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## PAST COMMANDERS NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH



Once again Post 102 Past Commanders served up a New Years Day Brunch for over 300 members and guests. As Junior Past Commander, this was my first year doing K.P. and I can assure you it's a lot of work! But, we all manage to have a little fun with it and I was impressed with how everyone (except me) knew exactly what to do. It was obvious that this annual tradition has been going on for a while.

I want to thank all the Past Commanders who showed-up to help this year and every year. Also thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for providing their bake sale and to SAL

*Past Commanders Pictured L-R:*

*Standing: Jr. Past Darrel, Dave Small, Jim Hays, Bill Golden, Cliff Newman and Jon Wagner.*

*Seated: Jerry Abeln, Howie Zunker, Gordy Berquist, Bob Duclos and Sam Orr.*

Commander Lance Nelson for rolling up his sleeves and washing some pots and pans. Participation by members of the Legion Family sure help to make the chores a little easier, especially with the clean-up!

Thanks to all!

Darrel Redepenning,  
Jr. Past Commander



### ATTENTION: 2008 Unpaid Members

Your membership in Post & Unit 102 expired December 31, 2007. As of January 1, 2008 you are considered delinquent and March 1, 2008 you will be removed from the Post roster.

We need you to remain a member of Post 102. Please remit your dues for the year 2008 NOW!



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# ADJUTANT'S NOTES

by Wayne D. Wallace

The Post Executive Committee meeting held December 27, 2007 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from finance, clubroom and gambling.

The meeting involved a considerable amount of discussion concerning areas of increasing the revenue of the Post. Since the "no smoking" ban became law October 1st, the revenue of the Post and charitable gambling has decreased drastically. We felt, at first, the "no smoking" ban would have little effect on the Post's business and might even help bring in those members who said they don't come in because they can't stand the smoke. It has been 3 months since the ban went into effect and all we noticed is our smoking members no longer come in and must be staying home. We still have the steak/chicken/shrimp dinner on Wednesday evenings at a very reasonable cost sponsored by the Sons of The American Legion. Take a chance and try it, you may even come back.

The Executive Committee reviewed all requests for donations and those approved were recommended for approval to the Post General Membership.

The Post General Membership meeting held January 8, 2008 heard the minutes from the previous meeting and reports from Post officers and committee chairmen.

Post Adjutant reported Post members Myles Eskildsen, Vernon Enstad, Phillip Kerssen, Walter Johnson and Robin Brethorst had passed away since the last meeting.

Adjutant reported (769) members are signed for 2008. **We are currently (43) members behind one year ago and (73) short of our 2008 goal.** As a reminder, to members who have not paid their 2008 membership dues, your membership in The American Legion expired December 31, 2007. There have been (5) notices sent from The American Legion National Headquarters to unpaid members. The original renewal notice was sent the end of June 2007 and reminders sent in September, October, November and December 2007. **We do need your membership to continue the efforts on behalf of veterans benefits and all the other very worthwhile programs of The American Legion.** It's not too late to get your 2008 dues renewed, but March 1, 2008, unpaid members are normally dropped from the membership roster and newspaper mailing. **Additionally, effective January 1, 2008, the hospital equipment policy changed whereby only members of the Anoka American Legion will have use of our hospital equipment.**

The following Lawful Purpose donations/expenses projected for expenditure in January 2008 were approved by the Post General Membership:

1. Special Olympics - MN ..... \$ 150
2. St. Cloud VAMC (Monte Carlo night) ..... 120
3. City of Anoka (Water/light costs) ..... 1,300
4. Reinhart Foodservice (Food items, New Years Day Brunch) ..... 245
5. Darrel Redepenning (Reimb for food, New Years Day Brunch) ..... 325
6. Centerpoint Energy (Gas costs) ..... 1,225
7. Boys State (Registration of (3) boys) ..... 750
8. U.S. Treasury (Tax on wagering) ..... 600
9. Assist needy veterans / families ..... 1,500
10. Emergency money ..... 500

**Total taxes paid on gambling proceeds for December 2007:**  
**Minnesota Revenue: \$4,335 U.S. Treasury: \$309**

New members accepted by the Post General Membership were: Richard J. Smith, Jr. and Richard M. Casey. We welcome you gentlemen into Post 102 and hope to see and meet you at our monthly Post meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.




