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Food for thought:

"It is not how
much we have,
but how much we
enjoy, that makes
happiness."

— Charles Spurgeon

Our next meeting
will be April 12th,
at 7PM, in the Old
Town Hall. We
have a lot to
discuss. See you
there.

Meeting Duration

Our last meeting was over in 55 minutes. Then we got to talking about hat sizes for our two new guys, Harry and Tyler. So we finally broke up at 8:30. But the formal stuff was less than an hour! Y'all should try our April meeting and see us do it again!

Pot of Gold



Howie Yeoman'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 \$184 available for a 50/50 split with the next name drawn who's also at the meeting.

Hill Day, 2016



Wayne Southworth and I went up to Albany, 2/28-3/1 to press current issues onto our Local lawmakers at the state level. As there was a meeting on the evening of the 29th and a breakfast the following morning, we spent the night in Albany. The following morning, we were joined by Dan Morea, and spoke with Sue Serino, Didi Barrett and Keiran Lalor. Topics discussed were the HBOT's reduction in prescribed meds & Rx's, treating PTSD and TBI; Veterans' Suicide rates, Homeless Rates, about 49,000 nightly, have decreased from 6.9% to 3.9% at latest survey; establishment of Veterans Cemeteries in NYS; an increase in Boys & Girls State funding from US Gov't; action on school tax exemption. Some of these issues are new this year. Others are carry overs from 2015, with more information, such as the results from the Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment.

Facebook Pages



Go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) (or just [fb.com](https://www.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!

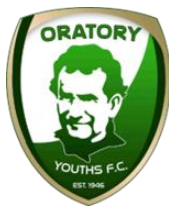
Newspaper Articles



This month, I got a photo from Jim Reynolds, showing him presenting a Post 1758 check to the DAV at Castle Point toward their replacement for many transportation tasks at Castle Point, and it's an excellent use of our donation funds. I haven't yet seen any mention in the Poughkeepsie Journal, but it takes scheduling to run a paper, so it'll be printed in due time.



Our Post Programs



Oratorical Competition

Melissa Woolford was the State Champion. She and another Rockland County girls won the District Competition. No other information was available at press time.

Boys State & Empire Girls State

We're working with the girls have changed, and the boys are the reduced by one at RCK. Camille Secor had to turn down Girls State in favor of an internship in China, being replaced at Brockport Girls State by Oreoluwa Odeniyi from RCK. Two of the original three boys from RCK, Philip Scarano, and Eric Kulkarni will be giving me their applications this coming week; Matt Kline is from John Jay. May 3rd is the orientation meeting for both the boys and the girls, at the Arlington Post. Jacquemae told me the ALA covers the cost of the Girls State, and that one of our boys' costs can be picked up by another post.

I have begun soliciting business donations to help defray these costs. The McHoul Funeral home has been kind enough to donate \$250 to this cause. I plan to continue for the next two weeks.



Illness in the Post

Neil Klock is battling shingles. Anyone who know about it or has had it knows it's not a laughing matter. Prayers for Neil.

Marlene Oberhauser, Danny's wife is working out of a bout of pneumonia. Prayers there, too. Joe Ryan's wife is recovering from dental work. That's never fun. Prayers for a quick recovery. Prayers all around, for anyone needing one.

Advertising our Post

The 98th Convention is coming in July, and there's a Program Book we can advertise in. There're many reasons to make sure people know about us, and it's important that we place maybe an eighth of a page ad. The cost is \$50.00.

I know from last year's convention, that EVERYone reads the Programs, and we should be noticed, along with everyone else. I'll bring last year's program to the April meeting, and we can see what sort of AD to run...like , design it.

News from our last Post Meeting



I got hold of WRWD's public relations manager, Elise Peng about the St. Jude Radiothon, and got a great response. She asked me to send her an email with a description of our St. Judes collection efforts. The file I sent her is on the next page. She was really impressed. I can't find her response online, so I must have spoken to her by phone. She was really nice, and really backed our effort. Danny had signs make up for us to display at the collection sites. He has 2 easels, ready to go into use where ever they're needed. I'll have everything we need for each site. I know we'll have enough mayonnaise jugs for money. We'll line them with something like St Judes posters that I have printed out. That's so the money in the jug won't show. We already know that we won't be making change, so no reason to go into the jug. Appearances count.

Uniform of the Day: Dark slacks, light colored shirt and your legion cap. Neil usually brings his own table for Stewarts, and Danny does for the Convenient Deli Mart. Florys on 82 has no room for a large table, so I'll supply a small round table for there. We could use a four footer at Florys 52 and at ACME.

This newsletter should be mailed before the 22nd of March, so we can still tweak the personnel and equipment at each site.

