

April 20, 2020

Hello VSFA State Auxiliary Members,

It's definitely a different time in our lives right now — most of us have never experienced anything quite like this. The officers of the Auxiliary to the VSFA are all praying for each of you and hoping everyone is safe and well.

This would have been the weekend of our Spring Zone meeting and it doesn't seem like we will be able to meet until at least the Conference in September. We wanted to send along a few reminders:

- The Ways and Means Committee will need some door prizes for the Conference in September. **Lisa Saul** - they would have you down to bring the filled Grocery Cart back — **can we get at least two other donations?** (Christiansburg and Riner were to bring door prizes at the Spring meeting if you are still interested) Respond to me if you are interested and I will share with the Committee.
- I will check with the Ways and Means Committee and find out how they want to proceed with the 50/50 raffle at the Convention. There is always the possibility that it could be canceled and we wouldn't want to sell tickets and not be able to honor a winner.
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE if you know of someone needing a card (thinking of you, get well, WHATEVER) let our Chaplain, Lisa Saul know - [LisaSaul.Auxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:LisaSaul.Auxiliary@gmail.com). (Website: <http://www.avsf.org/send-cards.html>)
- The Scholarship Committee has reviewed all applications received and will be ready to announce the winners soon. I will let you know.
- **Annual dues can be paid now and must be received by June 30, 2020** to be eligible to vote in the annual election of officers at the Convention meeting in September. Dues are \$5 per member (excluding life members – they are free). To pay your dues we need the following (this would include individual members):
  - Include a membership list with email addresses (if possible).
    - Please note life members.
    - Specify President and Secretary and include their mailing address, phone number and email
  - Check made payable to **Sandra Blosser, Treasurer** (\$5 per member, except life members)
  - Mail to **Tina Puffenbarger, Secretary, 853 Northfield Ct., Harrisonburg, VA 22802**.
  - Reminder to be listed as a Life Member of the State you must have been recognized at a State Zone Meeting or Convention.
- At the President's last Convention meeting we purchase a gift for our President from all the auxiliaries. If your auxiliary is interested in contributing to the gift, please write a check to and mail to me, Tina Puffenbarger, at the above address. Please earmark your check as President's Gift. Send your donations by September 9th so that I can present the gift at our convention meeting.
- Donations - If your Auxiliary was planning to make a donation at the Spring Zone Meeting to any of the funds (Scholarship, Firefighter's Relief or Ways and Means) - please mail write the check to Sis Blosser and mail the donation to me, Tina Puffenbarger, and make a notation of the fund you wish to contribute to.
- Please don't forget your ill or injured firefighters. Send their name, address, date of illness or injury to Sylvia Baker, 1004 Skymont Road, Staunton, VA 24402. The Firefighter's Relief Committee will send a Love Gift check to the firefighter in the amount of \$100. (Website: <http://www.avsf.org/firefighter-s-relief.html>)
- If you have deceased auxiliary members or firefighters, the Resolutions Committee will send a Resolution of Respect to the next of kin and to the fire department or auxiliary of the deceased. Send name of deceased, date of death, next of kin and address, and name of fire department or auxiliary and address to Judy Ward, P.O. Box 449, Centreville, VA 20122. (Website: <http://www.avsf.org/resolution-of-respect.html>)

- The Past President's Club presents the President's Point of Light Award at the Convention each year. The award recognizes members who have volunteered 4000+ hours in their organization. Please write up nominations for the Past Presidents or email to Joan Dempsey — Joan Dempsey - [Joanie@vvfd.org](mailto:Joanie@vvfd.org) or Jean Pickin - [jpickin@verizon.net](mailto:jpickin@verizon.net) - they must have all nominations by **May 15, 2020** for ordering certificates and award pins. (Website: <http://www.avsfa.org/recognition-1.html>)
- Election of Officers — Our Annual Election of Officers will take place at the September meeting. This is a year for all chairs to move forward. It is important to note that currently, there are at least two offices to fill. We will need nominations from our membership at the meeting to make this happen. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE YOU FEEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, please bring that name to the September meeting or contact one of your officers to suggest this name.
- Reminder of the Annual Memorial Service to be held at the September Convention Meeting. If you have a deceased member (since August 2019) that needs to be included, please email our Chaplain, Lisa Saul - [LisaSaul.Auxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:LisaSaul.Auxiliary@gmail.com). Please include a photo of the deceased. (Website: <http://www.avsfa.org/information-for-memorial.html>)
- **ATTENTION OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** — President Stickley will evaluate the situation for a possible meeting prior to our September Convention. We have some items that need discussing before the meeting. Please be sure to check your emails in the coming months for communications on this.
- I will continue to forward information from the Joint Conference Committee about the status of the September Convention, lodging, etc.
- An item that was to be on the agenda was a request from the Joint Conference Committee to supply \$25 gift cards to use as door prizes on Casino Night. **Any Auxiliary interested in donating a gift card for this cause please respond to me or our President, Carol Stickley at [spotlady@gmail.com](mailto:spotlady@gmail.com). You do not have to plan to attend the Conference — you could mail them to the President or mail her a check and she would be happy to purchase. Gift cards can be from any business that all attendees would have access to.**
- The Website Committee has worked diligently to get lots of important information on our website <http://www.avsfa.org/home.html> - please visit this site if you need forms, want to stay up-to-date, etc. It is a great resource.

PLEASE if you have a need that our organization can assist with during these times — reach out to me or another officer — we are here to help.

Sincerely,

Tina Puffenbarger, Secretary - Auxiliary to the VSFA