**Post 102 extends sincere sympathy to the families of**

**MYLES E. ESKILDSEN**  
 Myles was a 8 year member of The American Legion and an Korean War Veteran.

**VERNON ESNTAD**  
 Vernon was a 17 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

**PHILLIP C. KERSSSEN**  
 Phil was a 36 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

**WALTER V. JOHNSON**  
 Walter was a 54 year member of The American Legion and a World War II Veteran.

**ROBIN R. BRETHORST**  
 Robin was a 2 year member of The American Legion and a Vietnam War Veteran.

## Training Session at Post 102

The annual Department Leadership Training program will be held this year in Anoka on February 23 and 24. This Saturday-Sunday session will feature Past National Commander Butch Miller of Virginia (a native of Wabasha MN) and National Membership Director Billy Johnson.

Sessions begin each day at 9 AM, coffee served at 8:30 AM, cost is \$15 includes registration, materials and Saturday's lunch; Sunday is a half-day session.


-from MN Legionnaire

If interested, contact Post 102 Commander Gary Munkholm at 438-9245.

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**Commander's  
Column  
Gary Munkholm**

Once again, I must compliment everyone on attending the many recent events such as the New Years Day Brunch, New Years Gala, 10th District Mid-Winter Conference, committee meetings, and our monthly General Membership meetings. I always enjoy meeting and talking to the many of you who attend these events. Now that the Holiday get togethers are over I am counting on seeing more of you at our monthly General Membership meetings.

Once again, I want to remind those of you who haven't renewed your membership to please do so. Let's get that membership renewed and stay part of a great Veteran's organization. Because of your support, The American Legion can remain strong and ever watchful over the support and treatment of our Veterans. Support your club by bringing in a new member and if you haven't been to the club lately take some time for a visit and check us out. Don't forget to tell your friends about our rental halls.

It was great seeing many of you at the 10th District Mid-Winter Conference which we hosted at our Post. Our Legion family provided the morning registration/rolls/coffee, lunch, and meeting rooms and it was great to see all of our Legion members, Auxiliary, and SAL working together as a team to host the conference. I received many compliments from others on our club facilities and how well we hosted the event.

Lastly, I remind you again that we are behind in membership applications and renewals. Everyone's help is needed to keep our membership strong. This is your Legion Post and we need all of you helping to keep it up and running.



**From the Desk of  
Lannie Vaughn  
Club Manager:**

Please help support your club, also sign up a new member. We have food on Wednesday and Friday nights.

We will no longer have food on Thursdays nights after the 31st of January.

Check out the picture of Sam Orr cleaning the pancake grill for the brunch.

We are having good turn outs for the Red Cross Blood Drives. Please keep helping.



**S.A.L. NEWS  
by  
Commander  
Lance Nelson**

**Greetings to the SAL present and future members!**

The 10th District Midwinter Conference hosted by our own Post 102 was a great success! Thanks to all that helped and attended. Special thanks to the Auxiliary with the great lunch that was provided. The training session that Joe Mayne provided to the SAL was outstanding. Thank you Joe!

SAL Squadron 102 contributed \$100 toward the purchase of golfing equipment for the St. Cloud vets' hospital. This is our 10th District Commander, Marv Jonas' project.

We would like to welcome and thank members Mike Arrellano and Tom Clark to the Wednesday night cooking crew! Good Job! Welcome new members: Clark J. Bennett, John T. Clark, Donald A. Clark, James Moriary, Kevin J. Moriary and Michael Miskavage! Please make these guys feel welcome!

**SAL MEMBERSHIP PARTY!** For SAL members and their guest(s) is **Daytona 500 race day**, Sunday, February 17, 1:00 pm until the race is over. **Food and Door prizes!** Watch the race on the big screen, enjoy great food and friends and bring a non-perishable food item for an **extra free door prize ticket!** All food and monies are donated to ACBC Food Shelf right in Anoka.

We are close to our membership all time high for 2008, so please, if you have not, please send your dues right away! Our dues support veterans' programs every year.

