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Have you been down to our "New Home" yet? If not, stop in and have a look, or ask if you can help in any way. As of this date, the tile on the floor has been completed, but the electrical and painting still needs to be finished. There will need to be a MAJOR cleaning done before the carpet goes down, I should have a date for that at our next dinner. Please consider donating your time for this clean up. I know some of the others that have been down there for the last 6 weeks would enjoy the

Commanders Report

break. So far, for the budget, we are on track. The kitchen appliances and exhaust hood have been ordered. There have been several donations of materials, equipment and time-THANK YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS!

I have asked Sonny Swangstu and his wife Linda to be in charge as the main contact for the building. We are going to need volunteers to do the bar, janitorial and lawn work. If you would be able to assist in any way, please contact Sonny or me.

Elections are right around the corner. We

need some volunteers to step up and take over. I have decided not to run for Commander next year, so that position is open, along with Adjutant, Judge Advocate and someone to do the newsletter. I'm unsure on the other positions as of right now. We now have our own building, let's ALL CHIP IN and get the work done.

Again, I personally want to thank all of the volunteers that are making this a reality. What ever part you have participated in, from doing the work, bringing lunch for the workers or donating items...THANK YOU!

Commander Bill

Dane County Government Days

Driver negligence or pedestrian error, that was the argument on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at the mock trial at the Dane County Courthouse with the Honorable Patricia Crowe presiding.

Nearly 70 Dane County high school and eighth grade students and their teachers, representing six schools, attended the 43rd annual Dane County Government Days. Students were introduced to the Dane County officials or their representatives and then toured their offices.

As part of the trial, they viewed a video used for ju-

rors that explained jurors' duties and responsibilities. Jurors and a bailiff were chosen. The trial got underway with the reading of the lawyer's statements. Then the prosecution (Calvary Baptist Christian School) and the defense (Stoughton Middle School), took their turns presenting their case.

The defendants, Cary S. Driver and Clearwater Mutual Insurance Company, were on trial for alleged negligence of the use of a motor vehicle causing damage to a minor. The minor, Reggie Dunlop was injured after entering a street in his

neighborhood. Although Calvary Baptist executed a well-planned prosecution, the defendants were found not-guilty.

Sun Prairie Calvary Baptist teacher, Earl Wredberg, said: "County Government Day is profitable to our students because of the varied way in which students are introduced to public service; tours, introductions, and the mock trial."

Bob Holsinger, a teacher at River Bluff Middle School in Stoughton commented, "I feel that this program offers the students an opportunity to see and hear about ways that citizens are able to serve their



Auxiliary News

year was hot and they set some records when we were there.

I would like to Thank Lori Redepenning for taking over while I was gone and Gretchen Walters for getting the breakfast workers for me. It was all appreciated very much. I am sure you have heard I am not running for the Presidency for next year. I am retiring but will be there to help in every way I can of course. I will be continuing my member visitation as that is always very enjoyable.

We are meeting in our new Post building on

Page Street , if you haven't seen it, stop in as it is becoming a beautiful building that we can be proud of for years to come. THANKS to all the Post and some Auxiliary members for helping in working on this project. We have a separate room for the auxiliary meetings which will be decorated as we would like it to be.

To keep you up to date on what has been going on lately. We now have 12 Junior members. We also have a Junior running for Poppy Princess this year she is Colleen Mellert. I will have to give you more on what that involves in the next newsletter.

A big THANKS to Mary

Zeller for fluffing all our poppies (1,200 of them at least), stuffing the envelopes for this newsletter(300), cutting out coupons and the list goes on of how she is helping us out. This is what you call behind the scenes work.

Badger Girls State is coming up, the breakfast for them is Sunday the 20th so please come out and support this project. Who the girls are yet is not known as of this writing (4/5). Thanks to those that helped at the Dane County B-Day meeting in March and our special barbecue maker. I had heard there were about 50-60

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Hi

I guess since I am back early Lori won't be doing the article so I will guess what they have been doing so here goes:

Your Winter Texan President is back early BUT you could have had better weather, we came back on Friday the 23rd of March in the snow storm you were having. I know you wanted us to remember what it was like to have snow. Last year in Texas it was cool but this

CHAPLAINS CORNER

This month being April "Spring time in Wisconsin" A great time of re-birth. Re-birth of the many flowers, the trees, the grass that we will soon be mowing. Warmer days, cooking on the grill. All those things we have missed for the last several months.

