

## AVVA 310 Newsletter January 2025

Our January 9th AVVA 310 membership meeting will be at Alpha Coney at noon. Please arrive by 11:45. To clarify, we are meeting for lunch as our members voted to meet at a luncheon meeting. Our members, including me, do not want to drive in the dark. If anyone has another location for lunch, please let me know.

### Membership

We have 38 members, If you would like a Roster List, please contact Kathy.

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

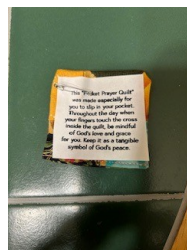
If you are a VVA 310 member, you are welcome to become one of our dual members. To date Marty, Cothorn, Tim Driscoll and Ken Rogge are our dual members.

### AVVA 310 Service Projects

- Women Veteran Gift Bags
- Crochet Stress Balls for Fisher House Ann Arbor. If you crochet and would like the pattern, please let me know. I will have the pattern at our January meeting.
- Comfort items for Fisher House Ann Arbor.
  - Combs, brushes, razors, undergarments (men and women), deodorant, etc.
- Charles S. Kettles Veterans Health System Ann Arbor Requested Comfort Items.
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### AVVA 310 Fundraising

- Our Annual No Bake Bakeless Fundraiser will begin in March 2025. 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. We raised \$305 in 2024.. Thank you to everyone, who donated.
- Linda Colby our newest member, is making Pocket Prayer Quilt blocks. We still have a few. The suggested donation is \$1.



- Meni Draper has the Wrist Story Bracelets. Suggested donation is \$5. Please contact Meni, if you would like one. Proceeds go to Fisher House Michigan Ann Arbor.



### VISTA Report

Please email me your VISTA hours. If you assisted our chapter at the Memorial and VA Hospital visits, that are not VAVS hours,, I need to report them to AVVA VISTA chairman. You can email your hours directly to Kathy Andras at [Kathy.Andras@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathy.Andras@yahoo.com) .

## Chapter Happenings!

### Service Projects

- 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

I did not attend the December meeting. Hopefully I will be able to attend the next meeting in February.

### WCCV

Meni Draper is our Alternate Delegate. Thank you Meni for volunteering, The next meeting is Monday, February 17th at the Saline American Legion.

### Next Meeting

**Our February 13<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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