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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

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| Fri | Jan 1 | 2:00 – 8:00 PM | New Years Day Football Bowl Games on TV |
| Mon | Jan 4 | 7:00 PM | Squadron 770 Sons of the American Legion Meeting |
| | | 7:00 PM | Snow Club Meeting |
| Tues | Jan 5 | 7:00 PM | Unit 770 Auxiliary Meeting |
| Weds | Jan 6 | 4:00 – 9:00 PM | NEW! Wings Night |
| | | 7:00 PM | Dart League |
| | | 7:00 PM | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Fri | Jan 8 | | Epiphany |
| | | 5:30 –8:00 PM | Steak & Fish Fry Dinner – Public Invited – Jim Heroux’s Crew |
| Sat | Jan 9 | TBA | Snowmobile Safety Course at our Post – Check Newspaper Ads |
| | | TBA | 6 th District Oratorical Contest at Oxford High School |
| Sun | Jan 10 | 1:00 PM | 6 th District Winter Meeting at Post 465 in Homer |
| Mon | Jan 11 | 7:30 PM | Post 770 American Legion Meeting |
| Weds | Jan 13 | Noon | Senior Citizens Birthday Luncheon |
| | | 4:00 – 9:00 PM | Wing Night |
| Sat | Jan 16 | 4:00 PM - ? | Wedding Reception |
| Mon | Jan 18 | FLAG | Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - Observed |
| Weds | Jan 20 | 7:00 PM | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| | | 4:00 – 9:00 PM | Wing Night |
| Thurs | Jan 21 | 5:30 – 8:00 PM | Auxiliary Dinner – Public Invited |
| Fri–Sun | Jan 22-24 | TBA | Department Midwinter Conference at Albany |
| Sat | Jan 23 | TBA | Birthday Party in the Banquet Room |
| Sun | Jan 24 | 7:30 – 11:00 AM | Breakfast – Public Invited |
| Mon | Jan 25 | 7:30 PM | Post 770 American Legion Meeting |
| Weds | Jan 27 | Noon | Senior Citizen’s Dish To Pass Luncheon |
| | | 4:00 – 9:00 PM | Wing Night |

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Access To The Bar: Because of increased traffic access to the kitchen by way of the bar, this entryway will be closed except by permission of the bartender. The kitchen door entryway is to be locked and may only be accessed by knocking on the door. Likewise the bar extender is to be kept down and may only be opened with the bartenders permission.

Wing Night: We are trying something new on Wednesday evenings from 4- 9:00 PM to accompany Dart League night. We will try it every Wednesday night to see how well it does. 25 cent wings sounds like a deal.

Increase in Breakfast Price: We are adding 50 cents on to the cost of our all-you-can-eat breakfasts to help cover the sales tax we must pay adding on to our costs.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Taps: Kenneth W, Murray: passed away peacefully at home on December 2, 2009. During the Koran War he served in the US Marine Corps. Ken and his brother-in-law, Don Stevens, were owners and proprietors of Stevens and Murray Service Station in Ithaca. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion Post 770. Ken was preceded in death by his wife Ruth in 1993, two brothers, Robert and Donald and a sister Kathleen Stevens. He was survived by three children, Carol Meguivern, Ken, and Ted. Following calling hours and internment the family held a reception at the Post.

Pamela F, Lebaron: passed away at Cayuga Medical Center on December 6, 2009. She graduated from Ithaca High School in 1972 and two weeks after graduation joined the US Army. While serving in the Army, Pam was able to travel the world and even had the opportunity to bowl in a tournament in Greece. She was honorably discharged on December 5, 1979. Pam worked at the Briar Patch Veterinary for many years. She is survived by her partner of 26 years, a niece, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was a member of Post 770.

