



East Palo Alto Unit #472

American Legion Auxiliary – Department of California

The meeting of East Palo Alto Unit 472 was called to order by **Unit President, Kerry Finley** at 12 pm on Thursday October 12, 2006. The meeting was opened in regular fashion. 16 members registered as present during the meeting.

President, Kerry Finley Thanked Lou and Linda for coordinating the membership luncheon at the District Meeting on October 7th. of which our Unit was the sponsor. The District Roster was also distributed, and if anyone would like a copy, please let Lou or Kerry know and they will email you a copy. Kerry informed us that Susan contacted Blistex and secured a donation of ~75 tubes of lip balm, plus she acquired about the same amount of travel size tubes of toothpaste to send to our troops in care packages. She and Ashlie are working together to coordinate this since such an activity. Kerry reported that the five schools we reserved for Girls State are: East Palo Alto HS, paid by the Unit; Jefferson HS, paid by the Unit; High Tech High, paid by Guang Ming et al; John Marshall HS, paid by Guang Ming et al Pomona HS, paid by Guang Ming et al

Kerry Finley is trying to work on a Haircuts for Homeless project to be held in February. She will try to get more info to present by the next meeting on what the unit would need to do to pull off the event. She encouraged all of us to do something on October 28th make a difference day in our home communities.

Children & Youth Chairman, Susan Middendorf: reported she is working on a Halloween party for Baker elementary and asked members to work on giving baskets for needed families in the area for the month of November. She also suggested having a essay contest to have underprivileged kids write about the positive things about their family.

Education Chairman, Joyce McLeod: gave us the following list of activities that we can support this year:

- Halloween Safety Programs
- Need a Lift Program
- Scholarship Applications
- Mailed /handout Handbooks for Programs
- Poppy Funds
- Working Education - this is my theme.

Leadership Chairman, Lou Thompson: gave a mini workshop on the membership card.

Membership Chairman, Mary Martin: reported that to date we have 36 members. Of which 4 are Juniors and 32 Seniors ~ 3 of which are VIM (Very Important Members). As of this date we are at 86.49% of our goal for 2007 Membership.

VA&R Chairman, Bea Waggett encouraged members to donate one item in either field, home or hospital service each month.

Webmaster, Lou Thompson asked that we establish deadlines for reports, bulletins, agendas, etc. so that she has the information the weekend before the meeting.

Under new bussines Lou asked that all chairman have reports bulletins to her by 9pm on the Saturday prior to the online mmeting.

Announcements : Our new junior member, Kelle Blades, will be competing in the Miss New Jersey pageant this weekend. The 31st Annual Holiday Craft Making Fair will be held at the Palo Alto VAMC on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30-9:00p.m. Please see the following page for all of the information :: [Holiday Craft-Making Fair](#)

Donation needs lists for [Fisher House](#) and the [Palo Alto VA Health Care System Donation](#) have been posted to the Meetings. Please be sure to report any donations made to our VA&R Chairman. The meeting was adjourned in regular fashion at 12pm on Friday October 19, 2006.