

## AVVA Newsletter August 2024

Four members, Kate, Jane, Bonnie, Shirley and I attended our July 11th membership meeting. Steve Hitte and Tim also attended.

**Please note change to August 8<sup>th</sup> AVVA 310 membership meeting!**

**Our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 6 pm at the VFW Post 423.** We will be presenting our \$700 donation to the Veterans Service Dogs Organization. Please plan to arrive by 5:45.

### 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](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**

### AVVA 310 Service Projects

We reached our \$700 goal for the Veteran Service Dog fundraiser. Meni is organizing the presentation to the Veteran Service Dog organization.

### AVVA 310 Fundraising

- I will be sending out our annual “No Bake Bakeless” fundraising appeal letter this month. 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 August 8<sup>th</sup> 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!**

Our members will be volunteering at the Annual VVA 310 Pig Roast. It is Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5 pm. Please contact Meni or Jane to volunteer. Meni is chairing the kitchen details. More information at our August membership meeting.

## **Service Projects**

- Our members are still making Stress Balls for the Ann Arbor Fisher House. 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 20-24<sup>th</sup> in Reno, NV. I do not plan to attend.

### **WCCV**

Meni and I attended the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. I plan to attend the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Saline American Legion Post 322.

### **Next Meeting**

**Our September 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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