POST NEWS

As the Christmas season approaches there seems to be more activities going on especially in the food department. First on the list of events is the decorating the Post has undergone to put us in the holiday mood. I don't know everyone involved in making our Post look like Rockefeller Center in NYC, but they sure did a fantastic job. The Post has never looked more festive. We thank all of those who were involved. ...Starting with the Winter Festival smorgasbord, Tom Bennett and crew says that with a nice turnout all went well. Don Smith's crew informs us they served 96 dinners at the December Fish Fry. It seems the weather was not too cooperative and a lot of banquets and party's are getting underway. A prime rib dinner with all the trimmings was served to 85 for the HOGS Motorcycle Club Christmas Party. Thanks to Jim, Rene and Jamie Heroux, Phil and Nan Colvin, Brady Roach, Al Richar, John and Angie Adams and Gordy Veley for hosting the club. We were told they were very satisfied with the dinner and facilities. The Senior Citizen's Christmas luncheon was attended by 84 of the nicest folks on earth. A pot roast dinner was prepared and served by Karl, Robbie, Roberta, Brady, Mary, Jim, Zach, and George. These dinners are in addition to others such as Doug Austic's Retirement party, Hi-Way Department dinner, etc., which we have no information as yet. We also donated our facility to put out bowls of chili that were dispensed by the Model United Nations Club. ...Last time we checked the bulletin board it appeared that all of the Salvation Army Bell ringing slots were filled in. Thanks to all who rang the bells for this very worthwhile cause. I bet a lot of kids and grandkids enjoyed it too...

Kids Christmas Party: Twas about two weeks before Christmas when all thru the Legion banquet room there was an aroma of pizza donated by Shursave, Ron Don's & Little Venice. Dips and chips, chocolate, Christmas cookies & punch rounded out the feast. More than enough to satisfy the hunger of Moms & Dads, Grandparents & 57 kids ranging from infant to 10 years of age. The kids were occupied with cartoons on TV or with a reindeer that had an uncanny resemblance to Leigh Durand at the "hands on activity table. The day was cheery and pleasant when it was interrupted by the wail of a fire truck siren. We knew in a moment it must be St. Nick because there was not enough snow for a sled to be pulled by reindeer. In thru the entryway came a jolly old man dressed all in red with a long white beard. I knew I had seen Santa, although he did resemble our Veterinarian Doc Orzeck. I thought there were no sick reindeer here and the one at the activity table looked pretty healthy to me. As Theresa cleared a path for Santa to reach the tree, surrounded by gifts, I realized my suspicions were correct. It was indeed Doc Orzeck.



Aided by several elves, Santa passed out presents one by one to the children whose names appeared on the presents. People were snapping pictures to record the occasion but we noticed one little boy who strongly resembled my two year old grandson, Quinn, who enjoyed his comfy position next to Santa and the tree. It wasn't until his name was called that

he made his way to a table to play with his present. I apologize to all the picture taking parents for his unsolicited presence in your pictures. Santa finally reached the bottom of his bag of toys and the festivities wound down. We all know what its involved shopping for several family gifts so we take our hats off to the Auxiliary gals who not only purchased the gifts but wrapped them as well. We should give a great pat on the back to our chair people, Martie & Dawn Smith, Nan Colvin & the countless Auxiliary gals we saw putting out food, decorating, helping with the children, & cleaning up. It was one of the best kids Christmas parties I have attended, although I say that every year. They are all spectacular. Oh yes, Thanks to Santa Elves that helped in so many ways. ...Gordie Veley has resigned from the Board of Trustees because of extenuating circumstances. His term expires in May. The Commander may select a replacement serve in the interim. ...One of our members, George Overbaugh suggested at our December meeting that he wished something could be done by our Post for a Veteran friend of his who just returned from Iraq with monetary issues facing his family of wife and 6 children. Some suggestions were made at our meeting and are now under discussion. We wish to include the entire Legion family: Auxiliary and SAL in dealing with this crisis. Any suggestions? ...The membership made monetary donations to contribution of choices of the families of deceased members John Gregrow and Kenneth Murray. ...A thought just crossed our minds. Don't believe all the dates and events you read in the calendar. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday we were unable to get our newsletter addressed and back from Mailbox where it was printed, addressed, and made ready for pickup in record time, not much before the beginning of December. We were surprised at the outset that a band had been hired to replace the "jukebox" in the lounge. Not a bad idea however our first knowledge of this change was when it was read as an advertisement in the Pennysaver. The moral of the story is that although we try our best to provide what we think is the best entertainment it takes time and it's difficult to keep all informed. Check your times and dates in more than one place.

