

Ladies Auxiliary Newsletter

May 2023



A Message From Our President

It's hard to believe we are almost half way through the year. I want to say "Thank You" to each of you for all of the hard work you do to support our auxiliary, fire and rescue. Without you we could not be successful. Please know your support does not go unrecognized. I am looking forward to a great end-of-the year. Much appreciation and blessings to all.

Chaplain's Corner

A Labor of Love: There are times when we'll be overlooked, unappreciated by those around us. Biblical wisdom reminds us: "whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." (Colossians 3:23). When we focus on serving God, we're able to accomplish even the most difficult tasks with fervor and gladness in His power and leading. We will then become less concerned with receiving earthly recognition and become more eager to receive the reward only He can provide.

2023 Officers

President	Donna Evans
Vice President	Glory Rabon
Secretary	Sherry Hargrave
Treasurer	Kay Martin
Chaplain	Grace Sivertson
Historian	Nell Hogge
Parliamentarian	Diane Holloway

A BUSY LADIES AUXILIARY

August 2022 - Numerous members attended the Virginia State Convention Memorial Service, the business meeting and helped out the men with their competition events and provided food. Fun was had by all.

October 2022 - Ladies Auxiliary hosted our firemen and their families with a spaghetti dinner, thanking them for all that they do for our Poquoson residents and the ladies auxiliary. There was face painting for the children along with corn hole boards set up. October has Fire Prevention Week and the ladies assisted the firemen at Farm Fresh handing out goodies. The firemen and ladies were represented at the Poquoson Seafood Festival. The firemen brought along their mini fire engine (which has a very loud siren) which delighted all of the children.

November/December 2022 - If you rode by the fire stations during this time you would have noticed that both stations were decorated by the ladies auxiliary for each holiday. Thanks to all that helped.



The ladies auxiliary purchased each fire station a new outdoor grill along with covers, grilling utensils, supplies for each kitchen and spices to cook with. We thank each of you for your service to our community.

The ladies also purchased 50 thermal mylar blankets to be added to the supply box that we take when we respond to fire calls.

NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS

We would like to welcome two new members, Ms. Doris Jobe and Miss Skylar Parks. We are always happy to welcome new members to our organization.

LATEST FUNDRAISING EVENT

The auxiliary made and sold 281 chocolate covered peanut butter, butter cream and coconut Easter Eggs. We sold a total of 281 eggs. This fundraiser was a big success and we thank all who participated in this endeavor. It was a LOT of hard work, but everyone had a lot of fun.



UPCOMING EVENTS

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS: The ladies, volunteer men and the rescue squad will be selling raffle tickets at Langley Speedway on the following dates: June 17th, July 15th and August 19th. If you can volunteer your time to help sell these tickets please let our President, Donna Evans know.

POQUOSON FIREWORKS IN THE PARK: The City of Poquoson is sponsoring this event on June 24th from 5-10 pm. Rain date will be June 25th from 5-9 pm. For any additional information contact Buster or Patsy Insley.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY EVENT: The Poquoson Police Department is sponsoring this event on August 1st, from 6-9 pm at the Municipal Park. The volunteers, ladies and rescue squad will have a booth at this event. For more information contact Patsy Insley or Sherry Hargrave.

VIRGINIA STATE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION: The convention will be held in Hampton, VA, 20-23 Sep 23. Poquoson will be sponsoring the contests for this convention. More information to follow.
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FISH FRY: We are working with the volunteer firemen to bring back our fish fry. Preliminary plans are being made at this time and more information will follow.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank Patsy Insley for all that she does for the Ladies Auxiliary as well as for the Fire Department. Her latest endeavor was to redo our Sparky costume head and she also made paws (mittens) to match. We are looking forward to Sparky making appearances around town in the near future.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BANQUET

We would like to thank all of the banquet committee who worked very hard planning our annual banquet which was held the 1st Saturday of December. Food was delicious, decorations were beautiful and a good time was had by all.



FIRE DEPARTMENT 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Fire Department celebrated its 80th birthday with an event for the entire community. Snacks were served and many residents came out to enjoy the festivities.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted a spaghetti dinner for all fire department personnel and their families. Dinner included spaghetti, tossed salad and garlic bread along with dessert. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

We would like to congratulate our Fire Chief, Robert Holloway for his 48 years of dedicated service to our organizations and to the City of Poquoson and its residents. Robert retired from the fire service as of 1 May 23. We wish him and his family the best life has to offer.