On Feb. 23-24, starting at 9 am each day there will be a Highly Important Top Secret Training Session for officers and members. The cost is \$15.00.

**There is a rally Sat. Feb. 23, 2:00 pm at The Coon Rapids Legion.  
Remember – WHAT EVER IT TAKES!**

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Squadron 102 - Anoka, Minnesota**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTY**  
featuring the "DAYTONA 500" race

**Sunday, February 17, 2008  
1:00 pm until race is over**

**All SAL Members (and Guest) Welcome  
Food - Door Prizes - Fun**

**Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item  
or Donation  
and receive a Free Door Prize Ticket**

# 10th District Mid-Winter Conference

The annual 10th District Mid-Winter Conference was held at Post 102 on January 5, 2008. Sessions were led by District Commander John Torma, District Auxiliary President Pam Hoshal, and SAL Commander Marv Jonas. Also in attendance was District Junior President Sammie Hicks from our Junior Unit.

There were a total of 188 registered attendees – 99 Auxiliary, 70 Legionnaires, and 19 SAL Members.

Greetings were given by Commander Gary Munkholm, Unit President Norah Wyman, SAL Commander Lance Nelson and Junior President Samantha Odegard.

Distinguished guests included Department Commander James Copher and Department President Marie Goede. There were also special guests from Children's Miracle Network to present their program. Children's Miracle Network is one of the joint projects of the District American Legion Family.

A Silent Auction was held with the proceeds going to the Department of Minnesota Scholarship Fund. \$588 was raised for this program.

I would like to thank all the hard workers from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL who helped make this Conference so successful. We truly worked together as a Legion Family. There were too many volunteers to name each one separately – you know if you were there and if you helped! We got many compliments on the day and was suggested over and over again that we do it again next year! So hats off to all the wonderful members of Edward B. Cutter American Legion Family!

Sandy Phillips  
Mid-Winter Chairman

*Happy Valentine's Day* ♥

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP IN A FUNDRAISER FOR 2008

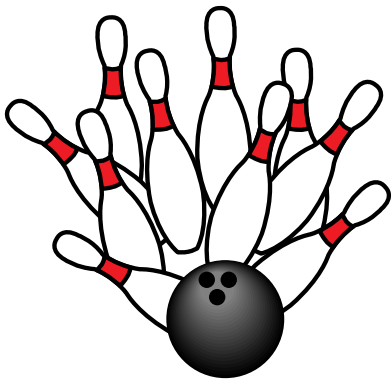


Do your vacation plans for next year include a cruise? (Champlin Legion Post 600) is working with Carrousel Travel and Royal Caribbean Cruises in a Fundraiser effort that will bring a check back to our Legion Post 102 of \$100 per cabin booked. This is money set aside for non-profit organizations such as ours. Enjoy cruising with your friends; your patronage will help support your

Legion Post. For more information please call Judy at 651-762-0420 or Vinny at 763-493-2340.







## 10th District Oratorical Contest

The 10th District 2008 High School Oratorical Contest was held Saturday, December 29th at Anoka Post 102 with 7 contestants registered. Seven contestants competed for the District finals with the winner advancing to the Department Competition on Friday, January 18, 2008.

The 10th District Contest follows the same rules as the Department Contest, each contestant was required to present an 8-10 minute prepared oration which related to some phase of the Constitution of the United States which gives emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. They were also required to present a 3-5 minute extemporaneous discourse on one of four articles or amendments to the Constitution.

### More Firsts From Anoka Bowlers

Of course, Post 102 had more than one State Championship, and I knew it – just forgot it at the time. My apologies to all those members, here they are:

#### 1991 – Hermantown – April 5 & 6:

##### 1st in State (Anoka Team #3)

Herm Ridge - Captain...Jerry Konan, Sr...Dick Witte...  
Paul Losen and Buster LaTuff

##### 3rd in State (Anoka Team #4)

Howie Zunker - Captain...Larry Kitt...Jerry Konan Jr...  
Marsh Way and Mel Mathson

*(10 teams – bowlers placed in 34 events)*

#### 2004 – Brooklyn Park – April 17 & 18

##### 1st in State (Anoka)

Dale Voltin - Captain...Bryant Beehler...Jim Plowman...  
Jerry Skordahl and Michael Haines