MEMBERSHIP

As we end 2009 and begin a new decade with 2010 our membership continues to creep slowly from 288 to 310, still 67 short of our assigned goal. This is still within our reach if we latch on to an increasing number of those currently serving in our armed forces and those who have been with us but just need further reminding. Let's all give our best and collar some re-ups and sign-ups. Let us remind our members to advise us of any address changes you make, especially if you winter somewhere else and wish to continue to receive your newsletter and any other important information. It only takes a moment to let us know and it allows us to keep track of you throughout the changing seasons. Welcome new member Gary J. Fowler. It is nice to have you with us.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Membership is now up to 132. Let's keep them coming. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped decorated the Post for Christmas. A very nice job! We had 56 kids at our Auxiliary Kid's Christmas Party this year. We thank all who helped make the party a success and to Dr. Orzeck for being our Santa this year. Thank you also to the following restaurants for donating pizza's and goodies: Ron Don's, Little Venice, Byrne Dairy and Shursave. The next Auxiliary dinner is January 21st. We would like to thank all of the bell ringers this year for the Salvation Army. We hear Trumansburg is a very giving community. Our next meeting is January 5th. Happy Holidays!!
Submitted, Marge Bennett

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

OOPs. Last month we forgot to thank all those Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members that helped set up for the Field of Flags Ceremony to benefit the Sampson's Veterans Cemetery. Thanks also to our Firing Squad for participating in the opening ceremonies. It may have been last minute, but we managed a great collection of health and wellness items for our troops in the war zones through Operation We Care. Operation We Care is run by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Finger Lakes Chapter 377. Thanks to Pete Mahoney for doing most of the leg work. Thanks also to Sure-Save, Kinney Drugs, T'Burg Video, and all those individuals for such gracious donations. I'm sure we passed along a little Christmas cheer to the men and women fighting for our freedom. Lastly, thanks to George Richardson for donating postage. Membership is currently 49. Pretty good for this point in time. Our next meeting is Monday, January 4th at 7PM.....Brady

DID YOU KNOW?

What's going on at Post 770?

Bar Hours: Open every day at 2:00 PM Closing Hours: Mon – Thurs -10:00 PM, Fri & Sat – 11:00 PM, Sun – 8:00 PM
These hours are subject to change when certain scheduled events make it necessary.

Meetings: American Legion Meeting: 7:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
Auxiliary Meeting: 7:00 PM on the 1st Tuesday of the month
SAL Meeting: 7:00 PM on the 1st Monday of the month
Board of Trustees Meeting: 7:00 PM on the Weds preceding the American Legion Meetings
County American Legion Meeting: 1st Monday of the month

Food Events: Steak & Fish Fry Dinners: 5:30 - 8:00 PM on the 2nd Friday of the month, except during Lent when it is every Friday.

Auxiliary Dinners: 5:30 – 8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month

Breakfasts: 7:30 – 11:00 AM on the 4th Sunday of the month

Wing Nights: 4:00 – 9:00 PM Every Wednesday

Community Events: Senior Citizen's Luncheons: held at Noon on 2 Wednesdays each month
Blood Mobile on various monthly dates
Snowmobile Club Meetings: 7:00 PM on 1st & 3rd Mondays Oct – May
Rotary Club Meeting: 7:00 PM Every Thursday
Lions Club Meeting: 7:00 PM twice a month