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## Happy Summer!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Even though we have no meetings during the summer, we are still busy with a few projects. As you know the Convention is quickly approaching and our Unit is involved in making sure that everyone feels welcome in Milwaukee. Diana Sirovina is this year's convention organizer and I am sure that it will be a complete success thanks to her efforts in organizing this event. Also, I have in my possession the hero packs. As was reported, these are for the children of active military personnel. We are still in need for items to stuff them with, especially for the age range of 9 - 18 years of age. Some ideas are colored markers, colored pencils, puzzle books, disposable cameras, pens, pencils, notebooks, puzzle books of any kind or anything appropriate for that age range. Your generosity is appreciated. You may contact me directly with any questions. Also do not forget about our Bus trip to Oneida on October 19<sup>th</sup>. For info please contact Vi Kaun at 414-525-1025 or Audrey McClain at 414-541-9622. The Fashion Show is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will begin selling tickets in September. Have a safe summer and feel free to contact me with any concerns or suggestions.

Sue Hembrook - Auxiliary President



## **Dates to Remember:**

Next Unit Meeting:  
September 15th 7pm

### Post Picnic:

Saturday August 8

### King Pilgrimage:

Sunday August 9

### Corn Roast:

August 16

### Fall Fashion Show:

November 4

### Oneida Bus Trip:

The next Bus Trip to Oneida Casino will be October 19th. Cost is \$55 per person. Please see Vi Kaun for tickets.

## Cookbooks:

If you have any cookbooks left that have not been sold, please return them to September meeting. Any monies collected for those sold need to also be brought to the meeting.

## **Notes...**

- Don't forget to clip coupons from your paper to send to Military bases around the world. See Ruth Predith if you need an address to send them to.
- Bring non-perishable food items each month to donate to The Good Samaritan Outreach Center.
- Remember to save used ink cartridges and bring them to monthly meetings to National Security Chairman Ruth Predith.

## Agnes Schroeder Memorial Scholarship

It's that time of year again, and the Agnes Schroeder Memorial Scholarship applications are now available. Please contact Diana Sirovina for more details. Applications are due at the September meeting.



## Thank you! Thank You!

Big Thanks to everyone who helped out with distributing Poppies.  
Another Thank you to those who donated through the Patty Poppy letter.  
And finally, Thank you to everyone who helped with the  
Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast.



## The Dry Hooch Project "A Place for Veterans to Reconnect"

Many veterans of prior wars who returned from combat found camaraderie and healing by socializing with each other, often in settings such as veteran service organizations. Today's new Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) veterans and service members are looking toward finding a space that reflects and can meet their contemporary needs. We envision the creation of a Veteran Peer Community Center on the grounds of the Milwaukee VA Medical Center campus. The Center would be separate from the hospital, but within the grounds that are identified by many veterans as a place of safety and healing.



Within this Peer Center we would propose to bring together elements to meet a variety of needs. Some ideas would include meeting rooms for peer veterans to meet and talk (an important part of social and emotional support, a place for peer counseling); employment support services and information; computer and video technology for outreach and education; a "coffee spot", managed by veterans, where veterans and their families could find light refreshment; a lounge area for veterans to meet and connect with their peers; a family waiting area (important with the new generation of veterans with young families and children).

We envision that for many this Center might be one more step toward finding their way into health care services that they need but might be reluctant to seek out. Peer support has been shown, over the years, to provide an important link in recovery from many of life's physical and mental challenges. Our goal is to create a healing social center that can meet the needs of generations of veterans. In bringing together these veterans - with their many needs and strengths - they can then reach out to serve each other, as they heal on their journey "home."

Dryhooch serves a need wherever veterans and their families are located.

### Help is Needed:

The DryHooch will consist of a coffee shop on the first floor of Building 1 in the Historic District of the Zablocki V.A. Grounds. This building, located in the historic Soldiers Home District will have meeting rooms for Veterans Organizations, counseling groups etc. They will also be partnering with the Vet Center and the Milwaukee VA Mental Health staff to bring peer to peer counseling for our new brothers and sisters returning from the Middle East, as well as those veterans suffering from previous wars and service.

