

AVVA Newsletter September 2024

Our September 12th 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.

Our August meeting was at the VFW at 6 pm and there was no increase in member attendance.

The Veteran Service Dogs organization did not attend, and we have rescinded our \$700 donation. Berryman has voided our donation check and reversed the \$700.

We will discuss more at our September meeting. All future donations will be investigated thoroughly through Michigan LARA and Charity Navigator.

Membership

We have 36 members, 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 assisted at the VVA 310 Pig Roast. Thank you to those, who volunteered.
- 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. I will email our members the donation list from the Charles S. kettles VA Ann Arbor.
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Requested Comfort Items

Combs, brushes, razors, undergarments (men and women), deodorant, 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.



- Berryman Bourne has the Wrist Story Bracelets. Suggested donation is \$5. Please contact Berryman 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.

Chapter Happenings!

Service Projects

- Bob Bull is collecting socks for Veterans. Please bring a pack of socks to our September meeting. Bob is requesting plain white or black crew socks. Both men and womens.
- Our members are still making Stress Balls for the Ann Arbor Fisher House. If you crochet, please contact me for the pattern. I will have copies at the August meeting.
- 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 – 2022 Girls’ State Update!

The fund balance is \$1,913.25.

AVVA National and AVVA Michigan State Association News

Our AVVA National Leadership Conference is August 20-24th in Reno, NV. I do not plan to attend.

WCCV

I did not attend the August 19th meeting at the Saline American Legion Post 322. I plan to attend the September 16th meeting.

Next Meeting

Our September 12th 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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