Other interesting bowling stuff:

#### 1976 – Austin – 9th in State Team

Dale Hentges, Captain...Buster LaTuff...Bob  
Bell...Howie Zunker...Ray Lemke

#### 1979 – Austin – 3rd in State Team (8 Anoka teams)

Clarence Visneski...Milt Reynolds...Dave Small...Marv  
Tranby...Louie Erickson

#### 1983 – Waite Park – 1st in State Team (9 Anoka teams)

Buster LaTuff, Captain...Dale Hentges...Howie  
Zunker...Paul Losen...Duke Grosslein

#### 1992 – Winona – 1st in State All Events (10 Anoka teams)

Howie Zunker...Bowlers placed in 42 events

#### 1993 – Mankato – 2nd in State Doubles (10 Anoka teams)

Gary Mathson & Jerry Konan, Jr.....Bowlers placed in  
53 events

#### 1998 – Mankato - (10 Anoka teams)

Bowlers placed in 56 events – that may have the most  
ever!

There are probably more bowling statistics before 1974, I know Post 102 bowlers attended State Tournaments in the 50's and 60's – I just don't have the verified information. If anyone does have more stats for Anoka bowlers from those years, let me know and we will print them.

One thing about the Anoka bunch (bowlers and wives) over the years – they knew how to really have fun and enjoy those bowling trips!

-Betty Erickson

The contestants and their ranking are as follows:

1st Thomas Marchan – Home Schooled  
Post 118 Wayzata Sponsoring

2nd Archana Nair – Eden Prairie High School  
Post 102 Anoka Sponsoring

3rd Kendra Lynn – Cambridge-Isanti High School  
Post 290 Cambridge Sponsoring

Thank you to the following for being Judges: Marland Ronning, Lyle Haney and Alden Hofstadt. Thanks to the following for being timekeepers: Lance Nelson and Allen Amundson. Thanks to Anoka Post 102 for providing the space and time for the contest.

Clifford E. Newman

10th District Oratorical Chairman

### POST HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Effective January 1, 2008 . . . .

Call Frank Menter 763-421-7277 **during the following hours only** for an appointment to pick up any equipment:

<b>10:00 AM - Noon</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Noon - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Saturday</b>

Only members of our Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion and their respective families will be allowed use of our hospital equipment.

Anyone else wanting to use the equipment will have to have a member of the Post 102 family serve as their sponsor.

# JAN'S JOTTINGS

by Jan Reiter

The regular meeting of Unit 102 was held on January 8th, 2008. President Norah Wyman called the meeting to order.

Commander Gary Munkholm came in to give a few words. He thanked the Auxiliary for helping at the Mid-Winter Conference and making it a success. He had many compliments on how well it went.

**Children and Youth:** Lenora Root reported that a gift certificate was bought and delivered to a family at Christmas time.

**Finance:** Sandy Phillips reported that the finance committee will be meeting soon to go over the budget again.

**Fund Raisers:** Donna Redepenning reported Joleen Connoy, Ann Larson, Karen Sue Orr and herself did the January 6th Hamburger Fry and netted a profit of \$160.00. Donna made a motion to give \$160 to the Legion to sponsor one child to go to Legionville for the school patrol – approved.

There will be an overnigher casino trip to Jackpot Junction on February 29. They are looking for donations for prizes.

**Funeral Lunch:** Betty Erickson reported we did a funeral lunch for the family of Edith Arnold, on Sunday, January 6, 2008. They served 84 people; Betty had 8 Auxiliary members help.

**Home Service:** The Auxiliary collects commemorative, express mail, foreign and air mail stamps, picture postcards, with or without stamps and S&H stamps. Trim stamps to 1/4" around the entire stamp and leave the stamps on the postcards. Bring to the Pulltab Booth.

**Unfinished Business:** Sandy Phillips thanked everyone for the help at Mid-Winter Conference. Donna Redepenning won 1st and 2nd on poppy corsage contest and 2nd on poppy centerpiece contest. Congratulations Donna.

Pam asked permission to check into having a Flea Market/Craft sale in April – permission given.

