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Commander, Jerry Lennemann

We had a house cleaning party the week of the 13th of July. Washed walls, cleaned the ceiling tile, air conditioner vents, touched up paint, had the carpet and floors cleaned etc. I would like to thank everyone who helped. I would name them but I would probably miss someone as I wasn't there all the time, so thanks again to all that helped. Great job and the Post looks a lot better.

The Auxiliary is getting Post 44 a lot of publicity for their "Reach Out With Music program at the Arizona State Veterans' Home. This committee is chaired by Carol Clark. There was a full page article in this months "Arizona Legionnaire". We also received a letter of thanks from them that is posted on the bulletin board. A big thanks to the Auxiliary and all who participated. See the article in this newsletter by Carol Clark for more details.

Fall is coming up fast and we have some great things lined up for our members in September and October. We are having a Harvest Fest on September 3rd, another big event is the Octoberfest and I'm not going to tell you which month that is in. See article in this newsletter for more information on the upcoming events.



Euchre News - Warren Moyer & June

The transmitter and receiver were working again because the local card sharks -- Dick N & Ken T - took top honors at the Elks August 11th. Rich & Toni came in 2nd and a playoff ensued for 3rd between Soozie & Joyce and Lum & Warren. Accordingly, as L&W say, skill overcame luck and they took 3rd!! Thanks to the Elks for setting up the room so nicely where it was very cool, too. September's tourney will be at the Legion on the 8th. 1:00 pm start time, as usual. **See you there!!!**

Bob Smith - Jr. Vice

The Post is very proud of Carole Clark for the recognition she has received from the Arizona Home for Veterans. The home thanked her for the many things she has done for them. Most impressive is the group of singers and piano player she leads to the home monthly for the patient "Sings". The Post also thanks you Carole.

A "*special thanks*" to JoAnn Galata for the donation of a new micro-wave oven.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Labor Day September 3rd

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Barbecued Beef or Pork Cutlet Sandwich
or 1/2 lb Hamburger

Cole Slaw or Potato Salad

Fresh Arizona Sweet Corn on the Cob

Entertainment and Dancing

Music by Marland Zimmermann Trio

From 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Only \$6.00

Club News - Bob Smith - Bill Clark

The week of August 14th was spent painting and cleaning the Post rooms and furniture.

Thank you for your patience.

Bob Turner - Sr. Vice

Thanks to you members who have already paid your 2002 dues. If you haven't got around to it yet, we will appreciate prompt payment. We are trying to meet our goal this year. Also ask your eligible friends and neighbors to join. We will need everyones help to meet our goal.

Auxiliary News - President Anne Stirling

I would like to thank EVERYONE who attended, helped, and donated to this year's Christmas in July. This event provides the necessary funds to send our 18 delegates to Girl's State. Hopefully everyone had a great time!

At the 2000-2001 Department of Arizona Convention, the Auxiliary elected PattyJo Marlow as our new Department President. At this convention Unit 44 won seven first place awards and 11 total awards. We received plaques for five of these awards: The Barbara Frieda Junior Involvement Award, the Kitchen Junior Activities Award, and the Elizabeth Ann Brown-Paxson Americanism Award. Our Junior members won all three of these awards for the second year in a row.

Unit 44 is honored to have two prestigious awards given to two of our members: Myra Anderson was selected as Arizona's Active Past President and received a plaque sponsored by Unit 35's Past President's Parley. Unit 44 realizes how important Myra is to our Unit, and it is good to know that the Department of Arizona agrees with us. Ronni Stirling was selected as Arizona's Junior Member of the Year and won the Jarvis Junior Member of the Year award and plaque--way to go ladies. Next time you see either of these two great ladies please congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Our sixth award was a certificate for being selected to represent Arizona for a Western Division Americanism award. This award is for the Junior group with the most outstanding all-around Americanism program. Each year the National Americanism Chairman promotes an essay contest to increase Americanism. The title of this year's essay contest was "Why I Thank Veterans For My Freedom". Ronni Stirling was Unit 44's entry, and our seventh award was her essay being selected by the Department of Arizona to represent Arizona at the National level.

