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# FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

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## FEBRUARY MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting . . . . . February 6 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Auxiliary Meeting . . . February 13 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Legion Meeting . . . . . February 14 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Legion Riders . . . . . February 26 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Boy Scouts . . . . . Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

## FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

WOW, the club room has come along just great. That's because of a lot of factors. You, the membership, have been very responsive to changes and providing great ideas. Also the club room committee and staff providing those changes and working hard to reinvent the wheel.

HELP – the Adjutant, 1st Vice, and Sgt. at Arms have all resigned due to various reasons. I'm looking for Legionnaires to step up to the plate and fill these positions.

Yes, I need the help; no, I and a few can't do it all. Please let me know if you're willing to help.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, *Commander, Post 179*



## IT'S SIMPLE!

If your 2017 dues have not been paid,  
you are no longer a member.

Don't let yourself down – Renew your dues now!

## FROM THE CLUBROOM COMMITTEE . . .

Happy February, everyone! Thanks for your support in YOUR clubroom. Let's keep it going with new events, new bands & new suggestions to keep us focusing forward. Check out the February 2017 calendar for our specials and events. The more events we have allows us to post other activities which keeps people coming back.

We have made some changes to the team member schedules in order to balance the work load. If you have any questions about this, please talk to Jena or I. We will try to schedule in a way that makes it fair for everyone and assure our best performance in the clubroom.

Once again – I cannot thank you enough for your continued support. We hope you enjoy our service to you!

Glenn Dys, *Clubroom Committee Chairman*

## BINGO WORKERS NEEDED

The Auxiliary is looking for workers for our Tuesday and Friday Bingos. Hours are approximately 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Mary Showers (560-7781).

## FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello Everyone:

Chris Merlington, our 5th District President, was at our January meeting. It was an honor to have her here. She reminded us that our unit is doing wonderful things with our community, Legion family and VA&R. Thanks, Chris, for attending, with your busy schedule.

We will be hosting a Leadership Workshop on February 4 from 9:00-3:00. This is a tremendous opportunity to learn about the Auxiliary and all our programs. The cost is \$6.00 for the lunch. If you are interested, please call me at 616-723-2398.

The Auxiliary thanks all of our members who have paid their 2017 dues. Just a reminder – if you pay your dues in the clubroom, please fill out the information on the envelope. If you pay cash, make sure you get a receipt from the bartender and make sure you put the envelope in the Auxiliary mailbox. The mailbox is located near the pool table and is the bottom mailbox of the three. Our name is on the mailbox and if you are not sure, please ask the bartender which one it is. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Another reminder – if you are a mother or grandmother who has a child or grandchild in the active military, we would love to give you a Blue Star banner to display in your window. Please call me at 616-723-2398 if you would like a banner.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Debbie Weatherbee, *President, Auxiliary Unit 179*

**CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 8 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: Noon to Midnight**

## FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER . . .

Happy Valentine's Day! Seems like the holidays were just yesterday. The older I get the more that happens. Hope your holidays were great and Valentine's Day with your favorite gal or guy is the best yet. Consider this your reminder, guys, to plan ahead this Valentine's Day like the military taught us. This is also a reminder that Post Service Hours are scheduled before the monthly Legion meetings. Turnout has been very light and will be discontinued if not needed. The recent MI Legionnaire magazine had a notice of agreement between the VA and Walgreen to provide free flu shots to veterans. I tried the service to see how it worked and can say it was one of the best experiences I have had using VA paid for civilian medical care.

Lois Parker, *Veterans Service Officer, American Legion Post 179*

**Come play Bingo and support our Auxiliary**

**TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS**

**Sales start at 9:30 a.m., play starts at 10:30**

**~ Proceeds go towards helping our Veterans ~**



## FEBRUARY 2017 CALENDAR

### DAILY SPECIALS

**Sundays:** 16 oz. beer \$2.50

**Sunday, February 12:** Great Lakes Reptile Show  
10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

**Mondays:** Regular Hot Dogs \$1.00, / Jumbo Hot Dogs or  
Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

**Tuesdays:** Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Philly Cheese Steak \$4.00/  
Canned Beer \$1.75 / Free Pool

