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**Commander's Desk, Lenny Rosenbaum**

March 2008 is upon us and with it comes the time to look forward to **Post 44 Election of Officers**.

It is time to step up to the plate and put your name in the hat!! We need "new" faces to run for office. Everyone enjoys the Post for its food, card games, trivia, etc., but it is time to give back a little. The same people run for office year after year and they too would like to sit back and enjoy! As an officer of the Post you have a say in what goes on at the Post, all the things that you think are wrong or broken you can help to fix. The elections are in May – put your name in and run – we need new blood. As I write this article, I reflect back on the past 1-1/2 years – some were good, others were trying – but overall it was an experience I am glad I had.

During my term as Commander, the one person who stands out for his dedication, long hours of work and his ability to get things done, was my Sr. Vice Andy Jaime. I hope he will run as the next Commander of Post 44. He will have my vote.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, new events are coming up. May 5 will be a Big One. More details later

### Oratorical Finals at Post 44

March 8 - 9:00 AM

Free breakfast for those attending.

See Bob's article for more information.

### Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Bob Smith

I want to look back just a few days ago and thank all of you that attended our St. Valentine's Day Eve Dinner and Dance. We had a full-house and all had a lot of fun.

You won't want to forget March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day to come in for corned Beef and Cabbage.

There is no better time then right now to support and be proud of our High School Students. I want all of you to attend the State's Oratorical being held at our Post, Saturday, March 8. The students will select a Constitutional Subject to speak about for a period of ten minutes. The winner will represent Arizona at the National Contest held in Indianapolis. The program starts at 10:00 AM so we are asked to be there at 9:30 AM so as to not interfere with the speaker.

**Adjutant, Andy Jaime - Sr. Vice Cmdr.**

First of all I would like to welcome all of our "New Members" and their families. There is no doubt in my mind that you will enjoy being a member of the American Legion at Post 44 in Scottsdale.

I would ask all of you to get involved, make an effort to attend the meetings once a month (1 hour), see what we do. You'll be glad you're a part of it.

We are fortunate that we have been able to see positive results at our Post through the efforts of our Post Officers, Club Manager, and our Auxiliary, SAL's, and Member Volunteers. The team and family spirit here at Post 44 is a model for success for all other posts. Thank you all.

In closing I sadly report that we lost two members in February: Tony Lombardi passed on 2/01/08 and Chad Golab (age 29) passed on 2/03/08. Their dedication and support to Post 44's Mission will be missed as well as their friendship, service and camaraderie. The families of our members are always welcome.

### Sr. Vice Cmdr. Andy Jaime

This month will be filled with a number of functions and activities that I hope our members will participate in. On March 8, we will be hosting the Oratorical State Finals, March 16 the District 12 Meeting will be at Post 34's new club in Cave Creek, March 17 we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. I would like to invite all our members to attend all or some of these events. It's fun, it supports the American Legion's efforts, as well as the association of being with your fellow Legion Family.

Finally on to Post business. To-date we are at 217 members that "have yet" to renew for 2008. I have recruited the E-Board to assist me in calling these members and see if we can help them and if they plan on remaining part of our unique organization. Our members are the best, beyond a doubt. We need you and your help...volunteer. Thanks.

**March Quote:** For the slight efforts, how should one obtain great results? It is foolish even to desire it.  
– Euripides –

**We have a very active Auxiliary. See a list of their charities on back of the Menu.**

## Auxiliary President - *Bunny Hamilton*

Here comes Spring and lots of things going on – not only at our Post, but District as well – beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> of March – the American Legion Oratorical Competition at Post 2 in Tempe at 10:00 AM. Then mark your calendar for March 8 @ 10:00 AM right here at our own Post the State Final Competition! If you have never attended this event I urge you to do so. It is a great opportunity to observe tomorrow's leaders at their best! Our own Ronni Sterling won this competition last year. This event will be a "family affair" for our post, the Legion and Auxiliary will be sharing the cost for the luncheon and our SAL members will be doing the preparation of the food.

The following day, March 9 will be the District 12 picnic at Post 41. Give me a call if you are interested in attending. Saturday, March 15 is the date for the FRG Easter Party. Please attend our March meeting for details of our participation. District 12 meeting on March 16, we will be presented with our new slate of officers for 2008-2009. March 17, St. Patrick's Day – big day at our Post and Lori needs lots of volunteers!! All day!!! Can you help? Call me.

Our March meeting for this month only will be on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. We need a nominating committee.

Our "Cheer Basket" sales are going well – thanks everybody for supporting us in this project. A very special thank you to Dixie and Mae, their efforts at the Valentine's dance were very fruitful. We need more volunteers like these two.

A special thank you to all of you for renewing those Poppy Plates. I hope the donations continue to come in. Remember all of these donations go directly to our Veterans.

Til next time – God Bless You All.