For me, it is also a time of sadness, as later today I will be going to Watertown for a visitation of a dear friend that just passed away. Actually "Ed" was my boss at one point. Ed hired me in May of 1980 to go to work as a Sales/Service Representative for Provimi Veal at which time he was the Vice President. I have never worked as a sales person before, and I'll never forget the time he took me into the field to sell. Ed spoke to the prospective customer about the industry, showed interest in what the customers needs were, and let him know we could help him make more money on our feed program. "Wow" that was selling? Any one could do that I felt. So from that day on I was the one to go into the field, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. The feeling of accomplishment when gaining a new customer was just overwhelming, but even more than that, making Ed proud of me was of my top priority.

Each one of us, whether we realize it or not is selling ourselves to others each day. We do it in our actions, our words and manners. I soon realized that the product would sell itself, all I had to do was sell myself to the prospective customer. Let this time of renewal make us aware of just how we are coming across to others. Treat others with kindness. Treat others as you would like to be treated. Keep this feeling of Spring time alive in your heart always.

Though spring time is the time of new birth, a time of refreshing, a time of change, in Ed's case a time of passing. I know he is in a better place, but he will surely be missed by many. Let each of us take the time to enjoy the Spring time of year. The time of change. Let us be aware of the changes in others also. Let us be filled with kindness for others. Give a smile, a gentle word, a small act from the heart before its too late. Thank you Lord Jesus for the Spring time of year, for the re-birth, for all our friends today, and the new one's coming into our lives. Amen!

If you know of anyone who is hospitalized, or in need please contact Monte at 873-4020.

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Fish Fry</i> <i>Wauwaukee 5-8</i>	12 <i>Breakfast Post</i> <i>501 7-11 am</i>
13	14 <i>Post meeting</i> <i>7pm (New Bldg)</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Fish Fry Post</i> <i>481</i>	19
20 <i>Post Breakfast</i> <i>7—noon</i>	21	22 <i>Post dinner</i> <i>7pm (MASH)</i>	23	24 <i>Cty meeting</i> <i>Verona 7:30</i>	25	26 <i>3rd District</i> <i>Conf Soldiers Grove</i>
27	28	29	30			

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Breakfast Post</i> <i>501 7-11 am</i>
11 <i>Mothers Day</i>	12 <i>Post Meeting</i> <i>at new bldg 7PM</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Fish Fry Post</i> <i>481</i>	17 <i>Armed Forces</i> <i>Day</i>
18 <i>Post breakfast</i> <i>7—noon</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial</i> <i>Day Program</i>	27 <i>Post dinner</i>	28	29 <i>Cty meeting</i> <i>Cross Plains 7:30</i>	30	31

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Aux

there? Sorry we missed that as it is always fun and the potluck is out of this world, a lot of good cooks around. Our Spring Conference is coming up Saturday April 16th, if you are interested in going please give me a call 873-5154.

We gave \$100 to assist a veteran, his wife and child, Mary Lloyd received the name through a letter from a social worker. This is what our Auxiliary is all about, helping the veterans whenever and however we can and to be there for them.

Our nominating committee is busy at work, I am not sure of all the open

Officer positions but please consider saying yes for a couple of years to help us out. It is very rewarding, you meet a lot of nice people from other Units at other meetings, get ideas from them as well, that we might try and gives you the feeling you have accomplished a lot being involved and we are a member to support ALL VETERANS.

President Elvera

Gov day

community. I feel that service to the community and citizens is necessary. This provides overview of various types available for students."

Zach Wedel, Marshall High School Teacher says "We bring freshman to this program but do not teach government until their junior year. This works as a nice preview of things to come."

Mandy Kreger of River Bluff likes the hands-on approach. "I think hands-on activities are more fun for students and they learn more than with text books. With hands-on you get more involved and remember more." Gwendolyn Haag of Waunakee Middle School echoed Mandy's comment and added, "If you are interested in a career in government, this is

a great chance to learn more on the type of careers available." Kelly P. of Waunakee enjoyed the veteran's stories as did Dakota Blaser of Calvary Baptist and Sam Kroll of River Bluff.

American Legion members who were present shared a little bit about their time in the military service. Past State Commander Jim Hying, State Historian Denise Rohan, American Legion District Commander Leo Endres, Shirley and John Lauretic were just a few who told their stories. There were over 18 Legionnaires in attendance representing more than 10 posts and levels of leadership.

Submitted by
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