**Wednesdays:** Turkey Reuben \$4.00 / Well Drinks \$2.00  
Noon 'til 6 p.m. / **Karaoke with George Gregory 7-11 p.m.**

**Thursdays:** Small Burrito \$5.50 / Large Burrito \$6.50 /  
Hard or Soft Tacos \$2.00

**Fridays:** Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Chicken Strips with Fries  
\$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a  
red shirt to support our troops

**Friday, February 3:** The Rooster & Daily Show 7-11 p.m.  
(Country & Rock-N-Roll)

**Friday, February 17:** The Guinness Brothers Band 7-11 p.m.  
(Open to the Public)

**Saturday, February 4:** Auxiliary Leadership Workshop,  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Saturday, February 11:** Pair-A-Dice Valentine's Day  
Fundraiser 6-11 p.m., \$20 per person

**Saturday, February 18:** Coin Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Saturday, February 25:** Bottle Club Show

### HAPPY HOUR 3-6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY!

*Happy Hour is real time, not bar time*

**\$5.00 Pitchers / \$2.00 Well Shot & Pop /**

**\$2.00 Glass of Wine / \$2.00 16 oz. Miller Lite, 16 oz.**

**Coors, 16 oz. Coors Light, 16 oz. Bud & 16 oz. Bud Light**

## SAVE THE DATE . . .

### March

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Fish Fry & Team Trivia

11 – Coin Show

12 – Great Lakes Reptile Show 10-3p, \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

### April

7 & 14 - Fish Fry

9 – Great Lakes Reptile Show 10-3p, \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

15 – Spring Craft & Vendor Show

16 – Closed for Easter

### May

13 – Coin Show 9a – 3p

6 pak 7p – 11p (Open to the Public)

### June

3 – Riders Fundraiser (Open to the Public)

11 – Great Lakes Reptile show

17 – Coin Show

24 – Stamp Show

### August

12 – Post Picnic

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

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[www.americanlegionpost179.com](http://www.americanlegionpost179.com).

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## FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

Mark your calendar – the Annual Post 179 Fish Fry begins Friday, March 3, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. All you can eat – Alaskan Pollock or Smelt or single trip Chicken Tenders, with French fries, coleslaw and dinner roll, all at the same price as last year – \$9.00 for adults, children under 12 \$4.50, and children under 5 are free. Fish Fry runs every Friday, beginning March 3 and ending on Good Friday, April 14.

We will be having a Fish Fry Volunteer meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 2 P.M. for all and any returning and New volunteers. We can use your help on Wednesday mornings to help lay out the fish for Friday evening and of course we can use volunteers on Friday evening while we are serving the fish. Stop on by and find out more about Fish Fry.

Have you completed your Membership Renewal for 2017? If not you are not a registered member for 2017. Get your renewal completed soon so you do not miss out on the fun.

February meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 2017, the day after Super Bowl. The March meeting will be held Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

**Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179**

## GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Auxiliary's marquee Girls State program, first presented in 1937, is one of the most respected and coveted experiential learning programs presented in the United States. Girls State is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship.

Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is held at Shaw Hall at Michigan State University campus in Lansing, Michigan on June 18-24, 2017. At American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, high school female students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected to participate in a seven-day mock government program where they learn about civics and American government in a fast-paced, interactive program of campaigning, debating, voting, and electing mock local and state leaders.

If you know of any student who would benefit from this exciting opportunity, I have applications, or if you have any questions about Girls State, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Sheila Manning, Girls State Chair**  
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## GIRL SCOUT GAZETTE . . .

It's COOKIE TIME!!!!

It's that time of year again, and the Legion #179 Girl Scouts are taking orders for cookies. To support the girls, place your order via e-mail to [GSTroop4161@gmail.com](mailto:GSTroop4161@gmail.com) or call 616.755.8818. The cookies are \$4 a box for your favorites – including thin mints, tagalongs, samoas (coconut), trefoil (shortbread), do-si-dos (peanut butter sandwich cookies), and savannah smiles (lemon). For \$5 a box, you can try the new Smore's cookie, or the gluten free toffee-tastic! If you would prefer to browse yourself, contact us for booth locations that will be happening during the month of February. The profits the girls make go to help them purchase supplies, go on outings, and for us leaders to buy patches when they earn them. Please consider purchasing some cookies to support this smart and ambitious group of 5th grade ladies!

We will arrange a time to meet you at Post 179, and money is due when you get your cookies.

Thanks so much!

**Minda Floyd-Schoutens, Leader, Troop #4161**