### **Auxiliary "Cheer Basket Raffle"**

**To benefit homeless veterans  
and others.**

**Tickets - 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00**

**Drawing will be held at  
St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

## S.A.L. Cmdr: **Scotty Harris**

Greetings Fellow Squadron Members! Many of you know me as "Scooter" from the kitchen. I'm looking forward to serving the Post for the upcoming year.

First, I would like to thank you for your patience, with your cards. We will be making sure everything is straightened out as soon as possible.

I would also like to thank our active members for their enthusiasm for the coming year. I know there has been interest in the upcoming "SAL Detachment Camp-Out" at Lake Pleasant. Copies of the information will be available at the bar.

This year I would like to see more members of the Squadron at our meetings. I would also like to extend an invitation to our SAL "winter visitors" to join us. Meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. The next meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

We are also seeking volunteers for the State Oratorical Finals on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

**Don't forget Monday, March 17  
"St. Patrick's Day"**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage will be the  
fair of the day, along with some  
great Irish Stew all day.**

**The Disk Jockey is from 5:00 - 9:00  
PM and authentic Irish Music.**

**Come on out and wear the Green.  
We will have a great time as always.**



**May 5**

**Cinco de Mayo**

**A Special Celebration this year.**

**More on this later.**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

Mar. 3	Monday	SAL Meeting	6:30 PM
10	Monday	Reach Out With Music - 9 AM meet @ Post to Car Pool	
13	Thursday	E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Saturday	American Legion Birthday	
17	Monday	St. Patrick's Day - Irish food all day	(See Ad)
18	Monday	Auxiliary 6:00 E-Board - Gen Meeting	7:00 PM
27	Thursday	Post General Meeting	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**

**Tax Tip 2008** – You have until April 15, 2008 to make your IRA contributions for 2007. Under age 50 - \$4,000 – Over age 50 - \$5,000.

### **EUCHRE**

We play Euchre here Mon. Thurs. & Sat. starting at 1:30. It is fun and a great way to meet people. Next month, April, we will again give classes to those who want to learn the game or play other card games. Join us for the fun. (I will be gone part of March, so no classes)

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

**MARCH 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 PRIME RIB SHRIMP CHICK CORD BLUE  <b>DALLAS</b>
2  SEAFOOD OMLETTE	3  HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	4  SIRLOIN LIVER/ONIONS	5  FILET STUFF OSCAR LAMB SHANKS  <b>JAZZ</b>	6  ROAST PORK	7  FISH FRY  <b>RODGER</b>	8  PRIME RIB SALMON STUFF PORK CHOPS  <b>DAN</b>
9  EGGS BENNIE	10  HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	11  SIRLOIN STEAK SHRIMP BASKET	12  FILET COCONUT SHRIMP CHICK PARM  <b>JAZZ</b>	13  CABBAGE ROLLS	14  FISH FRY  <b>MIKE</b>	16  PRIME RIB STUFF OSCAR  <b>MIKE</b>
16  PORK CHOPS	17  ST. PATS DAY CORN BEEF/ CABBAGE MUSIC 5:15 9:15	18  SIRLOIN CHICK DUMPLINGS	19  FILET SALMON RASB CHICK  <b>JAZZ</b>	20  BEEF TIPS/ NOODLES	21  GOOD FRIDAY  FISH FRY <b>MARK MELWICK</b>	22  PRIME RIB COCONUT SHRIMP CHICK STIR FRY <b>DALLAS</b>
23  <b>EASTER</b>	24  HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	25  SIRLOIN CHICK FRIED STEAK	26  FILET SHRIMP ALA VODKA CHICK CORDON BLUE <b>JAZZ</b>	27  ROAST BEEF	28  FISH FRY  <b>CARLA ELLIOT</b>	29  PRIME RIB BAKED COD CHICK CARBONARO  <b>MIKE</b>
30  EGGS BENNIE	31  HOT DOGS SLOPPY JOES	<b>JOIN US AT THE LEGION FOR A GOOD MEAL AND GREAT FRIENDS</b>			<b>MUSIC MOST WED'S, FRI'S &amp; SAT'S</b>	

## American Legion Auxiliary Sipe-Peterson Unit 44

### 2007 Contributions

VA Gift Shop (Christmas)	1,100.00
Salvation Army Food Collections	540.00
Vista Del Camino (Christmas)	564.00
USO Care Packages	500.00
Breast Cancer Donation	170.00
“Room for Joy” (Terminally ill children)	200.00
Salvation Army “Back to School”	200.00
Creative Arts Veteran Program	400.00
Chaparral High School	100.00
American Flag Program	790.00
Girls State Summer Program	1,250.00
National Cemetery Carillon	1,000.00
Presidents Special Project - Homeless	1,147.00
Victory Place (Homeless Vets)	5,000.00
<b>Total Monies Donated:</b>	<b>\$12,961.00</b>

**Plus over 1000 Hours of charity donated by members**

### 2007 St. Patrick's Day

