



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

Auxiliary Communique - Spring 2017

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Auxiliary President Sharon Anderson



Oratorical kids are the best of the best. If you ever get a chance to go to a Oratorical Contest, please go. They have to speak 10 minutes on the U.S. Constitution without notes. Then we pick an envelope and they have 5 minute to prepare on the topic drawn about the U.S. Constitution.

Washington DC Conference on February 25th thru March 1st. I will give you a report when I return. March 1st at will be attending the Veterans CreativeArts at the Des Moines VA at 6:00 pm in the lobby. March and April look pretty busy for me. I look forward to each one. Its always good to meet new people and see old friends.

At Department level, The American Legion of Iowa and American Legion of Iowa Foundation give them money for scholarships. When they advance to the national level they receive thousands of dollars in scholarships.

For all of you who donate at the V.A. Hospitals and the Marshalltown Veterans Home I want to thank you for your dedication. We could use more volunteers, if you have time how about becoming one of these caring people. They do so much for our veterans.

Closing remarks from Department President, and Department Commander & the benediction.

I want to wish you and your family all happiness you an bring to each other by caring and giving and most of all loving from the heart. Enjoy all the holidays in between this article and the next.

So if you didn't make it to Mid-Winter I hope this gives you a idea of what went on. I this it was a great weekend.

Treat each other how you want to be treated. Think about it what a wonderful world we could become.

We all have to work on membership, because if we don't have the money from the memberships, we can't promote our programs. Lets work a little bit harder on the ones that haven't paid yet. If you need help, ask a unit member to help by giving her a copy of the roster. Membership is everybody's responsibility.

God Bless our Troops and their families until their safe return and God Bless America.

Lets make Iowa GOAL. I will be leaving for the

I want to thank all my officers, committee people, Marlene, Jeanne, Traci for all you do. Thanks for being part of my year of service as President, I am truly thankful.

Department Auxiliary Notes . . .

NOTE: All Girls State Citizens MUST have been registered by February 28, 2017 – no exceptions. The \$400.00 MUST have been paid by February 28, 2017. Deadlines MUST be followed! Check the website under forms.

NOTE: All Junior Campers MUST be registered with fee of \$125.00 paid by April 1, 2017 – no exceptions. Check the website under forms.

NOTE: All County, District and Junior District Officer forms MUST be in the office by April 30. Fill out the forms with your 2016-2017 District Presidents. These forms are not on the ALA website. This information is very important and must be in the office by the due date.

NOTE: Unit Officer forms are due in the Department Office by July 1, 2017. That form will be in your Department Convention information packet that will be mailed in May 2017. The form will also be on the website in April. Please do not change the dates, etc. Wait for the current year's form to fill out.

NOTE: The American Legion Auxiliary Office phone number is 515-282-7987. Please leave a message if no one answers the phone. The office is closed Saturday and Sunday. The office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please remember that the office is also closed for holidays and the day before and the day after Mid-Winter Conference and the Department Convention. The website is www.iowaala.org.

priorities. Conference call with the Strategic Planning Committee. Working on several issues to help our Auxiliary.

Putting together a member handbook and working on a leadership meeting for incoming Presidents and Vice Presidents or who would be the next to move up. Two from each district. It will be held at headquarters sometime in May. I had a short vacation with my husband Richard, and our 2 daughters Kathy and Kim and went to the Cliffs in Missouri. You could look out from the deck and see Table Rock Lake. We were only about 5 miles from the Arkansas border. We had a great time. Arrived on January 22nd and arrived home on January 28th.

Now about Mid-Winter, I arrived at The Holiday Inn across from the Airport in Des Moines on Thursday, February 9th On Friday February 10th started all the meetings:
8:00 am Mid-Winter Convention Committee Meeting
8:30 am Finance Committee Meeting
10:00 am VA & R Representative Meeting
10:45 am Junior Camp Board Meeting
1:30 pm Department Executive Board Meeting
3:00 pm Roll Call Meeting
4:00 pm Girls State Board Meeting
5:00 Pages Practice
5:00 – 7:00pm Set-up Programs Fair
7:00 pm Joint Legion Family Session

There were lots of guest on the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons Of The American Legion. Our special guest was Department Junior President Josie Houseman and Central Division Vice-President Carollee Junge from the Department of Illinois. All of the speakers were great. Saturday Morning at 7:00 am I was invited to the Foundation Breakfast.
7:30 am to 8:30 am was the Joint Programs Fair. All committees Legion and Auxiliary had information on their tables to handouts and were available for questions.
8:00 am Juniors attended the SAL activity Center.
9:00 am the Auxiliary had the welcome, Prayer, Moment of



Silence, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, Preamble 9:15am Presentations – 10 minutes each Chaplain, Historian, Finance, Girls State, Strategic Planning, VA & R., Service to Veterans, Nominations, Central Division National Vice President Carollee Junge spoke.
11:45am Past District Presidents Luncheon.

Then we had two breakout sessions.. When you registered your name tag had either a red or blue dot. That is how you knew which break out session to attend. Each presenter had 10 minutes to speak. Red stickers went to break out session in North ballroom with Ann Rehbein as moderator. Blue stickers went to Board Rooms 1 & 2 Moderator Ann Crawford. Then they switched so all attendees were able to hear about each program. They were: Junior Activities, Junior Camp, Children and Youth, Education, Girls State, Legislative, Parliamentarian, Governing Documents, Americanism, Community Service, Poppy, Public Relations, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Leadership, National Security, Past President's Parley/Cavalcade of Memories/History. We all returned where we had originally started and heard from the following:
Children and Youth National Chairman, Nicole Clapp, membership, Nicole Clapp, winners, Junior Presentation, Receiving line in back of room at 4:40. Church services at 5:30 pm Catholic Mass and Protestant Services. 6:30 pm Silent Auction for Girls State and also Social & Dinner for Past Department Commanders, Past Department Presidents, and Past Detachment Commanders and their guests.
8:00 Entertainment. Sunday Department Oratorical Finals. Joint Session. Memorial Service, Presentations from Boys/Girls State Governors and Boys/Girls Nation Senators. If you want to see and hear from these amazing Girls/Boys you know that we our leaving our country in good hands. The