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Welcome
Back
Pres. Pat



**THIS NEWSLETTER IS A REVIEW OF
THE 2023 DEPT. CONVENTION
WHICH WAS HELD ON JUNE 22-25/
2023 IN GRAND RAPIDS**

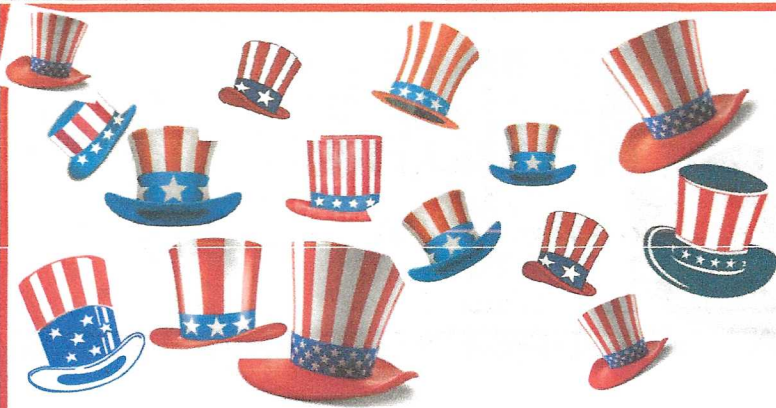
There are some changes in the newsletter this year. In the past, the subscription rate for 1 year has been \$10 for a mailed paper copy. This year it was voted to give you a choice.

#1 The newsletter will now be on the website so you can print off your own copy.

#2 If you would like to get the paper copy, you will need to send in \$10 for your 12 issues.

If you want the free website copy, it will be available to download. The only copies which will be mailed are the subscription ones. This means there will be no free copies sent to the local Presidents. They will need to pay for them or get them online. If you do not subscribe, this will be the last newsletter mailed to you.

To subscribe by mail, send a \$10 check (made payable to AMVETS Aux. Dept. of MI) and send it to Nancy Middleton—1535 48th St SE—Kentwood MI 49508 by June 25,



'HATS OFF' TO OUR WINNERS!!!



FUNNY ONE LINERS

My Doctor told me jogging could add years to my life. I think he was right. I feel 10 years older already. Milton Berle

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it. Groucho Marx

I hate housework. You make the beds, you do the dishes, and six months later you have to start all over again. Joan Rivers

It was a nice convention but unfortunately a small one. We only had 34 voting members. With a membership of almost 1,600, this means 34 people are deciding who the Officers are, what determines the wording in the By-laws and Standing Rules. So 34 people decide what the rest just have to "live with it". Don't you think something is 'off' here?



What can we do to entice our members to attend Convention? Let's think about it and come up with some suggestions which can make Conventions productive—fun again.

HONORS AND AWARDS Congratulations to:

Kathy Biela Child Welfare Award
Winner #93 / runner up #115

Nancy Middleton Child Welfare Award
Winner #4064 / runner up #23

Maureen Jackson Community Service Award
Winner #93 / runner up #121

Wendy Lynema Community Service Award
Winner #4064 / runner up #57

Allison Aldrich Americanism Award
Winner #93 / runner up #121

Pat Michalski Americanism Award
Winner #57 / runner up #23

Department of Michigan SOS Award (10-40)
Winner # 93 / runner up #121

Department of Michigan SOS Award (40+)
Winner #22 / runner up #126

Department of Michigan Hospital Award
Winner #93 / runner up #121

Kathy Keizer Hospital Award
Winner #57 / runner up #23

District I Hospital Award (any size Aux.)
Winner #57 / runner up #93

Neva Colley Scholarship Award
Winner #121—no runner up

Clarice Poisson Scholarship Award
Winner #23 / runner up #126

Patricia Whitcher Penrickton Award
Winner #93 / no runner up

Faye Richardson-Green Paws Award
Winner #93 / no runner up

District II Local Auxiliary of the Year Award
Winner #22 / runner up #57

WHO WON THE DEPARTMENT RAFFLE??



