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AUXILIARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT MANTENO JANUARY 8

The Will County Auxiliary will again hold its January Ice Cream Social for the residents of the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. This year's event will be January 8th. While it is a County level event, all Legion and Auxiliary members are invited to attend, to make the social part of the event more social.

During the event, ice cream and apple or cherry pie is served to those present. Visitation with the residents during the event is encouraged. Legion and Auxiliary members are encouraged to arrive by 1:00 p.m. to help set up and aid in transporting (pushing wheel chairs) residents to the hall. Serving starts at 2:00 and concludes about 3:00, followed by the return of the residents to their rooms. We are usually finished by about 3:30 to 3:45.

There will be several cars with available seats at the Levy Center from 11:30 a.m. until 11:45 if anyone needs a ride down or wants to caravan.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Jan 3, 7:30 p.m.: Post Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Can

Saturday, Jan 8, 1:00 p.m.: County Auxiliary sponsored Ice Cream Social, Manteno Illinois Veterans Home

Monday, Jan 10, 6:00 p.m.: VAC Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Louie's Chop House, Shorewood, Rt. 52 just west of Rt. 59. \$15.00 per person. Reservations Required. See Wayne Macejak for form.

Monday, Jan 17, 7:30 p.m.: Auxiliary Unit Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Friday, Jan 21, 8:00 p.m.: County Meeting, Plainfield #13, West end of Renwick @ River Rd.

Primary Post Officers

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Primary Unit Officers

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| President | Esther Laffoon | 630.783.2669 |
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| Secretary | Irene Wojtal | 630.739.0275 |
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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS COLLECTS OVER 700 CARDS

Some 600 cards were signed buy attendees at the Christmas card table during the Festival of Lights on December 4th. Another 130 plus cards were contributed by the employees of the VA Regional Distribution Center on the Hines Hospital grounds. One of our members, Rick Hassen, works there and started a collection there last year to help the effort.

The cards were sent to Afghanistan and Iraq by John Davin. The Post voted to donate the cost of half the postage.

Thanks to All Miller, Harry Frost, Mel Hansen, Joe Rojek, Rick Hassen, Wayne Macejak, and John Davin.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT VISITS AUXILIARY MEETING

On December 20th, Rosemary Mulligan, the Auxiliary District President visited the Auxiliary and provided an orientation on Auxiliary programs for the new unit members. Jesse Banker, Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chair, (and initial President of the original 1288 Auxiliary unit) also made a presentation. Next month's meeting on Jan. 17 will feature more in-depth training on Auxiliary programs.

POT OF GOLD

The Pot of Gold was awarded to David Jacobson at the December Post meeting. David's name was drawn as the Pot of Gold winner for the September drawing; however this faithful attendee was not present. We subsequently learned that the absence was due to a traffic accident in which he and his wife sustained multiple serious injuries and for which medical expenses are mounting. At the December meeting, the Post voted to award David the \$117 he would have received and raise amount to an even \$150.00.

The Pot of Gold amount will therefore start over at the January meeting. Each meeting, the members who are present put a quarter in the Pot of Gold. At the end of the meeting, a name is drawn from all the active members. If you are present when your name is drawn, you win.

Have a Safe New Year Holiday

Meeting in the Levy Senior Center, 251 Canterbury Lane, at 7:30 p.m.
Post #1288 - 1st Monday of the Month • Auxiliary Unit #1288 - 3rd Monday of the Month
American Legion Motto: *Get Involved*