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POST MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 REACHES 110

As of Feb 13, we are at 110 of the needed 116 for 100% of last year's membership number. So far we have 96 renewals, 9 new members and 5 transfers. If you have not yet renewed, please remit the dues (\$30.00) to the Post's post office box as soon as possible.

POST SPONSORS ORATORICAL CONTESTANT

For the first time in many years, if ever, our post will sponsor a contestant for the American Legion Oratorical Contest. We were informed about a home school student from Bolingbrook seeking sponsorship. An executive committee decision, supported by the Post at the last meeting, supplied the \$100 sponsorship fee. The 11th grade girl has been classified as an "alternate" for the upcoming contests at the District/Division level.

POSSIBLE NEW FUNDING SOURCE

A possible source of revenue from "raffle machines" was discussed. Further information on the following new development will be researched by a committee approved at the post meeting.

The following is quoted from the Jan 16, Bolingbrook Sun:

January 16, 2009

By R.L. ANDERSON For The Sun

"Local charitable organizations will have a new means of raising funds at local businesses, and the village will enjoy a new tax revenue source, as the result of a vote by the Bolingbrook Village Board Jan. 13.

"The ordinance will now allow Bolingbrook businesses, in conjunction with local not-for-profit organizations, to operate "raffle devices," machines that operate automated charitable raffles as a means of raising funds for local charities. The amended ordinance states that no more than three such machines can be located on the premises of any Bolingbrook business, and that each owner or operator of the raffle machines is required to have a village business license.

"Charity Splits is the business that currently provides these machines to local businesses and communities. Company president Patrick West said initially that local charities "will collect 30 percent of the funds" from the machines, but that their percentage will increase as the program expands, he said.

"West told the board that his organization carefully screens all charitable groups that use the machines in their fund-raising efforts.

"West said the machines become easy fund-raisers for groups, allowing them more time to fulfill their charitable missions."

BANNER PROJECT FUNDED

The goal for the Veteran's Parkway Banner project has been reached. \$4,380.70 has been received. Larry Shaver is working on ordering the banners and coordinating with the Village for their installation and a dedication ceremony.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb 15, 1:00 p.m.: 11th District Meeting, Marengo Post 192, 315 Park Dr.

Monday, Feb 16, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Ln
7:00 p.m.: S.A.L. Meeting

7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary Meeting,

Friday, Feb 20: County Meeting, New Lenox Post 1977, 11414 Ford Dr.

Monday, Mar 16, 7:30 p.m.: Post/Auxiliary Meeting, Levy Sr. Center, 251 Canterbury Lane

Friday, Mar 20?: County Meeting, Frankfort-Mokena Post 2000, TBA

Sunday, Mar 22: 2nd Division Meeting, Downers Grove Post #80, 4000 Saratoga

10:00 a.m.: Service Officer and Poppy meetings

1:00 p.m.: Division Meeting

POT OF GOLD

If the member whose name was drawn had been at our November Post meeting he would have won the *Pot of Gold* worth about \$38.00. Each month members present put a quarter into the Pot of Gold at the end of the meeting at drawing is held amongst all the post's members whose dues current. If your name is drawn and you are present and you dues are current, you win the Pot of Gold.

"WRESTLING" EVENT?

Commander Taylor has received information about a possible "professional" wrestling event that can be held for the purposes of raising funds for veteran's organizations. He attended one such event at a VFW facility and will be bringing details to the next meeting.



Always Remembered

Never Forgotten