As of right now, they will be meeting in unused areas awhile awaiting funds for the required renovations.

They will be opening facilities in phases starting with the basement meeting rooms and temporary location of the coffee house. Later will come with renovation of the old Post Office for the permanent location of the coffee house and the outdoor reflection patio and meeting areas.

For more information please visit <http://www.dryhooch.org>

### The Power Program

The Power Program is a study which will compare two ways to help people learn how to control their high blood pressure. Our Unit is now a member of this program. As a part of this study our representative, Sue Middlestead will be giving a short presentation at each month's meeting.

At the May meeting, Sue demonstrated how the Blood Pressure machines work.

The topic for June was "Pedometer Use" where she demonstrated the proper way to wear the pedometers that our Auxiliary received as part of the Power Program. Don't miss her next demonstration at the next meeting, topic TBA.



**Treats for September:**  
Shirley Scott & Dolores Harris





### Community Service:

#### Volunteer Hours from May:

- ◆ Vi Kaun: 1 hour greeter, 2.5 hours money counter at Church, 2 hour communion set up, 3 hours clipping coupons, 6 hours driving to Ho Chunk for placemat donation to Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ Shirley Scott: 20 hours Elmbrook Quilt Ministry, 1 hour donating blood
- ◆ Corinne Christensen: 12 hours volunteer at the Zoo
- ◆ Veronica Garvey: 17 hours clipping coupons
- ◆ Audrey McClain: 2 hours delivering donations to Good Samaritan Outreach Center
- ◆ Joan Kroll: 2 hours cooking for nice & Nephew who had a baby, 1.5 hours clipping coupons, 3 hours helping handicapped neighbor
- ◆ Veterans Luncheon—4 hours each: Audrey McClain, Corinne Christensen, Edie Wollerman, Carol Dorenbach, Esther Marlewski, Sue Sandow, Ruth Predith, & Joan Kroll. Thanks also to our helpful Legionnaires: Dick McClain, Russ Wollerman & Gene Kroll

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- ◆ Vi Kaun: 1 hour greeter, 2.5 hours money counter at Church, 1.5 hour communion set up, 3 hours clipping coupons, 1 hour baking for Church, 1 hour baking for Senior lunch
- ◆ Shirley Scott: 20 hours Elmbrook
- ◆ Veronica Garvey: 4.5 hours clipping coupons
- ◆ Joan Kroll: 4 hours shopping for a friend.
- ◆ Mary Ann Kaebisch: 4.5 hours working at Church
- ◆ Maggie Wnuk: 53 hours various projects since April
- ◆ Debbie Lynch: 10 hours greeter, 6 hours signing birthday cards at Church, 4 hours clipping coupons

### Membership

We are now 100%!!! We have 220 members paid.

100% Ribbons will be available in time for Convention in July.

The next challenge is to reach 225 members to obtain another voting delegate to the State Convention. If you have not paid your 2009 membership dues yet, or know if a potential new member please contact Membership Chairman Vi Kaun today at 414-525-1025 or [rkaun@wi.rr.com](mailto:rkaun@wi.rr.com).

Dues notices for 2010 will be sent out from National in August. You can pay sooner by contacting Chairman Vi. Dues are \$18 for Senior members.

**45 Year Member: Dorothy Kaun**

**60 Year Members:**

**Sara Maes, Rae Kinn & Betty Smith**

### Human Concerns:

#### Cards Sent in May:

- ◆ Thinking of you cards were sent to: Marion Nickel, Jane Corbett, Doris Benedict, Mary Pfeiffer, Audrey Lukaszewicz, Maggie Wnuk & Marilyn Reese
- ◆ Get Well cards were sent to: Dolores Miller, Jeannette Jacobsen & Trish Wischer

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- ◆ A Get Well card was sent to: Marilyn Reese
- ◆ A Sympathy card was sent to: Karen Christianson



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If you have an email address, please let me know, so I can send you this newsletter in full color next month.

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