY OTHER WAY!

2021 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

MAY 6-9, 2021

HO-CHUNK HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

S3214 HIGHWAY BD ~ BARABOO, WI 53913

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-register for The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin 2021 Midwinter Conference by returning this registration form and \$20.00 per person (1 person per registration form) to Department Headquarters by April 26, 2021 and **save \$5.00!** Registrations received after April 26, 2021 will be \$25.00 per person. Or Register online at wilegion.org.

(Please type or print clearly in order for your badge to be printed correctly)

NAME _____ MEMBER ID # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ DISTRICT _____ POST _____ UNIT _____ SQUADRON _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

ITEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRICE	TOTAL
Registration Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00	
Reg. Fee After 4/26/21	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	
Post Commander's Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Charge	0.00
Post Adjutant's Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Charge	0.00
Forward Together Celebration Featuring <i>The Game Show DJ</i>		\$35.00 (Banquet registration deadline is 4/23/21)	
Total Enclosed			

☐ Please Check Here if you plan to attend the ALA in the Know Session

Make check payable to The American Legion, or Enter Credit Card Information Below

☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____

OR

Name on Card _____ Card Type _____ Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Sec. Code _____

Return to:

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin

Attn: Chris Schmidt

P.O. Box 388

Portage, WI 53901

or email to chris@wilegion.org



January 2021 SAL News

Membership: SAL Membership is now 82 members with 49 who have paid this year dues. Membership dues are due now and contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 for membership opportunities and to pay your annual dues.

SAL Clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465 we have a new book of clothing items if anyone is interested to review or needs anything, let Brian know.

Camp American Legion: We were provided with a picture board showing cabin progress which looks good. Dick Rieck is to contact camp to plan for anything we need to do in the spring.

SAL Volunteer Activities -

Bowling: We are still looking at options to have the event including pushing the date back to 3/6/21.

Old:

- Auxiliary does not need our help with the Veterans Memorial Park Sign.
- Auxiliary thanked us for our \$250 contribution to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative.
- The Post's annual Las Vegas Night has been cancelled. However, LVN Sweepstakes tickets are still being sold to support our Post.

New:

- Post maintenance, we will explore expansion/replacement of the shed.
- Post maintenance, club has had need for all 3 furnace repairs/replacement and looking for any help.
- Discuss moving beer tasting event to a summer outside event to help boost attendance.
- Dick motioned and seconded by Paul to reduce our commitment to the scholarship to two \$500 from two \$1000. Passed on voice vote.

Legion Post Meeting: Volunteers planning to serve Post Meeting Dinner that starts at 7:45pm

February – Gary

March – Auxiliary

April - Tim

Next SAL Meeting: 2/9/21 @ 6:30pm



Do you have Auxiliary memorabilia from the past?

Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a display at the Grafton Library. The display will be highlighted April 1 - April 30, 2021. Please consider loaning any items of interest which will be showcased for the public to view. Pictures, newsletters, awards, jewelry, apparel, are all examples of items needed. Make sure to label your items for proper return. Volunteers are also needed to help assemble the display. Contact Amy Luft 414-651-7300 or amyjlluft@gmail.com for details.