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Commander's Desk, Lenny Rosenbaum

When I lived back east, the saying was April showers bring May flowers, however in Arizona (what rain???) it means elections of American Legion Officers. April is the last to tell everyone "Your Hat is in the RING" be proud to run for office.

In April and May our post is getting a little face lift. The outside of the building has a new coat of paint, thanks to a donation of the paint, landscaping is being cared for on regular bases and the lounge will soon see new carpet and tile. The Kitchen floor is getting resurfaced to meet all health code rules. As our building ages its needs become greater. We are lucky (with a lot of hard work) that we have the funds to take care of its needs. In March we were honored to host the state Oratorical and many of the officials were happy with the turnout that they expect to return to our Post next year. St. Pat's day was great, we had a large turnout and fun was had by all. By next month I hope to see all the people running for Office have their name on the roster and ALL the members deciding who there are voting for.

Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Bob Smith

We had a very busy month of March. The place was packed for Sunday Breakfast, Wednesday night Big Band Music and Friday night Fish Fry. We had all the Irish in for our St. Patrick's Day music and dancing. The place was loaded. Many of those who attended the activities were winter visitors and now they are heading home. There now will be plenty of room for you to attend your Post's activities and events.

Yes – you are needed to keep our Post financially sound.

**Closed after Sunday Brunch on April 6 -
and on the 7, & 8th. We will be
installing new flooring.**

Adjutant, Andy Jaime - Sr. Vice Cmdr.

As of this writing, March 17, 2008, the Post 44 Renewal and New Membership total stands at 1,135 with 48 members to reach the 100% goal for 2008. I am happy to announce that our SAL (Sons of the American Legion) have reached their 100%goal for 2008. Congratulations to our Squadron of SAL's.

We will be having our New Member Initiation at the April General Meeting, Thursday, April 24th at 7 PM. If you are a new member, please make every effort to attend this meeting. There will be a gift for each of you. Also, it will allow you to vote in the Election of Officers for the 2008-2009 year, which will take place on Thursday, May 22 at 7 PM.

Unfortunately we will soon be seeing our Annual Excedus or Migration of our winter visitor Post members. We will miss you, your support and your volunteer help. We wish you a safe journey and look forward to your return - Post 44 members.

April Quote: "Champions take chances and pressure is a privilege." Billie Jean King

Sr. Vice Cmdr. Thank You Volunteers

Hello to all our members! March was a very busy month. It was full of activities, meetings, and travel to other Posts. The following are just a few. 3-1-08 – American Legion Oratorical preliminary competition at Post 2, Tempe. 3-08-08 – American Legion Oratorical State Finals at Post 44, Scottsdale. 3-09-08 – American Legion Department Annual Picnic hosted at Post 41, Phoenix. 3-15-08 – Family Readiness Group Annual Picnic for families of Deployed Arizona Troops serving in Iraq – hosted at 52nd Street National Guard Base, Phoenix. 3-16-08 – District 12 Meeting hosted at Cave Creek Post 34. Twelve Post 44 members attended. We "car pooled". 3-17-08 – St. Patrick's Day.

I can't thank everyone involved that pitched in and helped as well as attended these Legion programs. The Ladies Auxiliary; SAL Squadron; and Post Members have stepped up and contributed to the complete success of all Post 44's efforts. We are back on the American Legion Map. *Andy*

Auxiliary President - Bunny Hamilton

Hi, Y'all –

What a fantastic group of ladies you are!! We have reached 100% of our membership goal as of this writing. We still have a lot of members who have not renewed so won't you please send in those dues.

It has been a really busy month and a lot of volunteering at our Post. Parada Day was very busy and Avis, Mae, Billie, Dee, and Serinity were wonderful serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Thank you all so much. I don't want to forget our SAL members, Barney, Billy and Scott who pitched in also. And thanks to Mary for selling Cheer Basket tickets.

The Legion Oratorical Finals on March 8th was a huge success thanks to Sr. Vice Commander Andy and again our SAL members, Scott, Barney, Charlie and Corey for preparing the lunch. It was great to see so many of our Auxiliary members in attendance and a special thank you to Myra for acting as escort for our contestants. Michael Fleming from Mesa High School was the well deserving WINNER. Sully Truesdale served as a Judge.

The Easter Party for the FRGIS on Saturday, March 15 was well attended and a lot of fun!! Again, thanks to all you wonderful ladies for turning out to help. A very special thank you to our Juniors, Maria, Alexis, Larissa and Darien for the great job of face painting. And – there were our SAL members giving a helping hand again. SAL member "The Hammer" captured the hearts of all the children in attendance! He had to be the best Easter Bunny ever!! Thank you Hammer.

We will be having an initiation ceremony at our April meeting the 21st. I wish to extend an invitation to every new member to attend this event. This is where you will receive an introduction of the meaning of our organization, also you will receive your Auxiliary Pin at this time. Any member who has never been initiated is also invited to attend. Please call Bev Gable at 480-556-9285 if you plan to attend. We need to have an accurate count so that we will have enough supplies. Looking forward to meeting all of you. Til next time – God Bless You All.

