



Post News



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**AMERICAN LEGION
POST #155**

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From Chuck's Desk:

Greetings:

Happy Holidays to all.

The year is fast coming to an end. If you haven't paid your dues please hurry and pay them as you will not be served after 01/01/2010. The past year has been an absolutely fantastic year. We have had dinners, bus trips, car shows, wienie roast, ham raffles and much more. Next year promises to be even better. If you have any ideas for fun projects, please let any officer know.

I will be accepting nominations for Legionnaire of The Year. If you have anyone in mind please send an nomination to me.

Our contest for the member that signs up the most members this year is progressing well. The winner receives a beautiful leather Legion jacket.

Thanks to everyone that has volunteered to help around the Post this year. We cannot succeed without your help. A special thanks to Joan Hause for all her help this year.

For God and Country.

Chuck Duke

Commander



Dear Members:

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2010. The New Year brings new hope and anticipation for the future.

The S.A.L. continues its winter break so there will not be a regular meeting during January. The next S.A.L. regular meeting will be on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00pm. The meeting is open to all paid members.

The next S.A.L. Dinner will be on Saturday, March 6th. Until then please be sure to check the calendars for the many Post activities planned to get your 2010 started off right.

Don Merrick, S.A.L. Squadron Commander

Hi Ladies and Gentlemen,



I hope that you had a wonderful Holiday Season. I also, wish you all health and prosperity in the New Year! We have had our son home this year for the first time in at least twelve years and I'm so happy.

I believe that this year has been so special with Santa's annual pilgrimage. We had junior members helping that I remember when they were babies and toddlers. We had all new winners for the coloring contest. The winners were Andrew, Jordan Rose, Grant and Chet. What a joy it was to see Chet play with his stick horse. Andrew was excited as was Jordan (She came to me and said she had never won at Christmas or Easter) Grant seemed shocked as well as Sue Collins.

Ladies, please remember that our meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Please come join us and help spend the money that we have earned for all our good work. It is such a satisfying feeling.

Don't forget your children and grand children can all be members too! We love to have our Juniors at meetings too! I now have my daughter and two granddaughters that are members and my son is a SAL member. I am now working on my two grandsons to join as junior SAL members.

I want to take this opportunity to thank certain people. Cassandra Pauka (my sister came from Arizona) Beatie Cummings (my mother) for helping Joan Hause and myself with decorating the Christmas tree. We had some excellent male help from KOD, Keith Snyder and a few gin players. Regarding Santa's visit our special helper was May Lou Feldman from Iowa, Karen Todd, Joan Hause and Rose Nieten.

Jan Tucker, President (Head Heifer)

Dear Comrades,

We've had another successful year at our Post. I would like to thank all members of the funerals of our departed. It means a great deal to the families of our Legionnaires who have gone to the High Commander

Our bus trips to the casinos have been lots of fun! We're looking forward to some visits to our neighboring Posts.

Thanks to all, who bring their favorite dishes to our pitch-ins. Everyone enjoys the good food.

Please keep us posted if you know of a member who is ill or experiencing a difficult time.

Your Chaplain, Ray Klynott



For Members Who Have Left Us

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn for Harry C. Elliott and James A Spencer that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

2010 Scholarship Fund Updates

The Scholarship Fund Committee held its first meeting for 2010 and we are ready for this year's applicants. The fund is already benefiting from donations from our members and from organizations, which have held events at the Post. We have established a Century Club to recognize those persons or organizations that donate over \$100 to the tax deductible Scholarship Fund. In addition to recognition in our newsletter, we will be sending each a certificate as a "Thank You" for their assistance. To date Post members Moe Haralson, Tom Beaver (British Car Show) and the Circle City Corvette Club are all Century Club contributors. By the time you read this there will be more who have contacted us.

We are also benefiting greatly from the efforts of Kevin O'Daniel who has single handedly broken the Guinness Record for selling Hams. Oscar Meyer, who is not a legion member, held the old record. At this writing, Kevin is well over 40 hams sold and he is not done yet. He and Jim Frederick are pledging their efforts to the Scholarship Fund. So please thank Kevin, buy him a drink and keep buying hams. Also, do not forget that all donations to the Fund are tax deductible and the donation forms are at the bar.

Scholarship applications have been sent to Hamilton County High Schools. If you have an eligible senior make, sure they contact their school guidance office. Applications are due by March 15th.