**New Business:** The Legacy Foundation is for children of fallen soldiers. We would like to see if some of our Children & Youth money could be used for this.

Sandy Phillips motioned to buy bingo cards for use on the bus when they go on Casino trips – approved.

A motion was made to endorse Sue Nunnelee for 10th District President – approved. Congratulations Sue.

## Auxiliary Membership

If you are one of the 21 Unit members who have not yet renewed your membership for 2008 – please send in your dues ASAP...Unpaid members will be sent a reminder letter or will be called (if possible) during the month. Please make your \$20 dues payable to the American Legion Auxiliary and mail to me: Betty Erickson, 1826 Cressy Ave., Anoka MN 55303. If there is a problem in paying – please call me at 763-421-4562.

**Any member who has not paid her 2008 dues by January 31st is considered delinquent and loses her rights, privileges and benefits of membership including the travel accident insurance coverage.**

Betty Erickson, Chairman

AUXILIARY UNIT 102  
FUNDRAISER

OverNight Casino Bus Trip

Jackpot Junction

Feb. 29 – Mar. 1

[ staying at Casino Hotel ]

COST: ( per person )  
\$75.00 Double Occupancy | \$100.00 Single Occupancy

- FEE INCLUDES -

- BUS RIDE
- HOTEL ROOM
- \$25.00 Cash Back
- Food Coupon
- 400 Points ( \$5.00 ) on a Jackpot Card

- FIRST 50 RESERVATIONS... GO!! -

( Remainder Put On Waiting List )

Leave Anoka Legion on Friday, Feb. 29, at 6:00 p.m.  
Leave Jackpot on Saturday, Mar. 1, at 3:00 p.m.

Questions: Call Legion at 763-421-0883 or Carol at 763-427-0185  
( NO Postdated Checks Allowed | Must Pay In Full When Signing Up )

## VA Shower

It's time for our annual VA Shower; Auxiliary, Legion and SAL members can help out. The Minneapolis and St. Cloud VA Hospitals are in need of some things you can help out with. Jumbo playing cards, regular playing cards, tube socks, gloves, stocking caps, small bottle of lotion, deodorant, combs and some small Efferdent and Fixodent. If you can donate any of these, the veterans would be very appreciative and you can feel good that you helped out our veterans too! **The shower will run the month of Feb. and March. You can bring them to our Unit meetings or just leave at the Post.** Someone will get it to me .

Thank you for helping our Veterans. Cathy Newman - VA&R Chairman



## President's Column

Norah Wyman

Hello and Happy Winter to you all....

Happy New Year...It was great seeing so many of you at the New Years Day Brunch.

Speaking of Winter....The 10th District Mid Winter Conference was a huge success and I want to thank everyone who helped with all that it takes to pull such an event off. Our Post was praised and we do such a great job they suggest we do it again in the future.

My year is not off to such a good start but I need to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and actions this past week following the passing of my dear mother Katie Clark on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. There will be a huge gap in my days and nights. She is in a better place and not suffering anymore. Mom has been part of a research program through the University of Minnesota for over 25 years for Arthritis and Osteoporosis and donated her body for continued research.

Now I will go on to see if I can even come close to all her life accomplishments. Having Mom a for role model and so many of you members likewise, I should stay very busy trying to do so.

We have a busy calendar for the next few months and I will look forward to seeing all of you.

### TABLES AVAILABLE for a CRAFT & FLEA MARKET at Post 102 on Sat., April 12

For information call Pam at 763-421-7046

*Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary*



### AUXILIARY UNIT 102

Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka, MN 55303

**Membership Eligibility** - Any Veteran who served at least one day of active duty during eligibility dates and your relationship to the Veteran is by one of the following, you are eligible to join the Auxiliary.

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother   | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wife     | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Granddaughter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister   | <input type="checkbox"/> Self                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | (step-relative also apply)                   |

**Ask any  
Auxiliary Member.  
They will be happy  
to sign you up.**

## PAST PRES. PARLEY NEWS...

### Past Presidents/Past Commanders Christmas Dinner

The dinner on December 13th went well with 46 in attendance; 16 past presidents, 4 past junior presidents, 12 past Legion commanders, 4 past SAL commanders and 10 guests. Lisa's Catering served us a delicious dinner; desserts were donated by Sandy Phillips, Karen Orr, Nancy Bever, Barb Fechner, Cathy Newman, Lenora Root and myself.