**Volunteers are needed for Friday Fish Fry, Special Events, Etc.
See Lori if you can help.
Help keep our prices low and a good chance to meet your fellow members.**

S.A.L. Cmdr: Scotty Harris

Greetings my fellow "Blue-Hats." Thanks to the volunteers for Easter at the Armory, John Lands, Barney Kubat, Kory Chapin, and especially a huge thanks to Mike "Hammer" Schlip – AKA the "Bunny." Sounds like you got a permanent job for years to come.

Lots of events are coming up. Cinco-de-Mayo we will have a guest chef – Chef Condalero cooking authentic Mexican Fare.

Our Post is the Host Post Memorial Day for the VFW, Elks, and DAV. We need volunteers for this happening. I would love to see some different faces turn out, not just at these events, but at meetings as well. Our next meeting is April 7th at 6:30 PM.

MAY 5, 2008
CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO WITH POST 44
ENTERTAINMENT BY - "ABE"
AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD - \$7.50
5:00 PM TILL ?????
BRING YOUR FRIENDS
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS BIG EVENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

Apr. 7	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
10	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
14	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool	
21	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
24	Thursday	Post General Meeting & Initiation of new members	7:00 PM

Mon. Thur. & Sat. - Euchre (Fun - Fun) - 1:30 PM

Wednesdays - Bridge - 1:00 PM - Call 480-991-4524

Trivia on Sundays @ 3:00 PM

SAL's selling Bratwurst & Hot Dogs after 3:00 PM

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in the Memorial Wall
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doesn't need anything.**

EUCHRE

We play Euchre here Mon. Thurs. & Sat. starting at 1:30. It is fun and a great way to meet people. On Saturdays we will again give classes to those who want to learn the game or play other card games. Join us for the fun.

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LUNCH SERVED 11:00 TO 2:00
 MONDAY THRU SATURDAY
 SATURDAY BREAKFAST
 SERVED 10:00 AM - NOON
 SOUP SERVED ALL DAY
 MON-SAT

APRIL 2008

**LEGION POST #44 DINNER
 AND
 SUNDAY BREAKFAST MENU**

DINNER SERVED MON 5:00 PM
 TUES, WED, THURS, SAT
 5:00 - 8:30 PM
 FRI FISH FRY 5:00 - 8:00 PM
 SUN BRUNCH 10 AM - 1 PM
 CLUB HOURS MON-SAT
 10 AM - 10 PM
 SUNDAY 10 AM - 6 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SIRLOIN LIVER/ONIONS	2 FILET SALMON RASBERRY CHICKEN JAZZ	3 MEATLOAF	4 FISH FRY MIKE	5 PRIME RIB COCONUT SHRIMP PORK STIR FRY RODGER
6 BREAKFAST CLOSE @ 2PM New Flooring Installed	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 FILET STUFF OSCAR CHICK CORDON BLUE JAZZ	10 ROAST PORK	11 FISH FRY MIDNITE MOON	12 PRIME RIB FRIED CATFISH CHICKEN STIR FRY DALLAS
13 EGGS BENNIE	14 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	15 SIRLOIN STEAK CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	16 FILET LAMB SHANKS SHRIMP ALA VODKA JAZZ	17 ROAST BEEF	18 FISH FRY MIKE	19 PRIME RIB SALMON CHICKEN CORDON BLUE MIKE
20 PORK CHOPS	21 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	22 SIRLOIN CHICK DUMPLINGS	23 FILET SALMON CHICKEN STIR FRY JAZZ	24 CABBAGE ROLLS	25 FISH FRY CHERRYL THURSTAN	26 PRIME RIB STUFFED PORK CHOPS SHRIMP STIR FRY DALLAS
27 EGGS BENNIE	28 HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	29 SIRLOIN LIVER/ONIONS	30 FILET COCONUT SHRIMP CHICK PARM JAZZ			

**JOIN US AT THE LEGION FOR A
 GOOD MEAL AND GREAT FRIENDS**

**MUSIC MOST WED'S,
 FRI'S & SAT'S**

Oratorical Finals

Hosts: Legion Post 44 - Andy Jaime, Auxiliary - Bunny Hamilton & Myra Schroot, SAL's - Mike "Hammer" Schlip, Scott Harris, Barney Kubat, Volunteer Servers - Charley Dubray, Shirley Spencer.



Judge, Judge Sully Truesdell, Jane Sundeen, Carol Hamburger, Area B Vice Commander, Contestants Michael Fleming (the winner) and Katharine McMurray, Judge Dr. Mary Murphy, Judge Neil Sundeen, Moderator Jim Burke

Our Manager, Lori Sheffler's Birthday Party
She was made Queen for a Day!!
We all love her for her happy mood
and people skills.



St. Patrick's Day
Auxiliary Raffle Drawing for their Charities



Pre-Easter Celebration
for Military Dependents at Papago Military Park
Face Painting - Balloons - Fun

