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## A. L. Talks

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### Commander, Norm McLeod

With this issue, of "A. L. Talks", we restart our monthly publication of newsletters. The hot weather isn't finished with us, yet; but the summer is almost over. Many of our members and friends will be returning to the valley and visiting Post #44. We look forward to greeting them and together enjoying the beautiful months ahead.

1) At the August general meeting, someone said it would be a good idea to promote, in the newsletter, the use of the "Suggestion Box". As you come in, it is on your left mounted over the display case or on your right, as you leave. Maybe you are more likely to have a suggestion, on your way out. Compliments are gratefully accepted, also.

2) The World War II memorial will be dedicated, in Washington, D. C., on May 29th, 2004. Sipe-Peterson Post #44 will be represented by Frank Benham and Bob Turner. Both have asked that we tell anyone else that may be thinking about attending these ceremonies to get their plans made NOW. They say that hotel space and seats on planes are going fast.

3) Presidential Memorial Certificates, signed by the President of the U.S., are available to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans. Requests for a PMC may be made, in person, at any VA regional office or by mail: Memorial Programs Service (403A), National Cemetery Administration, U. S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, D. C. 20420.

Hope to see you at our next general meeting, on Thursday, October 23rd, at 1900 hrs (7:00 PM)

### EUCHRE, Warren and June Moyer

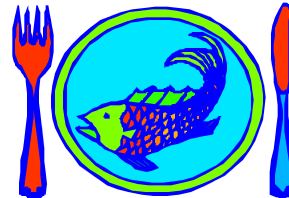
Our September tournament produced a fine group of Euchre Players - More than half had scores in the 70's. Our next tournament will be Saturday, Oct 11th 2003 at the Elks starting at 1:00 AM.

## EARLY BIRD DINNER

November 10, 2003

5:00 PM

Pay your 2004 dues before November 10  
and enjoy your FREE  
"Early Bird Dinner" on us!



## Halloween Saturday

### October 31, 2003

Full Buffet w/ carving station

(no Fish Fry)

Huge Salad Bar

Dinner - 5:00 - 8:00 - \$8.00

Prizes for Best Costume,  
Best Couple and  
Most Pathetic Attempt  
Judging at 8:00 - must be  
present to Win.

Come Trick or Drinking at  
the Post!



## **Auxiliary Report - President Myra Anderson**

Unit 44 is having great response in our membership renewals with over 50% of the 2004 renewals in to date as well as some wonderful new members. Thanks to you all! Hopefully the coming cooler weather will see more of you at our meetings and activities. We welcome all members, including those of you who are unable to take part in the activities but do need participation from more of you who are able. This is a great organization with some very commendable purposes and goals and perhaps the largest women's organization in the world. Please help us fulfill our commitments.

Only a few have signed up to attend Fall Conference in Lake Havasu on Nov. 1-2 but there is still time to preregister and ...its never to late to register 'at the door' for only \$8.00 (\$2 more). This is the annual event to learn about all of the Auxiliary goals and programs. It's extremely informative...and FUN!

We are proud to announce that our Unit won 3 National Awards at National Convention in St. Louis in addition to the 10 Department Awards won at the State Convention. Most of these have been won by our Juniors,...in the areas of Americanism and service to Veterans and Community. Congratulations! Many of you may not be aware of the numerous opportunities and scholarships available to girls who have taken part in the Junior Auxiliary. If you have daughters or granddaughters, check into the benefits...they need not live here.

Don't forget we need volunteers to help with the Reach Out With Music Program at the AZ Veterans Home the 2nd Monday each month. Also, with social events picking up, there is a need for help at Post functions such as Friday Fish Frys, etc. And, mark your calendars to come to a Big Event we have coming up on Sunday, Nov. 16 at the Post!! More about that soon!

## **Auxiliary Music Program: Carol Clark, Chairman**

"Sports" were the August themes at the Arizona State Veteran's Home and the Auxiliary tried to help by donating games & exercise balls. We put 30 Tic-Tac-Toe games, 30 decks of large print playing cards and 30 tension exercise balls on a cart and each of the 25 attendees chose what they wanted. The remaining goodies will be brought to the wards, so all can share in the freebies. Helena Shoup from the Auxiliary and Larry Joiner from the Post assisted this month.

We've added a special recognition to those Residents using a microphone to sing, for those exhibiting a new physical or mental ability, for those reaching out to our program for the first time. This recognition takes the form of an Olympic-type medal, with "Reach Out With Music" on one side and a laurel wreath & flame on the other.

September brought our Luau party for the Residents and we all had a great time. We handed out Hawaiian baseball caps & leis to the Veterans and donated 20 maracas to the Home. John Kirkpatrick was at the piano & Larry Joiner from the Post helped out.

It was my honor to give Lt. General Robert Smith, U.S.A.F., Ret., one of our medals for his faithful attendance to "Reach Out With Music". General Smith enjoys visitors and is someone I hope you can meet.

We need more volunteers and hope you'll join us the 2nd Monday of each month. We leave Post 44's driveway at 0900 sharp, or you can meet us at the Arizona State Veteran's Home, located at 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, at 0940. The Post has been very generous by providing a free lunch to those participating in the "Reach Out With Music" program.



### **OKTOBERFEST**

**Saturday, October 4, 2003**

**5:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Sour Brauten w/Potato Pancakes**

**Brautwurst w/SourKraut**

**\$8.00**

**Music in the Big Hall - 6:30 - 9:30**



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**

<b>Oct.</b>	4	Oktoberfest	5:00 - 8:00 PM (See Ad)
	6	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	9	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	11	Euchre Tourney	1:00 PM (@ Elks)
	13	Music Group to Vets Nursing Home	9:00 AM (Meet @ Post)
	16	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 PM
	20	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	23	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM
	31	Halloween Party - Buffet	5:00 - 8:00 PM (No Fish Fry)
<b>Nov.</b>	10	Early Bird Dinner	5:00 PM (If 04 Dues are Paid) *

\* **You must have paid your dues to Post 44 and have a 2004 card for the Free "Early Bird Dinner."**

**Note from Tina - Reservations: Please make reservations for Special Functions. We need to control our costs and the easiest way is to know how many to cook/staff for. 480-941-9053**

**SALE - Post 44 Jackets and Shirts - 20% off (limited number of sizes available)**

<b>Reoccurring Menu for October</b>		
<b><u>Lunch</u> - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM</b>		
<b>Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 &amp; Up - Daily Specials</b>		
<b><u>Dinners</u> Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Breakfast</u> - 10:00 - 1:00 pm</b>	from \$2.50
	(Bloody Mary \$1.00)	
	Trivia Games 3:00 PM	
<b>Monday</b>	Ethnic	\$5.00
	(Glass of Beer .50 cents - 5:00 - 10:00)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Top Sirloin Steak & 2 other Entree	\$6.50
<b>Wednesday</b>	Filet plus 2 other Entree	\$8.00
<b>Thursday</b>	Chef's Choice	\$5.00
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fry - & other Entrees	
	Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
<b>Saturday</b>	Prime Rib	\$9.00
	(Plus 2 other Entrees)	

*Members & Their Guests Welcome!*


**Hours: Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat - 10 AM - 10 PM      Sunday - 10 AM - 6 PM      Monday - 10 AM - 8 PM**

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**Knights of Columbus**  
Fr. Novatus Council, #4426  
Meeting - 2nd Wednesday each month  
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Dinner at 6:30 PM - Meeting after dinner.  
Assembly  
3rd Wednesday each month  
St. Daniel the Prophet Church