We had a lively discussion about the old days of the Post. Some of the topics were previous buildings where the Legion met, like "on the hill", the Pierce Motel, Castle Falls and the Nite O'Rest Motel (site of current Legion). Auxiliary Chaplain Kathy Zwerdling gave the prayer, Larry Phillips led us in two Christmas songs and ten centerpiece door prizes were given out.

Thanks to all who helped, co-chairman Lynette, Commander Gary and the SAL for setting up tables and Past Commanders Chairman Al Springer.

### Bake Sale



Thanks to the nine past presidents who provided all of the baked goods for the sale: Jan Reiter, Cathy Newman, Barb Fechner, Karen Orr, Mary Cameron, Kathy Zwerdling, Barb Ridge, Lenora Root and myself. Cash donations were received from: Betty Redepenning, Phyllis Mathieu, Doris Adkins, Betty Erickson, Kathy Zwerdling, Sandy Phillips, Lois Hettwer Kottke, Dody Schanhaar, Sue Nunnelee and Nancy Bever.

Thanks to everyone for making this fundraiser a success; we made \$273. This money will be used to pay the membership dues of our Gold Star Mothers and members who are in nursing homes and unable to pay. We will also be donating to the Department Healthcare Scholarship fund.

### Sewing Bee

The sewing get-together will be Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 pm in the upper hall -all Auxiliary members are invited to help. We will be making laundry bags and other items needed at the VA Hospitals. So please come and help, the more the merrier!

Questions – give me a call at 763-571-8623. Extra material and sewing machines are always needed.

Donna Redepenning, Parley Chairman  
Lynette Pavin, Co-Chair



## In Memoriam

### Catherine Monica "Katie" Clark

Katie, a 42 year Auxiliary member, was born at the Talbot Homestead on Coon Rapids Blvd. on November 13, 1919 to Ralph and Clare (Casey) Talbot (and before them were McBride, Murphy, Keenan, Ryan, Tierney, Dunn and Coleman from Tipperary, Cork and Limerick, Ireland). Katie passed away January 9, 2008. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Andrew Donald Clark; grandson Ezekiel Clark; brothers & sisters, Paul, John, Mary Jane, Jean, Patricia and Clare.

After graduating from Anoka High and a couple of years of 4H work, the Anoka Herald (June 3, 1942, p.1) reported that Katie was the first woman to apply for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1942. "*They didn't have uniforms for us. We had to walk around in men's overcoats and boots.*" She went to Ft. Meade, Maryland where she met Don (from Maine) at a mixer on the base; after 6 months, they were engaged and married in 1944 on the base. Back in Anoka where they raised their family, they owned Dons Dairy Bar – a great place for teenagers of the 50's to be (and older people, too). It was located to the right in the Theatre Building on 5th & Main. In 1956, Don was killed as he drove home from his fathers funeral, Greg and Mary Ellen were injured. It was awful news for people in Anoka and devastating for Katie, 35 years old with 7 children under the age of 10. Katie kept the Dairy Bar for another 2 years.

From the column of Jim Klobuchar, Star Tribune/Sunday/July 5/1992..... *The widow Katie is a firecracker. She is 72 and she has raised seven kids into successful adulthood, and she has badgered the mandarins of City Hall to shape up and run their city and county and the streets right, and she has brought disabled and homeless kids off the street into her house, and she has held down a half-dozen jobs, some of them twice a day. And on the way she saved a golf course. She has done all this and kept her Irish mischief intact and her door open. She has done it without tears (all right, most of the time) and without grudge.*

*They were going to turn Greenhaven golf course into a housing development. Katie and her pals came with placards and petitions. "It must be a sickness around here, tearing down things that have value," she said. "They tore down a Catholic Church and library and they were after the golf course, just to put up their modern brick tabernacles. So I rattle cages. I don't want the animals out, but I shake the bars a little."*

Retiring at age 62 in 1981 from 17 years at Federal Cartridge, Katie was a volunteer in earnest; for the Auxiliary, she offered poppies on Poppy Day for many years (often with old friend Harriet Bune); Katie was there at the Post Office with Norah last May, 2007 – she didn't want to miss a time. She donated food and helped with salad luncheons, with other Unit activities and funeral lunches; she marched with the Drill Squad for a year – she was "Blondie" in the 1975 Halloween Parade (when they all were in costume). Katie did Meals on Wheels, helped at St. Stephens and probably a few hundred other things.

