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FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

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JANUARY MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting January 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting January 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Meeting January 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Riders January 22 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE COMMANDER ...

Happy New Year!

Post 179 family, I hope you had a safe and good holiday. As we continue to grow and become better, it's just not fast enough. What I mean by that is, we need to create new ways to generate funds. We are robbing from Pete to pay Paul (monthly bills) every month. What many of you do not realize is that beside utilities, we have several taxes and insurances that we must maintain. So with that being said, please call me or leave me a note or e-mail with suggestions or ideas, and, yes, donations are accepted and are a tax write off.

Now, let's have some fun and keep the negative out of our Post in 2017. I am looking for someone to step up and fill the Post Adjutant position, since that position is now open. If you would like to know more about that position, please ask me or Dave Buist. 2017 will bring us new things and new life.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, Commander, Post 179

Saturday, January 28th • 7 - 11 pm
Outlaw Express - Open to the Public

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ...

It is that time of the year again; Yes, that wonderful special time to enjoy the Annual Fish Fry at Post 179. The 2017 Fish Fry will begin on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 5 P.M. in the Back Hall. We will be having a volunteer meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 2 P.M. for all and any returning and New volunteers. We can use your help on Wednesday mornings to help lay out the fish for Friday evening, and, of course, we can use volunteers on Friday evening while we are serving the fish. Stop on by and find out more about Fish Fry.

Have you completed your Membership Renewal for 2017? If not you are not a registered member for 2017. Get your renewal completed soon so you do not miss out on the fun.

January meeting will be on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. and the February meeting will be on Monday, February 6, the day after Super Bowl. Remember that the S.A.L. meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT ...

Winter has settled in and I am wishing everyone a fantastic 2017.

With that said, if you have not paid your 2017 dues yet, I would like to remind you to please pay your dues ASAP. If you have any questions regarding membership, please call me at 616-723-2398. Thank you to all our members who have paid 2017 dues.

Americanism chairman Sheila Manning, Commander Mike Hawes, Bill Schrader and I started December off with going to Central Elementary in Grandville to pass out dictionary/reference books to the third grade class on December 7. What a joy and fun time to spend time with these students. This is an American Legion Project and it was so rewarding. Sheila did an awesome job explaining and highlighting flag etiquette and other points of the book, along with Bill talking about Pearl Harbor, and Commander Mike and Bill answering questions about their service to our country. Thank you, Ms. Wells, for letting us visit your class. We are hoping to expand this next year to other elementary schools.

What a great turnout to the Children's Christmas Party at the Post on December 10. Even though it was snowy we had a very good turnout. A big thank you to all the Auxiliary members who helped with this day. Without all of you this would not go as smoothly as it did. And, a special thank you for the visit from Santa Claus.

Our Potluck/Christmas meeting on December 12 was small, but fun was had by everyone. We had great food and an enjoyable evening.

The next Auxiliary meeting is January 9, 2017. I would like to invite each Auxiliary member to attend a meeting and see what 2017 has in store for our great organization. Meetings are the second Monday and start at 7:00 p.m.

Debbie Weatherbee, President, Auxiliary Unit 179

Sunday January 8th • 10 am - 3 pm
Great Lakes Reptile Show - Grand Rapids
Admission: \$6 for Adults and Children under 12 are FREE.
See our Facebook page for more information.

FROM THE CLUBROOM COMMITTEE ...

Thanks to all for your support this past year. We are looking forward to 2017. I, along with the bar team, look forward to new challenges and suggestions to grow the clubroom and the Post.

Tell your friends about our positive attitude and new services at our Post. Volunteer at our activities and enjoy them.

With your help, 2017 WILL be the best year at Post 179!

Glenn Dys, Clubroom Committee Chairman

CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 8 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: Noon to Midnight



JANUARY 2017 CALENDAR

DAILY SPECIALS *Happy New Year!*

Sundays: 16 oz. beer \$2.50

Sunday, January 8 - Great Lakes Reptile Show,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mondays: Regular Hot Dogs \$1.00, / Jumbo Hot Dogs or
Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

Tuesdays: Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Philly Cheese Steak \$4.00/
Canned Beer \$1.75 / Free Pool

Wednesdays: Turkey Reuben \$3.75 / Well Drinks \$2.00
Noon 'til 6 p.m. / **Karaoke 7-11 p.m.**

Thursdays: Small Burrito \$5.50 / Large Burrito \$6.50 /
Hard or Soft Tacos \$2.00

Fridays: Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Chicken Strips with Fries
\$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a
red shirt to support our troops

Friday, January 13: Kevin & Fred, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 14: Coin Show, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, January 21: Scout Fundraiser, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, January 28: Outlaw Express, 7-11 p.m.

