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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

I went to the Vets Nursing home with Carol Clark and the music group Jan 14 and it was a great experience. John Kirkpatrick played the piano and everyone sang. Carol had books made up of their favorite songs in large type and we turned the pages for those who weren't able. Most of the vets are in wheel chairs and we had to pick them up and return them to their rooms. They really enjoyed themselves and would like to have this program every week but we can't get volunteers to do it that often. If you would like to join this group let Carol or me know. A big thanks to Carol, John and the other volunteers who make this so successful.

Your 2002 dues are now one month past due.

On Feb 1 we will start checking cards, so please take care of this so you are not embarrassed. Look at your card right now to see if it says 2002, if not maybe you left it home or maybe you forgot to renew it. Some Posts began checking Jan 1, but we gave a month's grace.

**To continue receiving a
Newsletter you must pay your
2002 Dues.**

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM - Carol Clark

Having music in your life is a great way to start the New Year. Anywhere else would have added a hefty cover charge, but no so on a recent Friday night at Post 44. Sally & Johnnie Angel celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary and were treated to a performance of 6 professional musicians: John Kirkpatrick on the piano; Rex Nichols on the harmonica; Bob Plum on the saxophone; Joe Pickart playing his bass guitar; the Banjo Sweethearts, Connie & Hal Fox kept the pace going on their banjo's; our own Tom Vermande helped out with drums.

John also plays each Tuesday & Saturday nights, so if your Friday's are booked, join in another night. On a Saturday at the end of 2001, Iris Rennenbohn, a member of both the Legion & Auxiliary, had her birthday celebration at the Post. We all sang, "Happy Birthday" and she shared birthday cake with all patrons.

Bob Smith, Jr. Vice

February will be a busy month and it is hoped you will participate in the events.

Saturday - 2nd - Parada del Sol - Breakfast will open at 6 A.M. and since the parade conception, your Post will be in the parade at 9 AM. Our famous Bar-B-Que Pork Sandwich will be served at 11 AM, along with good Western Music offered in our front parking lot.

Thursday - 14th - Valentines Day - 5 - 8 PM a Home Style Buffet with real live band music from 6 - 9:30 PM.

Monday - 18th - Presidents Day - At 11 AM we will have our Flag Retirement Program. Chairman Bob Procknow will have an impressive program. Bring your young offsprings to see the respect we Veterans and Legionaries offer our tired and tattered flags.

Sunday - 24th - Our West Valley Legionnaires and Auxiliary will give us a good old-fashion **U.S.O. Show and it will be FREE.** The show will start at 2 PM. Come and laugh along with them.



PARADA DEL SOL

February 2, 2002



Need Marchers — Meet at Post at 8:45 AM for parade. (Legion, Auxiliary & Sons)

Uniform for Legion & Sons:

Navy blue sport coat (optional), gray slacks, light shirt, dark tie & black shoes.

We need Marchers - Please show up.

Breakfast @ 6:00 AM
Barbequed Pork Sandwiches
after the parade.
Band Outside

Valentines Day - February 14th



**Bring your Sweetheart out for
Dinner & Dancing.**

Home-Style Buffet - 5 - 8 PM

Live Band - 6 - 9:30 PM

\$8.95 - per person



Auxiliary News - President Anne Stirling

January was a slow month, and not too much has happened that needs to be shared. We still have a handful of members that have not renewed their membership.

Myra Anderson, our Past President and current Membership Chairman, recently underwent unexpected surgery. She is re-cooperating nicely. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. As of January first your 2001 membership card has expired. Please send in your renewal ASAP. We are trying to meet all of our 2001-2002 membership goals that were set by National. Although Myra is taking a short break from processing membership, we will still get all membership processed.

In January, Mildred McQuiston passed away. At 105, she was our oldest Auxiliary member. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers also. Thank you Mildred for your dedicated service to God and Country.

We are still looking for volunteers of all kinds. If you knit or crochet, we have patterns waiting for you. If you do any volunteer work elsewhere, your hours can be counted towards several different Auxiliary programs. If you have any questions about this please give me a call 480-481-7661.

Parada del sol is around the corner. I hope to see a lot of you at our traditional festivities. FUN FUN FUN.

Our District 12 Veteran Rehabilitation dinner is February 9th at Post 107 in Phoenix. At this event we hold an auction. If you have any items you would like to donate, please give me a call. All proceeds are used to purchase items from a wish list for local Veteran Facilities.