1st Place—Family Fun Cooler
Didn't get the name, but it was the daughter of our Dept. Chaplain Patsy Watkins.



2nd Place—wooden flag
Julie Poniatowski, Aux. #126



\$50 Cash
PDP Cel Rose Solak

FUNNY ONE LINERS

When I was a kid, my parents moved a lot, but I always found them, Rodney Dangerfield

Pie can't compete with cake. Put candles in a cake and it's a birthday cake. Put candles in a pie and somebody's drunk in the kitchen. Jim Goffigan

I'm going to get married again because I'm more mature now and I need some kitchen stuff. Wendy Liebman

DONATIONS

Made to Hospital VAVS/Homes during 2022-23

Aleda E Lutz VA: \$860.00

Ann Arbor VA: \$335.00

Battle Creek VA: \$475.50

Grand Rapids Home: \$1,740.51

Jacobetti Home: \$260.00

John Dingell VA: \$350.00

General Fund: \$545.00

2023-24 OFFICERS THEMES AND/OR PROGRAMS

President Pat: United in Service to America—U.S.A.

1st Vice Kathy: Re-Member—Recruit & Retain Awards:

#1 three mandatory from Instructions
#2—prize to 1st four Aux. who send in 100% of their life member **assessments by October 1st

2nd Vice Bonnie:

Chairman's Award

#1 drawing among those attending the Penrickton tour
#2 drawing from all Aux. who donate to Penrickton

3rd Vice Pam:

Chairman's Award

#1 to the highest donation to PAWS thru the Dept.
#2 a drawing among all Aux. who have donated to PAWS

Americanism Karen: N/A

Hospital: Kay: N/A

Scholarship Roberta: N/A

**NOTE:

Our Life member Hospital dues (or donations) are now called assessments.



DONATIONS AT CONVENTION 2022-23



Penrickton Center for Blind Children \$8,802.00

Paws With A Cause \$12,016.51

Joint Americanism Program \$1,012.00

S.O.S.—Camp Grayling U.S.O. \$2,812.00

Higgins Lake Lodge \$2,110.00

Scholarship \$9,311.00

National Programs \$5,195.00

As of the writing of this newsletter, the funds donated for the Carillon Program have not been disbursed.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Department Audit—7/14/2023—12:30pm
Nancy's House—1535 48th St in Kentwood MI.

Officer's Training 7/19/2023—1pm
Bay City at Post #22

National Convention 8/22-26/2023
Pittsburgh PA

Fall Conference—10/14-15/2023
DoubleTree by Hilton in Grand Rapids

Midyear Service Reports must be postmarked by
November 5, 2023 and sent to the proper Dept.
Service Officer.

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FUNNY ONE LINERS

***A good rule to remember for life is when it
comes to plastic surgery and sushi, never
be attracted by a bargain. Graham Norton***

***You can't lose a homing pigeon. If your
homing pigeon doesn't come back, you
lost a pigeon. Sara Pascoe***

***Why do dogs always race to the door when the
doorbell rings? It's almost never for them.
Norm MacDonald***

***Three may keep a secret—if two of them are
dead. Benjamin Franklin***

**The 2023 convention minutes (including
pre and post convention minutes) were
sent to the webmaster and all are availa-
ble for viewing.**

How nice to see our Nat'l. 2nd Vice President Cindy
Rice and her sister Kathy visit us for three days at
Convention.

Cindy brought a beautiful handmade quilt which was
auctioned off for one of our programs. Higgins Lake
Lodge was selected. We thank Cindy for her gener-
osity!

Oh, you asked who won the quilt? President Kathy!!
She seemed to win a lot of things
this Convention.

In addition to the quilt, she won the
remote control motor cycle which all
the Riders were drooling over!!!



Our Ways 'n Means Chairman Nancy Woodwyk did a
great job at Convention. No—I take that back. She
did a terrific job all year!

She had great prizes for the drawing and worked hard
at getting donations. I knew she would be good at
this job—but the only thing that did surprise me is.....

She is going to do it again this year!!!