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Swansea community
Post 2007
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MEMBERSHIP

As of Friday , 21 March 2007, the Department showed this Post as having 126 paid members. At our meeting on March 24, we picked up 5 additional members thru transfers and dues payments which gives us a total of 131. There are still 2013 members who have not paid their 2014 dues. One of these is a Charter Member.

Fair warning. They can expect a friendly knock on their door in in the near future.

BASEBALL

No, we're not talking about the St. Louis Cardinals. Fairview Heights Post 978, has sponsored an American Legion Baseball team for may years. The teams players came, mostly, from Belleville East High School. They have been very successful over the years.

Unfortunately, the Post has fallen on hard times. They have very few active members, and

none of them are interested in taking an office.

Consequently, it has decided to fold and turn in its Charter.

Unfortunately, that leaves their team in limbo. All teams in the Legion Baseball program must have a Post sponsor.

Therefore, Post 978 asked Post 2007 to assume the sponsorship of this team. This we agreed to do, with the understanding that we would not be able to provide much, if any, financial support.

This they understand.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Patrick Pelland was the winner of the March Insurance fund 50/50.

If you are getting this via E-mail Raffle tickets are in Attachment #2, other wise they are enclosed.

Please consider purchasing some.

They are \$1.00 each.

Mail to the address on the letter-head.

Future Meeting Dates

April 28, 2014

May 26, 2014

June 23, 2014

July 28, 2014

August 25, 2014

Sept. 22, 2014

October 27, 2014

Nov. 2014 TBD

Dec. 29, 2014

Jan. 26, 2015

Feb. 23, 2014

Mar. 23, 2015

Meetings held at

Swansea Improvement

Association Hall. 216

Service St.

2014 Poppy Days

- May 17 at the Swansea Schnucks.
- Aug. 16 at the O'Fallon Dierbergs.
- Nov. 1 at the Belleville Wal-Mart.
- Sales Times are from 9 AM until 3 PM.

BOYS STATE

The 2014 session of the Illinois Premier Boys State will be held xx –xx June.

For those who don't know, Boy State originated in Illinois, hence the appellation "Premier". This is a one week program where young men, preferably those between their Junior and Senior grades of high school, are taught how the government of the state of Illinois is supposed to operate.

The program is held at Eastern Illinois University which is located in Charleston Illinois.

The Post generally sponsors one boy and several individuals sponsor boys.

The cost to sponsor a boy is \$250.00. If you would like to sponsor a boy or know of an individual or organization, Contact our Boys State Chairman Clyde Minish @ 618-235-9497 or minish@charter.net or go to the Boys State

SCHOOL AWARDS

The School Award program is designed to recognize outstanding students in the graduating classes of Elementary and High Schools.

This Post presents these awards at the High Mount and Wolf Branch Schools..

Les O'Neal has been running this Program from the start. However, he

has fled the area. He seems to think that Florida has more to offer than our area.

Be that as it may, we would like to have someone step forward and take his place.

Schools will be letting out at the end of May or beginning of June, depending on how they handle their snow days.

There is help available to show how it's done. No one will get hung out to dry.

ELECTIONS

It's getting to the time of year where we have to start thinking about our next Officer elections which will be in May.

All positions are up for grabs.

Your current Officers have held their Positions, for the most part, since day one, and have done great job of guiding the Post to where it is now. The same can be said for our Committee Chairmen.

We also have some Committee's that need a chairman. Why not think about taking a position this year. That is the way you really learn about the American Legion.

MAILINGS

What with postage, printing and supplies, the publication of this newsletter is getting a little expensive (about 65 cents each). It would help considerably if I could e-mail it to those who have e-mail addresses. If you provide me your e-mail address, I would appreciate it.

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