But anyway – Katie would want us to have the spirit of the Irish (from a Clark Family Reunion flier/1992);

**May those that love us, love us**

**And those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts**

**And if he does not turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles**

**So we'll know them by their limping.**

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Katie's family; children, Mary Ellen Trotter, Greg (Jen), Mike (Kathie), Pat (Susan), Norah Wyman, Cathy (Don) King, Buster (Kelly) Clark; 20 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; brother Ralph (Buster) Talbot; many nieces and nephews, cousin Phyllis Lahn and so many friends.

Funeral service was at St. Stephens Catholic Church officiated by Father Ralph Talbot with Father Reiser attending; the closing song (led by cantor Tim Kneefe) was "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". A memorial service will be held the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend; burial in Calvary Cemetery, Anoka with Don and Ezekiel.

### Marvelle A. Hartfiel

Marvelle, a 33 year Auxiliary member, was born in Princeton on September 5, 1933 to Ben and Marie (Carlson) Quickstrom and passed away December 9, 2006 at home in Deerwood. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons Van and Pat.

Marvelle attended school in Dalbo and graduated from Princeton High in 1951; she met Chuck at a roller rink, they married on November 22, 1951 in Williamsburg, Virginia and made their home in Anoka. Marvelle was a very successful realtor in the metro area and was a top seller for 15 years. She had time for the Auxiliary and always donated to the luncheons held during that time; she was also a member of the Red Hats, several Realtor Associations and a Mom to many.

Chuck and Marvelle moved to the Deerwood area in 1996; they enjoyed traveling, especially south for the winters. Marvelle enjoyed cooking, the grandkids and watching Jiliane's softball games.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Marvelle's family; husband Chuck; daughter Gay (Tom) Kohlbeck of Andover, sons Jon and Ben of Anoka; grandchildren Jon, Jarvis and Jiliane Hartfiel, Kyle Kohlbeck; sisters Lois Pomerleau of Crystal, Judy (Dick) St.Claire of Andover; brother Hayes (Joan) Quickstrom of Princeton.

Funeral service was at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison; Rev. Dean Wirz officiated at the burial in Bellwood Cemetery, Zimmerman, MN.

### Margaret Edith Arnold

Edith, a 19 year Auxiliary member, was born in Salem, Virginia on April 22, 1925 to Eugene and Grace (Williamson) Wagner and passed away December 30, 2007 at home. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Larry, "Bud", who died in 1983; son Chris and two brothers.

Edith met Bud while he was serving in the Navy (South Pacific action); they married January 23, 1946 and came to their first home in Park Rapids – a remodeled chicken coop. Moving to Coon Rapids, Bud opened his first car repair shop; they later moved to Anoka. Around 1970, Edie began work as a cook for Anoka Hennepin Schools.

She enjoyed country music jams, dancing and traveling. Edie loved going back home to Virginia for reunions and visits, granddaughter Katherine went with her many times; all the grandkids were really special to her. Katherine cared for Edie during her long illness.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Edie's family; daughter Nancy (Willis) Schuler, Belle Fourche SD; sons Mark, Gulf Stream FL, Gary (Jill), Ramsey, Todd, Anoka; eight grandchildren and sweetheart Vern Schumm.

A memorial service was held at Anoka Post 102 with lunch served by the Unit.

### Colette M. Tempel

Colette, a 19 year Auxiliary member, was born in St. Michael on March 6, 1921 to Jacob and Elizabeth (Ferran) Robeck and passed away December 11, 2007 at Twin Rivers Care Center, Anoka. She was preceded in death by parents; husband Norbert who passed away October 24, 2006; three brothers and two sisters.

