

United in Service to America



Well, our Fall S.E.C. meeting and Fall Conference have been held and I feel it was a success. We had a little trouble at first with attendance at the S.E.C. meeting. The room assigned was too small for the number of attendees we had (which was good). There was not enough seating and while chairs were being added, some Auxiliary members decided to leave. The meeting did last 4 hours.

Our National President, Amy Stopyra from Pennsylvania was in attendance. The morning she was supposed to fly to Grand Rapids – she received a message that her flight had been cancelled. She immediately tried to get another flight and did find one which would not have her arriving in Grand Rapids until 5:30 pm. Amy contacted Nancy Middleton, N.E.C. Woman who told her not to worry as the airport was only about 15 minutes away from the hotel. They arrived just in time (no time for dinner). So, after the meeting, Nancy took the National President out to eat at 10:30 p.m. After the closing ceremony on Sunday, several Auxiliary members joined the National President for lunch at Beltline Bar. Then an Ice Cream social was held at GRVH for the veterans. There were 11 who attended. Thanks to Nancy Middleton for setting up this event.

On Monday, October 23rd, we had the annual tour of PAWS With A Cause. I had the time wrong, so I was late for the tour. Department 3rd VP, Pam Lein did a fantastic job in coordinating this tour. She had made Chili & cookies to go along with the lunch from PAWS and she had “goody” bags with “doggy” treats for everyone who attended. On the tour, interest was shown by Auxiliary members to make “snuffle mats”. I have posted this information under Service Programs, then under Community Service. Our National 3rd Vice President could not attend due to work commitments. There has been a tour scheduled for Saturday, 11/18/23 at 1:00 p.m. for the National 3rd Vice, Laura Bugaj, to attend. I will be attending also at that time along with Department 3rd VP Pam Lein.

I know the **Department SOS Project this year is the USO in Camp Grayling**, however I received some information that you can also donate to S.O.S. I have posted it under Service Programs, then under SOS.

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