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Food for thought:

“There are amazingly wonderful people in all walks of life; some familiar to us and others not. Stretch yourself and really get to know people. People are in many ways one of our greatest treasures.”

— Bryant H. McGill

Our next meeting will be March 8th, at 7PM, in the Old Town Hall. We have a lot to discuss. Be a part of it!

Corrected Footer

I have corrected the date at the bottom of each page. I could almost hear the shaking heads...“Wait. It’s not November 2015...”

Pot of Gold



Jay Livermore's name was drawn for the Pot of Gold, but he wasn't at the meeting to collect it. There's now a rollover of \$210.00 available for a 50/50 split with the next name drawn who's also at the meeting.

Chaplain Report



Hank Barker, from Post 203 is the Area D Chaplain. He came to our meeting to pass the word on various Chaplain activities.

--He told us of the role of Chaplains, such as serving at local funerals. He said that if there is a need for a chaplain to lead a service, and we're unable to supply one, he can, or he'll find a fill in Chaplain.

--He also told us about Honor Flights for WWII and Korean Veterans.

--He spoke about Erin Clancy being the new coordinator, an active member and Legion member.

--He can fill in if we need to do a bedside visit.

--If he can't make a County meeting, he'll send a report beforehand to Erin Clancy.

Facebook Pages



Go to facebook.com (or just fb.com) and type in Post 1758. Presto, you're there. It's much easier if you have a Facebook id & password, but not required...

Leave a LIKE, a SHARE, a COMMENT! Anyone can post photos to share!

Newspaper Articles



I've submitted a lot of our activities to local news outlets, and so far, most have printed. The only ones yet to print are my recent submissions. One of the courts of Honor didn't publish, so I resent it. Vinny Richards sends me scans of each HV Hornet issue, and McCluskey keeps us current.

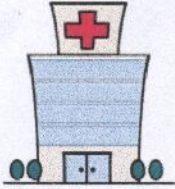


Our Post Programs



Oratorical Competition

Last month, I reported on the District Oratorical Competition. Two girls were the first and second place winners. One is from New City and the other is from Spring Valley. Unfortunately, the Zone Competition, in Stony Point, was never reported. In other words, no data. In the interest of anybody caring who won, and what the prizes were, I'm going to follow up on it, and make a report at the March meeting.



One of our Post members, Howie Yeomans, is in a rest home, with his wife. Details are sketchy, but I'll have more at our March meeting, March 8th.

Scouting News



I have additional Eagle Scout news; Derek Staudohar and Philip Anderson had Eagle Courts of Honor. I have photos to submit to the newspapers, along with reports. I won't show all that here...just watch the SD News, Pok Journal, the HV Hornet.

In my travels at John Jay, a Mrs. Mahoney pointed me toward her son, who'll be having his own Court of Honor in the late Spring. Mopre on that later, as it happens.

News from our last Post Meeting

St. Jude's

I tried to get news of WRWD's St. Jude Radiothon, and got no response. I have a telephone number of the station's office in Hudson, and will call there, and see if anyone knows anything. Recent Radiothons were the 1st Saturday of March. That's the date I'm going with, since we need to make plans in advance. Coordination with WRWD would be nice, but we can't wait for them. I'll still talk to their Gen. Mgr., and see if I can get a plug on the air for our efforts. We don't NEED them, but it's still nice to get a holler out there.

I've lined up the Flory's on Route 52, opposite John Jay. Mohamed seems to be the Public Relations manager. He'll support our programs.

Don and I stopped into ACME on 82 in the village, spoke to Gino the manager. He's good with the following:

--St. Jude's collection. March 5th. With 2-4 high school students and 1-2 Legion members.

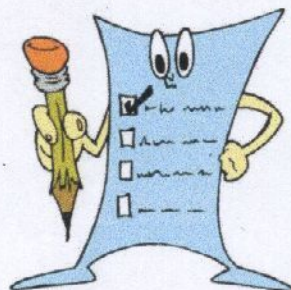
--Food collection. He'll display bags of food for the customers to buy. Each purchased bag can be taken to Castle Point.

--Memorial Day collection, Veterans Day collection.

--He wants to put up a large flagpole, probably sporting a humungous sized Flag. Maybe we can work with him to that end.

--He's interested in Flag Day and Community Day.

(we didn't have to sell him any bill-of-goods...he wanted to know all the ways he (and the store) could help. HOOORAY!!!



Part of the meeting dealt with the CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT. I gave the impression that I would use my own numbers in the report. That's hardly the truth, and need to clear it up.

The CPR tallies up all the work we did, individually and as a post, during 2015. There are a number of reasons for the report, and they're well known, being beaten to death annually.

It boils down to this:

We have 80 members. We have about 20 who attend our post meetings. The other 60 have a lot to do during the year, even if they're unaware.

There's men who usher at church, who go to KofC meetings, who go to DAV meetings, who give a lot of their time to the DAV activities.

There are VFW members, and they may do meetings, parades and hospital visits. They might even visit sick friends in the VFW, or the DAV. They might even show up at McHouls to pay tribute to a fallen comrade, who was a veteran, and belonged to no post or squadron or chapter anywhere.

We have quite a few DAV guys, and all their activity time should be recognized in our CPR.

Then there's Color Guard activities. There's a line on the CPR for that.

Hey, I get it. You're busy. Me too. But if you'd just list the stuff you do, I can estimate the hours you spend doing it. Am I fudging the numbers? No. But if you keep quiet, thinking this is all a giant waste of your time, then that's worse than me estimating.

Another HEY. If the guys in the VVA from the Legion don't give me any input,



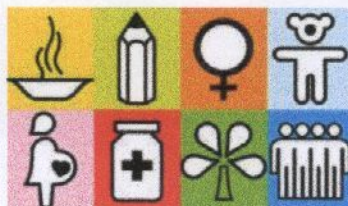
then there's even more quessing to come.

How about you drop me a line, just you and me. No need to get on your soapbox. Just let me know what you're doing to help the community.



Our post is pretty anonymous, and I'm trying to change that.

Miscellany



...what next?

There's a lot more to put in here. Like the Navy Band at the Civic Center. And the upcoming Hill Day. And then there's the National Commander's Dinner in Queens. And that County meeting we held at the town hall. And then there's next month's county meeting...it's in Beacon, and it's called Post Everlasting. Then there's the news that Jacquemae is getting moved up to Department. Oh, yeah, the Department Convention this year...I think it's in Binghamton.