Remember, our meetings are held the third Monday of every month. If you want to know what is going on, be a part of it, and help decide what the Auxiliary does, come to the meetings.

God bless you all.

Gift Idea for Birthday, Anniversary, Etc.

Buy a brick on the Memorial Wall or in the new Game Room for \$100.00. Get information in the office or lounge. Help your Post stay financially sound.

Charlie Latchem, Post Svc Officer

Veterans who now make co-payments for outpatient health care through the VA will have lower bills, and in some cases, no bills at all, under new rules.

Stars and Stripes <<http://www.estripes.com/>> reports that the VA has set up a three-tiered co-payment system. The first tier will be for preventive-care visits and will cost veterans nothing; it includes flu shots, laboratory tests, certain radiology services, hepatitis C screenings and numerous other preventive services. The second tier is for primary-care outpatient visits and will require a \$15 co-payment. The final tier co-payment is \$50 and includes specialty outpatient care, such as outpatient surgery, audiology and optometry. Another VA regulation will increase the co-payment some veterans make for outpatient medications from \$2 to \$7 for each 30-day supply, with maximum annual out-of-pocket payment of \$840 for veterans in certain enrollment priorities. The VA is proposing no changes to hospital care co-payments.

FREE!!!

U.S.O. SHOW

Sunday - February 24 @ 2:00 P.M.

Come early and enjoy Breakfast!

**Presented by West Valley Legionnaires
and Auxiliary**

AUXILIARY NEWS

Carol Clark, Music Chairman

We had a nice turnout at the Arizona State Veterans' Home, "Reach Out With Music" program in January. We've started a scrapbook; containing photo's taken during our programs, which we share with the residents.

This month those who assisted were: Auxiliary members Lani Cason, Sue Faye and Pryor Magnussen; Legion members Commander Jerry Lennemann and Larry Joiner accompanied by his wife and of course John Kirkpatrick led us at the piano. Without volunteers to bring residents from their wards, pass out music books, turn pages, hold microphones, encourage residents in the sing-a-long and keep them company, this program would not work. My thanks to one and all.

February Menu

| Reoccurring Menu for February | | |
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| Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM | | |
| Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 & Up - Daily Specials | | |
| Dinners Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM | | |
| Sunday | Breakfast - 10:00 - 1:00 pm (Bloody Mary \$1.00) | from \$2.50 |
| Monday | Chef's Choice | \$4.00 |
| Tuesday | Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree | \$6.00 |
| Wednesday | Filet is back plus 2 other Entree | \$8.00 |
| Thursday | Chef's Choice | \$6.00 |
| Friday | Fish Fry - & other Entrees | |
| | Large Salad Bar | \$7.00 |
| Saturday | Prime Rib plus 2 other Entrees | \$9.00 |
| Saturday | Breakfast - 10:00 - 2:00 | from \$1.99 |

*Members &
Their Guests
Welcome!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

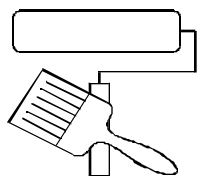
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| Feb. | 2 | Parada Del Sol - Breakfast | 6:00 AM (See Ad) |
| | 4 | SAL Squadron Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| | 4 | Aux E-Board Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 7 | Post E-Board Meeting | 7:00 PM (Note - 1st Thursday) |
| | 9 | Euchre Tourney | 1:00 PM (Elks) |
| | 14 | Sweetheart Dinner & Dance | 5:00 - 8:00 PM (Dinner) (See Ad) |
| | 18 | Flag Retirement | 11:00 AM |
| | 18 | Auxiliary Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 21 | Honor Guard Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| | 21 | Rangers Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 24 | USO Show (FREE) (Come early and eat breakfast) | 2:00 PM (See Ad) |
| | 28 | Post General Meeting | 7:00 PM |



EUCHRE REPORT: Warren & June Moyer

One of the "new" teams won this month's Tourney – June M and Joe C took top honors with an 88. Two more new teams won 2nd and 3rd – "Jersey" Joe/George Stafford took 2nd with an 87 and Mary A/George Slagle took 3rd with an 81. Congratulations to all! Many thanks to the Legion for the great room set up and friendly service. The next Tourney is at the Elks on February 9, 2002, 1:00 PM start time. **See you there!!!**

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Knights of Columbus

Fr. Novatus Council, #4426
Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month
American Legion Post 44.
Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting after dinner.

Assembly
3rd Wednesday each month
St. Daniel the Prophet Church