

AVVA Newsletter October 2024

Our October 10th AVVA membership meeting will be at Alpha Coney at noon. Please arrive by 11:45 and enjoy our luncheon meeting. If you are in the Ann Arbor area, please plan to attend.

We have a new member, Sally Nimitz from Dexter, MI. Sally joined at our September meeting. Sally volunteered at the Pig Roast.

Tim delivered the socks we collected to Bob Bull at VVA 310 September meeting. Thank you to all members, who donated socks.

Tim delivered the four Service emblem blanket throws to April LaRock at Fisher House Michigan Ann Arbor. We donated one of each for US Air Force, US Army, US Marines and US Navy. Our in-kind donation total was \$205.

April La Rock accepting our US Army Blanket Throw.

Membership

We have 38 members. This includes Sally Nimitz and Wendy Hibitts' renewal. AVVA has changed their membership dues. There is no longer a 3-year membership.

https://www.avva.org/forms/membership/new_memberapp_2022.pdf

1 Year \$20

Lifetime membership \$100*

*There is a Lifetime Membership payment plan of \$25 down / \$25 monthly until paid in full

VVA Dual membership \$50

If you are a VVA 310 member, you are welcome to become one of our dual members. To date Marty, Cothorn, Tim Driscoll and Ken Rogge are our dual members.

AVVA 310 Service Projects

- Our members are making knitted stress balls for Fisher House Michigan. If you crochet and would like a copy of the patterns, please let me know. I will have copies of the patterns at our September meeting.
- Our members voted at our August meeting to make care packages to the

Charles S. Kettles VA.

Requested Comfort Items for Women Care Package:

Combs, brushes, razors, undergarments, deodorant, lotion etc.

AVVA 310 Fundraising

- We are still accepting donations to our Annual No Bake Bakeless Fundraiser. Please mail your donation to Kathy Driscoll. Donations are to be made payable to VVA 310 with “No Bake” on the memo line. This is our main fundraiser, which funds our chapter. To date we have received \$240. Thank you to everyone, who donated.
- Linda Colby our newest member, is making Pocket Prayer Quilt blocks. I will have them at our September 12th meeting.
- Stan Harrison has the Wrist Story Bracelets. Suggested donation is \$5. Please contact Stan, if you would like one. Proceeds go to Fisher House Michigan Ann Arbor. There are 28 left. Berryman deposited \$20 to the AVVA 310 specified line.

VISTA Report

Please email me your VISTA hours. If you assisted our chapter at the Memorial and VA Hospital visits, I need to report them to AVVA VISTA chairman. I passed out VISTA forms at our September meeting.

Chapter Happenings!

Service Projects

- Please consider donating food to your local community food banks. Our communities still have families who are food insecure due to economic circumstances. Especially now that school is out.

Links to local Food Banks:

Saline Social Services:

<https://www.salinesocialservice.com/ways-to-give/donate/>

Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor:

<https://www.foodgatherers.org/?module=Page&sID=donate-funds>

SOS Community Services Ypsilanti, MI:

<https://soscs.org/ways-to-give/>

Catholic Social Services

<https://csswashtenaw.org/family-children/cssw-food-pantry/>

Google Search for Food Banks in Washtenaw County:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=washtenaw+county+food+banks>

Lois Perrault Memorial Fund –

The fund balance is \$1,913.25.

AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News

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Meni and I attended the September 16th meeting at the Saline American Legion Post 322. I plan to attend the October 21st meeting.

Next Meeting

Our October 10th meeting will be at noon pm at the Alpha Coney Restaurant. Please enjoy us for a luncheon meeting.

Keep up to date with our chapter: All AVVA and VVA 310 events are posted on our chapter's webpage, www.vva310.org in the VVA News Flash section on the right column on the homepage.

AVVA Charles S. Kettles Chapter 310 proudly supports the AVVA Mission and Vision Statements.

AVVA Mission Statement:

To provide support to Veterans and their families through programs, projects, and education.

AVVA Vision Statement:

To Create a better everyday life for Veterans and their families.

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