

Post 11-11 Newsletter - January, 2009

Commander's Corner

Here we are in a new year and it seems like things may be turning around everywhere. There is a feeling hope in the nation for the future with a new President in office. Only time will tell.

The atmosphere at the Post has improved a lot in the last month or so. It's becoming a fun and pleasant place to socialize again. So stop by and check it out.

The Post Officer team is looking to get more participation in the Post. We specifically would like to start to talk to those who might be interested in becoming an Officer at the Post. Only one of the present team is intending to run for office this coming election.

I would like to ask for some assistance. Before our team's term is over we would like to get some suggestions for supporting veterans. Please let me know if you know of any programs that you think the Post should do something to support. We only have a couple of months to put it together. So let me know.

Our membership renewals for this year is at only 63%. If you haven't sent in your renewal for 2009, please do so. Because of the low renewal rate the Post missed out on some money awards last month from the Legion at the National level. Walt Lee, our Post Adjutant, has been under the weather a bit, but has sent out all the renewals that had been sent in. If you have not received your new membership card, please give him a call.

As always, please keep our brave young men and women serving around the world in your thoughts and prayers.

Till next month,

Michael J. Carriveau
Commander

Legion Low Down

Every Friday and Saturday we have a friendly game of Pool and Shuffle board. The other board game is Debbie's Cribbage in the bar, every Saturday. Don't forget Bingo - that is every other Saturday evening starting at 6:00 pm. February 1, is Super Bowl Potluck. Post 11-11 will provide the meat trays. February 15, is our Race Day Potluck. Hope to see everyone there.

If you missed the Comedy Show by Kam Stover, you missed an enjoyable evening. Kam didn't fall from his mother's tree. Great job Kevin and Marilyn, with such a nice young man and funny also.

Burger night is moving right along. One of the newer members Kathy Myers is heading up these evenings. Come out and see what she has come up with, man sized burgers with chips only \$5.00. I hear chocolate malts are on the menu.

Plans for Valentine's Day? You need not go further. Support Post 11-11 with our evening of Love Cuban style. Nick is back with his Cuban recipe of LOVE. Plan your evening with us. Table for 2 accompanied with flowers for the ladies, candles, rum punch, and Cuban cuisine. To be followed with half moon chocolate cheese cake and cigar (for the men). See how we transform Post 11-11 to a Cuban Club of Love. Please RSVP - we really need a head count on this one. \$25.00 per couple, call Cindy or your favorite bartender for reservations. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm.

FYI - Nick will be back for St. Patrick's Day. Mark your calendars.

This month I would like to start a suggestion box. Let us know how we are doing. From food, drinks and entertainment, what would you like to see in Post 11-11? I want this to be an enjoyable post. Look for our suggestion box by the front door, good, bad, or indifferent just let us know. Please help me help you.

Looking for volunteer cooks for Tuesday night dinners and Volunteer breakfast. If anyone is interested, contact Cindy. If you check your calendar you will see Annie is back for one Tuesday evening. Tuesday Night, Wednesday Night, Friday Night and Sunday Breakfast are all done by volunteers. Tips are greatly appreciated. Let's not forget our bartenders.

Remember to keep our service men and women in our prayers

Have a Great February!

Cindy

Auxiliary

Auxiliary is off to a great start for 2009. At the January 8 meeting, the ladies voted to sponsor two junior high school girls for Girls State. If you know of a young woman who is currently a junior in high school who would like to attend Girls State, please provide their information to an Auxiliary member. Brochures are available at the Post. Ann Cahill will be distributing letters and brochures to our neighborhood high school counselors as well. This is a wonderful opportunity for these young women, and I hope we will have two candidates to sponsor.

Auxiliary also voted to distribute Poppies again this year for Memorial Day. Stephanie Carriveau and Jen Soffel will spearhead this effort. Watch for additional information.

We received our membership report from Department, and we are happy to report that we achieved 108.8% of our membership goal. We have quite a few new members. Welcome, and feel free to attend our meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Thanks to the generous support of our members and friends, we were able to make several charitable donations in January. The Auxiliary voted to support the following with a \$500

donation: The Women's Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, the VA Hospital at Fitzsimmons and Children's Hospital.

We also voted to send a \$100 contribution to the Past President's Parley Scholarship fund.

The Auxiliary holds a Merchandise Pickle around St. Patrick's Day every year. Members felt that this is too close to the Holiday Merchandise Pickle. It was decided that the next Merchandise Pickle will be held on May 15, 2009.

Thank you to Ann Cahill and Roger Gamble for volunteering to cook for the January Auxiliary breakfast. Volunteers would be welcomed for the February breakfast which will be on Sunday, February 22, 2009.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 pm. Representatives from District 5 will be joining us.

God Bless our troops and keep them safe.

Sherry Baker
President

SAL

I would like to start off by saying Thank You to everyone who helped me when I got ill at the Post.

Breakfasts are doing good but I would still like some more SAL members to come out and even help out sometime.

We still have Bingo twice a month (when possible) so come & play.

Please start coming to the meetings. We will be holding elections soon. If you are interested in an office, please let me know.

Lionel Sandoval
SAL Commander

From the Editor

Articles for the March newsletter are due on Saturday, February 14th.