Printed below is the "meat" of the information sent to WRW PR manager, Elise Peng. I didn't copy the list of places from the note I sent WRWD, since we all know where each place is, but WRWD did need to know, for advertising us.

"We collected at 3 of the 5 stores in 2015, and delivered \$1701 to the Radiothon in the Galleria. This year we anticipate an increase. 100% of funds collected go to St. Judes. This is a volunteer activity. We typically have 2-3 American Legion members at each location. This year, we hope to have Seniors from Ketcham and John Jay at each site. We collect from 8AM to 3PM; the students will work in 2-3 hour shifts. (The schools will make certain that the students receive high school credit, on their transcripts.) We will have water and snacks for the students. The American Legion members will be wearing their uniform caps, and there will be signage displaying our cause."

What's on the next page was emailed to all the attendees at our last post meeting on the 8th. Those without computers get a hand delivered printout.

Lineup for St. Judes Collection Saturday, April 2, 2016

ACME Supermarket, Unity Plaza, Rte. 82

Dan Briscoe (845)401-8970

Norm Dauerer (505-1766)

Florys on 82 at Taconic

Lance Ashworth, 646-341-0123

Don Burns (845) 554-4734

John Polasko, 656-6268

Stewarts at Lake Walton & 82

Joe Ryan

Neil Klock (845)204-5304

John Lyons

Extras

Jay Livermore, 762-8159

Jeff Bose

Tyler Bliss

Conv. Deli Mart, Rte 52, off 82

Tommy Masch, 656-1116

Cosi Napolitano

Marty Nolan

Danny Oberhauser, 591-1591

Florys on 52, opposite John Jay

Jim Reynolds(845)242-9018

Kevin Hathorn , 309-2149; 264-5159

Bob Logan, (914)400-5500

Also: I'm expecting students from John Jay to volunteer to help us collect. Mostly to add fresh air to the campaign.

Miscellany



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...what next?

There's a lot more to put in here. The American Legion College still has openings...the session is Father's Day Weekend. You get home by early afternoon, so there's still time for you to be gifted, fed and worshipped on your special day. The Post pays for it, and all you need bring is pin money and a notebook.

The Department Convention is being held in Binghamton, July 14, 15 & 16. We can fit several guys in one room. All else is free. Well, not the meals. The National Commander's Dinner is in Queens Village next month. The situation at Arlington Central School District hasn't changed much. There have been a slew of letters to the Journal, as well as an article written by a Journal reporter who attended a recent meeting. There's an awful lot of support for the cause, and our State representatives in the Legislature are aware of what's going on.

We sponsored the February County Meeting in the new Town Hall. The food was fine, and there was enough. We had 11 guys from our post there...I think that was an all-time record for ANY post's attendance.

Venture Crew Shooting Team and the Boy Scouts desperately need more members. What happens when there aren't enough to support a group, it folds, and what's left gets spread around. Not good. We all need to spread the word about how HEALTHY both activities are. If you're unsure of that, ring me up, and I can give you all the info you need to talk about both...but you won't be preaching. It'll be conversational.

We got 2 new members...Harry Rodriguez and Tyler Bliss. Welcome aboard. Jacquemae and her helpers have been going to Castle Point for all the holidays, and distributing gift cards and canteen charge cards to all the hospitalized vets. I guess you could call it OCW, locally.

John Conti, Area B Vice Commander, reports that the "Make a Wish Foundation" is the 2016 recipient of donations from the local posts. Maybe we could give them a little. There are 7 posts who have yet to help out.

Jim Monk, from Post 1302, is on dialysis.

Miscellany, continued

Post Everlasting was held at Post 302 in Beacon last Wednesday evening, at the DCAL meeting. (That's Dutchess County American Legion. I abbreviate all the time.) It is a way for the county to recall all the vets who passed away in 2015. There were about 44 vets. It's put on by the ALA, American Legion Auxilliary. It's every March, so make note to come next year. Our post had the most members there: Jim, Joe, Danny, Harry and Don and me. Janet Maloney, Department President, ALA and Charlene Mayville (9th District and Dutchess County President, ALA) led off the commemorations, and it was especially nice of them, and Bob McGuirl (9th District Commander) to join us for the evening.

Department membership numbers are a mess. Again. Every DCAL meeting involved some discussion on the matter, to no solution.

Last but not least. We need to nominate a member of our Post for "American Legion member of the year" for 2015. You can't nominate yourself. Drop me a note, in reply to this newsletter. Most nominations wins...something. I don't remember what they win. Anyhow. I hope this newsletter was worth reading. I enjoyed writing it. Only took four nights.