

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FALL NEWSLETTER
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SAVAGE, MN 55378
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I thank you again for your confidence and support in re-electing me as your Auxiliary President. I will continue to be committed to our mission statement:

Our mission has always been to serve veterans, their families and their communities.

As we have done in the past, one of our goals this year is to collect cribbage boards, men's socks (white and black and ankle or crew), women's socks (white), hankies, playing cards, calendars, large print word find, sudoku or crossword books, shampoo, body wash, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental picks, floss, laundry soap, brushes, combs, hand held games, Renuzit and small spiral notebooks. We will deliver them, along with our signed Christmas cards, in December. Let us never forget what our veterans have done for this country. We are also collecting school supplies and will be delivering those items to two local schools in the Savage/Prior Lake area at the end of October. Please bring your supplies to the Legion prior to that time.

Listed below are the newly elected officers for 2017-2018:

President	Marlis Durose
1st Vice Pres.	Carol Olson
2nd Vice Pres.	Diane Opdycke
Secretary	Betty Daleiden
Treasurer	Carol Sue Gutoske
Sgt. of Arms	Carla Norling
Chaplain	Elaine Kadrlik
Membership	Carol Sue Gutoske

A special thank you to all the individuals that provided bake goods for the annual Valentines Children's Party in February, school supplies that were collected and delivered in November, and the local auxiliary members for the generous donations received from the poppy fund-raiser letters that were sent to members. Because of this, we have purchased a portable PA system and will be delivering it to the VA Home Adult Day Care center. **This year was extremely successful, thanks to you.**

The Legion would like to invite everyone to a Roast Beef **Appreciation Dinner for Members and Friends** at the Savage Legion on Saturday, September 9 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members.

Thanks again to Joan Boss for planting the beautiful flowers at our Legion.

The 2017-2018 membership dues will remain the same as last year; **\$25.00 for Seniors and \$3.50 for Juniors**. If you have any questions regarding membership, contact Carol Sue Gutoske at 952.890.1959.

We wish to welcome new members:

Judy Lijewski – transfer from Illinois
Carmen Redman – transfer from Apple Valley, MN
Susan Bakke
Cassandra Worsley
Jamie Goebel

Members that have passed during the year:

Shirley Emanuel
Ollie Otte
Peggy Rowan

If you are aware of any person who has been hospitalized, has a serious illness, or the passing of any member of their family, I encourage you to call the Club at 952.894.6940 or myself at 612.770.0872.

Chris Zollman has been re-elected as the Post Commander. I look forward to working closely with him during the upcoming year to make sure we maintain our strong relationship in providing services to veterans and their families.

Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, **September 25, 2016. All meetings throughout the year will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the back room** and typically last one hour. I encourage members to attend our monthly meetings, as it is beneficial to the strength of our organization. Prior to the start of our November meeting, we will be signing Christmas cards for our veterans.

It is truly my privilege to work with such a wonderful group of auxiliary members and I invite your comments or concerns as our society changes. Please feel free to contact me at home or my email address listed below.

Sincerely,

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