Colette was retired from FMC and volunteered at Mercy Hospital. Norbert and Colette had a place on Lake Osakis for several years – Colette was an avid fisherwoman, she just loved it. They were wonderful next door neighbors to Gene and Elaine for over 40 years; Colette loved to garden and shared her produce with many.

Edward B. Cutter Unit 102 extends its sympathy to Colette's family; sisters Irma Hurkman and Veronica (Archie) Lindenfesler; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was at St. Stephens Catholic Church; burial, with Norbert, at St. Jeanne's de Chantel Cemetery, Corcoran MN.



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### Can you name . . . ?



1. The only President born on the 4th of July.
2. The President who was buried with his head resting on a copy of the Constitution.
3. The first President to call his Washington, D.C. residence the "White House".
4. The President who is distantly related to Presidents Pierce, Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Ford as well as Winston Churchill.
5. The President whose wife started the tradition of playing "Hail to the Chief" whenever a President appeared at a state function.

6. The first President to visit all 50 states.
7. The first President whose voice was heard over the radio.
8. The President who grew up speaking a language other than English.
9. The only President to be married in the White House.
10. The President who is credited with saying, "I may be President of the United States but my private life is nobody's damn business".

*(1) Calvin Coolidge (2) Andrew Johnson (3) Theodore Roosevelt (prior to his term, it was known as the Executive Mansion or the President's House) (4) George H.W. Bush (5) John Tyler (6) Richard Nixon (7) Warren G. Harding (8) Martin Van Buren (he grew up speaking Dutch) (9) Grover Cleveland (10) Chester A. Arthur*

# FEBRUARY 2008

# Americanism Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Coming in March</b> 8th Birthday Dinner 23rd Easter Sunday 29th Dist. Junior Conference - Anoka TBA Natl. Creative Arts Festival - St. Cloud VA TBA Auxiliary Reports Meeting			 <b>FLAG DISPLAY DAYS</b>	February 12th Lincoln's Birthday February 18th Presidents Day	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music 8:30 - 12:30	8th & 10th Rally Pine City 2:00 pm
Four Chaplains Sunday Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser Auxiliary 2-6 pm	Club Open 12:30 pm Monday - Friday	Post General Mem. 7:30 pm S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Ash Wednesday	February 7, 1932: Anoka County Symphony presents first concert at Green Theatre.	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music 8:30 - 12:30	Jr. Aux. Bowling
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser Call Post 421-0883 2-6 pm	February 1924: <i>The popular new game,                      Mah Jongg, is being                      taught in Anoka.</i>	NEWSPAPER MEETING 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00 Aux. Twin Rivers Bingo 2:30 pm	 Valentines Day	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music 8:30 - 12:30	Junior Auxiliary Meeting 12 Noon
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser SAL 2-6 pm	George Washington's Birthday (observed) Presidents Day	NO Aux. Casino Bus This Month House & Ent. Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00	Past Presidents Sewing 6:30 pm Upper Hall February 13, 1944: <i>Green Theatre                      Admission: 2 lbs. of                      scrap brass or copper                      per person.</i>	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music 8:30 - 12:30	SAL Rally Coon Rapids 2:00 pm
Club Open 12-10 Bar Bingo 3:00 pm Bingo 7 pm Burgers/Fund Raiser Call Post 421-0883 2-6 pm	Feb. 22, 1937 <i>Harold Blair, age 12,                      wins Journal trip                      to Washington, D.C.</i>	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	SAL Sponsored Dinner 5:30-7:00 Steak, Chicken, or Stuffed Shrimp \$7.00 Steak & Shrimp Combo \$9.00	February 1944: <i>Willis Castle and                      Doris Erickson (Adkins)                      voted basketball                      King and Queen</i>	Meat Raffle 5:00 pm Bar Bingo 6:30 pm Live Music 8:30 - 12:30 Auxiliary Jackpot Casino Overnight	
SAL Meet the Members Party Feb. 17 - Starting at 1:00 pm		23rd & 24th Dept. Leadership Training Anoka 9:00 am		February 17, 1950: <i>Pete Castle and                      Barbara Heslop                      elected Basketball                      Homecoming Royalty.</i>	Every Friday Grill Menu - Ribs & Chicken Kitchen Open 4:00 - 8:30 pm	