HAPPY HOUR 3-6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY!

Happy Hour is real time, not bar time

\$5.00 Pitchers / **\$2.00** Well Shot & Pop /

\$2.00 Glass of Wine / **\$1.50** 16 oz. Pabst, Perrin Black,
Perrin Brown Ale, Founders Dirty Bastard,
Uncle John's Hard Cider (while supplies last)

Come play Bingo and support our Auxiliary

TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS

Sales start at 9:30 a.m., play starts at 10:30

~ Proceeds go towards helping our Veterans ~

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www.americanlegionpost179.com.

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GIRL SCOUT NEWS . . .

The Girl Scouts have had a very fun, and productive, year! They successfully made the transition to being completely girl led, with patrols and patrol leaders. They had their first campout together, which included campfires, fishing (with worms that they found), and LOTS of rain. They have earned their camper, social butterfly, detective, and scribe merit badges so far this school year. For the Holidays, they created two very detailed, hand-made, ornaments for their families, and learned how to wrap them! As we move into next year, they will be representing two countries in the local World Thinking Day celebration with other Troops in the area, working to learn more camping skills, earning more merit badges, and giving back to our community. We would also like to welcome Abby M. and Luci to our Troop - we now have a total of 9 girls. We will be starting the cookie sale in January. In February's newsletter, we will have information on how you can get your cookies this season. It's been a joy to watch the girls learn and grow. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for us!

Minda Floyd-Schoutens, Leader, Troop #4161

Friday, January 13th • 7 pm - Live Entertainment
The Dynamic Duo - Kevin & Fred

BY-LAWS CHANGE . . .

At the Legion meeting in December, a by-laws Amendment was proposed to the membership that would change the installation of officers from the June meeting to the May meeting. This would eliminate the "Lame Duck" month between the election in May and the current installation in June.

This amendment will be voted on at the meeting on January 10. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

The wording of the proposed amendment follows:

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of the Neal E. Fonger Post 179, The American Legion, Department of Michigan.

Revision to Article 2, Section 2, which now reads:

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of nine (9) elected officers, the Adjutant, three elected members and the Immediate Past Post Commander. These officers shall be elected and appointed annually at the May meeting and installed at the June meeting or thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention and they shall take office at the time of installation.

So that revised, Article 2, Section 2, will read:

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of nine (9) elected officers, the Adjutant, three elected members and the Immediate Past Post Commander. These officers shall be elected and appointed annually at the May meeting and installed at the May meeting immediately upon completion of the election, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention and they shall take office at the time of installation.

By-Laws Committee

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER . . .

SCOUT GAME CON 2017 LEGENDARY LAND

Saturday, January 21, 2017, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of 4 or more
to play all day

30 minute to 3 hour sessions of
Learn to Play / Get Introduced to:

- Board Games
- Role Playing Games
- Competitive & Traditional Card Games
- Closed Box Magic the Gathering Tournament
(Additional Fee)

Food will be available for purchase

All profits to benefit the Boy Scout Troop 281
High Adventure Camping Fund

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CUB CORNER . . .

Another year has ended on a high note with the Cubs learning a lot of new skills. Memorizing both the Scout Oath and Law were tricky at first but everyone nailed it. The boys also learned how to retire flags and the importance of serving their community. Our year end service projects were Christmas Caroling at Walker Meadows and bringing gifts to the Veterans Home. During our visits to both locations the young men enjoyed talking with other generations, and learning about history through the eyes of our elders.

A new year arrives, bringing change to the horizon. In the tradition of Scouting, I will be moving up to Boy Scouts with my son during his crossover ceremony in February. I won't abandon the Cubs; I am going to serve as Assistant Cub Master for 2017 and have been hard at work training my replacement. I promise to be a part of our scouting family for many years, but in advancing roles.

Melissa Wright