Our Unit was also runner up for the best Music program award. Carol Clark has done (is doing) a great job as our Music Chairman. If we continue to support her this year, perhaps we will bring home a new plaque next June. No plaque was awarded for the Department President's Special project (in case any of you don't remember it was 'Breast Cancer Awareness'): However, two Units received special recognition. Thanks to Sue Fay and all the work she did promoting this project, Unit 44 was one of these Units. We received a certificate of appreciation for reaching our membership goals; Thank you Myra and all of our members for their membership. We also received a certificate of appreciation for Junior involvement in our Community Service projects.

I would like to thank the Post 44 family and all the members who have supported our various fundraisers and activities. Without your support we would not be able to work the Auxiliary programs. If you would like to read any of these reports or Ronni's winning essay, please contact me. Although informing you of all of these awards takes up a lot of space in this newsletter, I believe it is important to let our members know that we are here to actively participate in our Auxiliary programs. (con't)

The Department President's special project this year is "Year Round Military Mail Call". Look for more information on this in our next newsletter.

Remember our general meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. We hope to see more new faces this year.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

By Carol Clark

Since the Fourth of July fell on Wednesday this year, we had 2 weekends in which to celebrate our Nation's Independence. I was in San Diego for the first weekend and in heaven for the second, or so it seemed. The Music Room was filled and members who normally sit in the bar area, moved as close as they could to hear some great music. As per usual, John Kirkpatrick presided at the piano; Rex Nichols joined in on his harmonica; Connie & Hal Fox, 'The Banjo Sweethearts', had the entire audience's attention; and new member, Bob Plum, blew a mean clarinet to round out the entertainment.

Member Bert Gilbert brought Georgia, his bride of 3 weeks, down from Prescott and were treated to a concert.

Auxiliary News - **Carol Clark, Music Chairman**

A heart-felt 'thank you' to our volunteers; Sue Fay, Mickey Lolwing, Lanie Cason, Pryor Magnussen, Sue Faye and new member Helena Shoup from the Auxiliary; Mike Joiner from S.A.L.; Jerry Henson, Al Lolwing, and Bert Gilbert from the Post, who joined John Kirkpatrick and me at the Arizona State Veterans' Home for the Auxiliary's "Reach Out With Music" program. Bert and his bride, Georgia, come down from Prescott each month to participate!

This month I'd like to share the story of a veteran who attends our program each month. He loves to sing and on a regular basis uses the remote microphone to lead songs. "D" said he was too sad to join us, his brother died the previous week, it was the anniversary of his mother's death and he was recently fitted with a catheter. I said, "But this is why we're here, to be of help, to be a friend, to bring some joy. Wearing a catheter won't keep you from being with your friends, will it?" "No", he replied, and followed me into Liberty Hall. By the time our session was over, not only had he sung & led some songs, he was smiling and said, "Thank God your group cares." "D" is turning 60 years old this month and has been hospitalized for 36 of those years.

September Menu

Reoccurring Menu for September Dinners Served from 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Sunday	Breakfast - 11:00 - 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	Lake Perch or Roast Pork & Dressing	\$6.00
Thursday	Filet Mignon & 2 other Entrees	\$8.00
Friday	Fish Fry & Large Salad Bar	\$7.00
Saturday	Prime Rib plus 2 other Entrees	\$9.00

Come Join Us !!

Lunch - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday through Saturday - \$3.50 & Up - Daily Specials

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept.	3	Harvest Festival	11:00 - 5:00 (See Ad)
	3	SAL Squadron Meeting	6:00 PM
	3	Aux E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	6	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
	7	Octoberfest	2:00 - 6:00 PM (See Ad)
	13	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	17	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
	20	Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 MP
	20	Rangers Meeting	7:00 PM
	27	Post General Meeting	7:00 PM

OCTOBERFEST



Sunday - October 7th
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Bratwurst & Saurkraut
or
Sourbrauten & Potato Pancakes
Music by the Zimmermann Trio
\$6.95

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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