Steve Browne, Financial Officer

Financial Report:

October and November were good months. Even though we showed a loss in October, it can be attributed to Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (we purchased new, HD televisions and equipment for the bar area), Insurance (additional premium charge), and Utilities costs (cold weather is here). November was a good month. Although our sales were down from October, this was a result of being closed on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving and on the Thanksgiving holiday. Our Utilities costs actually went down as we benefited from the warmer weather during the first two weeks of November. Most importantly, you can see that our Repairs and Maintenance costs have finally gotten in line. As always, if you have questions regarding the financial report, please contact me.

Steve Browne, Financial Officer

	1 Month Ended		1 Month Ended	
	31-Oct-09	Pct.	30-Nov-09	Pct.
REVENUE (SALES)				
Liquor, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks	\$ 24,122.00	67.4%	\$ 21,520.25	64.5%
Tobacco	1,791.30	5.0%	1,701.10	5.1%
Food	1,411.25	3.9%	1,088.00	3.3%
Charity Gaming	7,587.25	21.2%	7,366.00	22.1%
Miscellaneous	<u>864.50</u>	<u>2.4%</u>	<u>1,705.50</u>	<u>5.1%</u>
		100.0		100.0
Total Revenue (Sales)	\$ 35,776.30	%	\$ 33,380.85	%
COST OF GOODS SOLD				
Liquor, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks	\$ 9,245.52	25.8%	\$ 8,637.43	25.9%
Tobacco	1,107.05	3.1%	1,302.00	3.9%
Food	1,162.73	3.3%	886.99	2.7%
Charity Gaming Supplies	1,228.60	3.4%	1,224.62	3.7%
Miscellaneous Supplies	<u>-</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 12,743.90	35.6%	\$ 12,051.04	36.1%
Gross Profit	\$ 23,032.40	64.4%	\$ 21,329.81	63.9%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Admin. & Accounting	\$ 648.40	1.8%	\$ 506.33	1.5%
Entertainment	737.67	2.1%	1,264.14	3.8%
Furniture, Fixtures & Equip.	3,294.40	9.2%	-	0.0%
Insurance	1,897.22	5.3%	1,265.25	3.8%
Labor	6,670.94	18.6%	6,092.60	18.3%
Repairs & Maintenance	1,949.45	5.4%	1,867.68	5.6%
Supplies	740.90	2.1%	687.35	2.1%
Taxes	3,953.67	11.1%	4,366.86	13.1%
Utilities	<u>2,408.03</u>	<u>6.7%</u>	<u>1,888.21</u>	<u>5.7%</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 22,300.68	62.3%	\$ 17,938.42	53.7%
Net Income (Loss) From Ops.	\$ 731.72	2.0%	\$ 3,391.39	10.2%
Plus Charitable Donations	\$ 90.00		\$ 1,046.00	
Less Charitable Contributions	<u>2,100.00</u>	5.9%	<u>1,450.00</u>	4.3%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1,278.28)	-3.6%	\$ 2,987.39	8.9%

The Post is trying to save money on postage for the Newsletter, so please help us out. We would like to e-mail the Newsletter to you and if you do not have e-mail you can still get your Newsletter delivered in the mail. If you have an e-mail address please send it to Dan Hause at djhause@sbcglobal.net or Kym D. Olivares at kymdolivares@hotmail.com. Thanks, Dan Hause, 1st Vice Commander

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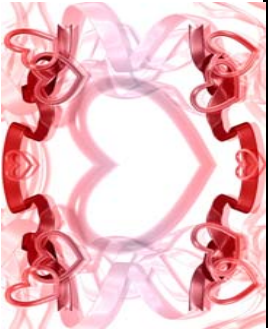
A BIG Thank-you to Kent Whitten for all his good work at the Post and Woodland Club. We had another successful Christmas, giving to hundreds of families a Merry Christmas. Thanks Kent!



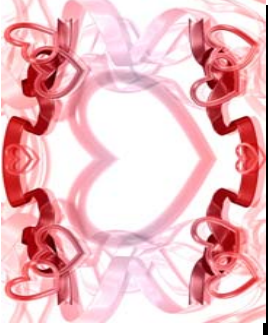
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February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 Euchre 7:30pm 	3 S.A.L. 	4 Legion Meeting 7:00pm 	5	6
7 Super Bowl Party Post opens @ 5:00pm 	8 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm 	9 Euchre 7:30pm 	10 Auxiliary 	11 	12 Auxiliary Euchre 7:30pm 	13 Valentine's Dinner 
14 	15	16 Euchre 7:30pm 	17 Legion 	18 	19	20
21	22 S.A.L. Meeting 7:00pm 	23 Euchre 7:30pm 	24 S.A.L. 	25 	26	27
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