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Member of M.A.L.P.A. • Katie Potter, Editor

FROM THE COMMANDER.....

The 179 Post is looking to the future. On February 8, 2020 the club room will reopen and we will be serving complimentary chili dogs and hot dogs! The Grand Re-Opening of the clubroom will be on Saturday, February 29. Make sure you save the date- the clubroom will be hopping! We are also happily bringing back Happy Hour from 3-6 p.m. and the clubroom will be under new management.

We plan on sending or make available to every member our next newsletter. We were sending the newsletter to members who gave us their e-mail every month. However, approximately 500 members with no e-mail were not receiving their letter. To save on postage, we will have copies of the newsletter available in the clubroom. This will be a great opportunity for members to stop by, sit and read the newsletter, relax with a cold drink, and visit with fellow members.

We need everyone's support to open and run our Post successfully. Thank you for your continued support during this transition. I am very excited to be your Post Commander and am looking forward to seeing you all on February 8th and the 29th for the Clubroom's Grand Opening and Re-Opening! Post 179 will soon be great again!

Frank Kaleta, Commander, Post 179

CLUBHOUSE GRAND OPENING: Feb 8
CLUBHOUSE GRAND RE-OPENING: Feb 29

NEW CLUBROOM HOURS

HAPPY HOUR – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mondays – 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays – 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Thursdays – 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Fridays – 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Saturdays – 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sundays – 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER.....

Yes, it is the time of year that everyone has been waiting for. Time for the Annual American Legion, Post 179 Fish Fry. The First (1st) Fish Fry of the Season is on Friday, February 28, 2020, we will begin serving at 5:00 PM. Fish Fry volunteers are needed every year, we will need volunteers for the Wednesday morning (generally 8am to 10am or shorter depending on the number of volunteers) layout of fish onto the trays as well as setting up (starting at 3pm on Friday's) the Hall on Friday evenings, serving the fish and fries as well as cleanup. Please contact Roger Meyers if you would like to volunteer (rjmeyers3@yahoo.com). Plenty of opportunity to volunteer for everyone at the post.

Don't forget to renew your membership. As previously announced beginning on January 1, 2020 the membership renewals for the SAL will be \$30.00.

Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM and our next meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7PM. The March meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2020.

Roger Meyers, SAL Commander, Post 179

FEBRUARY MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting.....Feb 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Meeting.....Feb 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Legion E-board Meeting.....Feb 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

American Legion Meeting.....Feb 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Flint Winter Conference.....Feb 14-16

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FROM THE LADIE'S AUXILIARY PRESIDENT.....

Happy February fellow Auxiliary members! Punxsutawney Phil has forecasted an early spring, let's hope he's correct. As of this writing the soft opening of the clubroom is less than a week away. A huge thank you goes out to those family members who came out to spruce up the clubroom. Let's all come together to support the activities and make our clubroom a success!

Volunteer opportunities for the Fish Fry are coming up! If you can help Wednesday mornings with the traying of the fish, please contact Roger Meyers SALComm@americanlegionpost179.com. Also needed is help setting up, serving food, cleaning up on Friday. The Auxiliary will also need dessert donations and volunteers to help sit at table. Remember many hands make light work.

Elections are coming up; this is a great opportunity to take on a leadership role in your Auxiliary Unit! As with the coming of spring, this is the time to bring fresh new ideas. Open positions are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Sergeant-at-arms. If you are a member in good standing you can run for office. Let's see what new heights we can achieve together!

Keep up on the Auxiliary's activities thru the Auxiliary Facebook Page or the newsletter. You can also contact me personally about activities you may like to include our membership or inquire about any available volunteering opportunities.

As always, I will be in my patriotic hat when at the legion and let's continue to support our posts events and activities because together we can accomplish great things. I can still be contacted by Facebook, Messenger, email, or smoke signal!

Sheila Manning, Auxiliary President, Unit 179
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*** SAVE THE DATE ***

February 8 – Clubroom Reopens! Chili Dogs!
February 15 – Coin Show from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
February 22 – Euchre Tournament @ 4:30 p.m.
February 28 – Fish Fry from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
February 29 – Bottle Show
Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. – Karaoke
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. – Corn Hole League
Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. – Trivia
Tuesdays & Fridays – Ladies Auxiliary Bingo @
AMVETS – 9:30 a.m.

HOT OFF THE GRILL.....

Make sure to come in and check out the specials in the kitchen. We will be serving some extremely savory and delicious meals you can enjoy when you visit the clubhouse! Come and check out our new menu!

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE LADIE'S AUXILIARY

Special thanks to the following businesses for their donation of money and items:

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| * Duluth Trading Co | * Target |
| * Brann's | * Cabela's |
| * Home Depot | * Costco |
| * Reed's Realty | * Uccello's |
| * C.R.A.P. Store | * Edible Arrangements |
| * GrandVilla Restaurant | * Leisha Crawford Embroidery |

FROM THE 179 RIDERS.....

Fellow Riders,

It's getting to be that time when we can dust off the bikes and start riding. I hope you all are looking forward to warmer weather and plan on joining us for what promises to be a very eventful riding schedule.

Remember, by the vote of last month's attendees of the meeting, the decision was made to forgo February's meeting and have the next one on March 29th at 11:30 a.m.

We hope that each of you will find the time to support the reopening of the clubroom. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Be safe out there.

Jerry Wasson, Director of the Riders, Post 179

Make sure to renew your membership! When the clubroom reopens there will be someone who can assist you, so from February 8th on come on in during operating hours and renew your membership – we can't wait to see you!

Attention Legion Members: The Legion is going to be rewriting the by-laws. Changes and decisions are going to be made over the next few months and it is crucial we hear from YOU! Input from the membership is very important. Please make time to come to the monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY** NEAL E. FONGER POST 179

