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Food for thought:

*“Do just once
what others say you
can't do, and you will
never pay attention
to their limitations
again.”*
– James Cook

*Our next meeting:
11 April 2017 @
7PM, in the Old
Town Hall.
County meeting is
in Post 178 for
POST EVER-
LASTING @
6:30PM. Will be a
GREAT meeting!*

Our Meeting

January’s meeting had 9 of us there ! The meeting lasted just 65 minutes, and we covered everything we wanted to. One thing that got tabled into the future was a discussion of Land Management, until we have more members present.

Pot of Gold

The Pot of Gold got still larger, and the winner was John Pizzuti. But John wasn’t at the meeting, so \$18 stays in the pot, which is \$78 now. That’s great!

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... We also have a Twitter account, and you can find it with "@AL Post 1758". We're publishing donors to our Boys and Girls State Programs.

Newspaper Articles

We've been published for the Gabriel Flohl Eagle Scout Court of Honor. That was the February issue. From what I saw, we are not in the March issue. I haven't seen the Dutchess News, but all three papers got photos of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wappingers Falls. I must have missed it.

Oratorical Competition (nylegion.net)

Jenna Drummond and Anusha Nambiar our two Oratorical contestants represented the 9th District on 15 February, and came in 1st and 2nd. Prize money was \$400 and \$300 for the girls. At the 10th Zone contest in Suffern on 26 February, I learned that Anusha won \$900 and Jenna won \$600. Anusha went up to Albany, in the Department competition. She came in fourth and won a \$2000 scholarship. She said she plans on competing in the 2017-2018 contest. Jared Rios from Brooklyn won first place on his third try. He won a \$6000 scholarship. Danny Oberhauser and I traveled to Albany with Jenn Drummond, so she could see what she'll be up against next year. She'll be going to Girls State this year.

Boys State & Empire Girls State

We already have one entry for Girls State: Jenna Drummond, the Junior from John Jay, who's also in the Oratorical Contest. We await our two local high schools for Boys State candidates to interview. Danny and I will be going to RCK to interview 2 or three boys during the 4th week in March. We've already begun canvassing the area, with \$300 from Healey Hyundai.

Service Office

Howie Yeomans passed away 11 March 2017 at the age of 81. I spoke to his brother, who wished the communications were better, so we would have held an American Legion service, and the US Navy would have been at the burial. I think we should work on that, for the future.

Advertising our Post

There's an award to be had, at Department. Every time we have an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Department wants to know. They track these things. I went to more than a half dozen last year, and submitted a number of articles, copying the Department BSA Chairman, who keeps track.

Membership

We all know how hard it is to get reliable numbers from National or Department, since their computer systems are hand fed. According to our Membership man, we're at 96% !! Our transfers from Post 0001 are still held up, with a Department promised that things will open up and get moving soon.

Venture Crew

Norm led a discussion of muzzle velocity and ammunition, as a possible cause of target shot deviations. Muzzle velocity is 1200 fps and the ammo used is different, at 1000 fps.

On 19 February, the Venture Crew competed in State, at Cicero.

Boy Scouts

Gabriel Flohl and Matthew Milliot are to of the latest Eagle Scouts to be honored by the Legion. An article on Gabriel will appear in the Journal as soon as I get all his info for a complete story. I will try the same for Matthew.

Flags and Poppys

2 gross of the 18" flags were ordered. They will not be used until necessary. 1000 poppys are received, and in storage. New Rubbermaid containers are approved for purchase, to replace old containers now in use.

Parades

Wappingers Falls is hosting a Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day parade, as is their custom. The County is signed up for it, and will be identified by a banner carried in the parade. It's 04 March, noon, behind the church and school. Danny Oberhauser is organizing the Legion members who want to march. There may be 2 Weapons Carriers...definitely one, and Norm's jeep. Let Danny know---845.831.4995---if you're marching or riding.

Comedy Night

Danny Oberhauser is organizing a Night at either the Poughkeepsie Elks or the Arlington Post 1302. It's proposed for September at a ticket cost around \$25. More information this coming meeting.

Miscellany

The Post has donated \$125 to American Legion's Children & Youth Program. For members of the post to know where their donation money goes, there will be a listing of C&Y programs available.

Our Springfield rifles we a discussion item, as far as keeping them or donating them to a cause. We'll keep them. Poppy fund is now \$1300. The post is working toward establishing a 501 c (3), in order to solicit corporate donations.

AND at Castle Point, we attended Veterans Week, complete with a USO show on 14 February.

Coin Drops

The meeting membership voted on 3 dates at our usual locations:

27 May 2017 from 07:30 to 15:30
04 July 2017 from 08:00 to 12:00
11 November from 07:30 to 15:30

Arrangements need to be made at ACME. Their policy is one day per weekend per organization.

Stewarts, Convenient Deli Mart and Florys North are all ok (Danny & John Polasko checked their spots, Don & I did Stewarts)

The Land

Don & I checked out 1.2 acres on Route 82 across from Foster Rd. It's selling for \$85K. The land is about 10-15 feet below road level.

We discussed the need for a presentation of a set of items for any lots we think could work for the post.

Hometown Heroes

As addressed in last month's newsletter, the Hometown Heroes Banner project is ongoing. There was a presentation in late February at a Town Board meeting, as well as a meeting is planned at Town Hall for 01 March 2017.

COUNTY MEETING is at Post 203 in Beacon, on the 15th of March. It's called Post Everlasting, an annual tradition of seriously remembering our fallen brothers within the last 12 months.

15 FEBRUARY...6:30PM. Come on down!