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## 2002 Voice of Democracy Winners Honored at VFW Post Monthly Meeting

By DON PEASLEY

Woodstock VFW members honored Voice of Democracy participants with a dinner before the regular Post meeting Monday, January 20.

Parents of Dominick Rabe, Marengo, and Catherine Hartmann, Cary, were special guests for the presentation of certificates and checks.

Sid Sherwin, Post Junior Vice Commander, conducted the presentation. Also recognized was Eva Jeziorowski, Crystal Lake senior who submitted an entry in the essay contest. Theme this year was "Freedom's Obligation."

Rabe, 18-year-old Marengo High School senior, placed first in Post 5040 competition. He discussed there have been times in our nation's history when others attempted to "assault our freedom and change our way of life, a handful of those times on our own soil."

Rabe continued as he read his essay to VFW members during the recognition program, "As a nation we bounced back each time with a resolve and a spirit that could not be broken. Time and again we showed the world we take freedom's obligation serious."

Concluded Rabe, "Freedom is a gift to our children. Freedom's obligation is a lesson for our children."

Jon Showers welcomed the visitors and discussed the history of the VFW essay contest.

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Dominick Rabe (center) receives his certificate and a check from the Woodstock VFW and Auxiliary for his winning entry in the VFW's Voice of Democracy contest. With him are his parents. From left: Chris Gehrke, Annette Rabe, Dominick Rabe, Sam Rabe and Sid Sherwin. Gehrke and Sherwin were co-chairmen for the essay contest. (Don Peasley Photo).

## You Must Have Been Asleep!

Jack Fish only had two people show up for the first Monday morning of free coffee and rolls. We have a lot of members in McHenry County that could show up. Auxiliary members are welcome also. Jack will be there from 6:30 AM until 10 AM every Monday. Show Jack Fish you care and come see what's happening at your Post.

# If You Have the Skills and Time, We Could Use Some Help With...

By Ralph Ritter

- Spring is not that far away. Do we have someone who could maintain the outside by the handicap door and the rear of the building? This would include planting flowers or bushes, trimming the existing bushes and sweeping the side walk when required. This might take you 1-2 hours every other week. If you can do this for your club, talk to Ralph or leave your name at the bar.
- Do we have anyone who can sew? We want to make new curtains for the upstairs window, bingo board and the ladies bathroom.
- We need 1 or more people to care for the front lawn this summer. This includes cutting and feeding the lawn.
- Do we have a member who knows how to put new Formica over old Formica? We would like to re-cover the lower bar.
- Do we have a volunteer who would clean and wax the main bar cooler? This is less than a 3 hour job.
- We need someone to hang 2 new doors for a closet in the upstairs hall. If you can do this contact Ralph or leave your name at the bar.
- Set aside March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> to help down at the VFW. We will be cleaning the kitchen. We will be washing everything in the kitchen and giving it a new coat of paint. We have new wire racks we will be putting up also. They were donated by Jon Showers. We need 6-8 people to help each day. See Sid Sherwin or Ralph Ritter if you would like to help out.
- Volunteers needed to come down on Wednesday or Friday to "observe" what is going on. If we have several people helping out these nights, a rotation schedule could be made and you wouldn't have to come down but once a month or so to help out. Easy, no?
- As you can see, our Post is trying to get a whole lot of things done. Don't stand on the side lines and watch it happen, get involved. This is your post. Besides, it's a lot of fun to work with other post members and it builds camaraderie.

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## **Chaplains Report** By Marvin Bohnhoff

A draping of the Charter was performed at the February meeting for George Nyhus. Taps was played in honoring our fallen comrade.

"The Lord bless all of our

## Did you Know...

That the city of Woodstock, in their long term planning, plans to buy our post home in the next 2-5 years? Don't worry about it right now. The post won't be sold overnight. The city wants us to stay in Woodstock and would help us in finding another post home. This is something the post has to think about for the future and what we want out of it. Questions come to mind like how big of a building would we need smaller, larger, or same? Will membership numbers dictate what we need? What do our members see as the future of

## Would You Be Interested?

- Mother's day is coming up. If we had a Dinner / Dance special, would you attend? If you would be interested, express your interest to Ralph or the bartender. We need to get a head count to see if it would be worth while to do this.
  - Anyone want to go the gambling boat again? Talk to Julie at the bar and let her know you're interested. This would be open to the public and not just VFW members. The cost would be \$7 to \$9 per person and you get a free meal at the boat. We would leave the post at 8:00 AM and get back around 5:30 PM. We would need at least 35 people to sign up.

## **Memorial Day Memorabilia Needed**

Businesses on the Woodstock Square, in conjunction with the Historical Society, will be displaying war memorabilia from past conflicts in some of the windows to honor veterans and their duty to country.

Jon Showers will be going to some of the businesses around the square to see if they would like to donate some of their window space for this purpose. The post is asking any veteran, if they have some war memorabilia they'd like to "loan" for this this purpose, to contact Jon. We need to get an idea of how much stuff we would have to display. Please leave a message for Jon at the post before May 1 if you have some items that would be interesting to display.

## VFW Grand Drawing - \$1550 Raffle

Saturday, May 10th, 7:00 pm. Only 200 tickets available at s \$50.00 each.

You may purchase a ticket on the installment plan, but it must be paid in full by April 15th.

\$3,750.00 IN CASH PRIZES!!!!!

- You need not be present to win but the five big prizes will get a \$50.00 bonus if the winner is present. There will also be an attendance drawing for \$50.00 plus any bonus money lot. Drawing benefits the Building Fund. Signup shall be a the bar. Don Sword is chairm. Drawing benefits the Building Fund. Signup sheet will be available a the bar. Don Sword is also

able a the bar. Don Sword is chairman of this event.

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

## May 3 and 4 - SOUP TO NUTS SALE

Some reminders on this event. We do not accept clothing. Items must be <u>clean</u> and in <u>good working order</u>. Suggestions are: books, dishes, curtains, bedspreads, appliances, tools, furniture, tools, etc. Start saving your stuff for the sale. Since storage space is limited, we ask that you bring items in a week or two before the sale. Bob and Pat Gaylord are going to chair the event this year. If you would like to help Bob and Pat please contact them at 815-338-3015.

May 16, 17, 18 - POPPY DAYS
 Sid Sherwin is the chairman and need lots of volunteers. Be thinking of times you may be able to sell poppies.

May 26 - MEMORIAL DAY
 Allen Belcher is the chairman. Warm lunch will be served. Veterans are \$6.00 and non-veterans are \$7.00. We need help in the kitchen as well as servers. If you can help, contact Allen.

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Catherine Hartmann was accompanied by her parents, Mike and Kim Hartmann. A senior at Cary Grove High School, she may enroll at Truman State University to continue her education.

Rabe, son of Sam and Annette Rabe, plans to attend McHenry County College and continue his education to become an English teacher. Rabe, who won first place last year, was also accompanied by his younger brother, Vincent, sophomore at Marengo High School.



Katherine Hartmann (center) with her parents, shows her certificate presented to her by the Woodstock VFW and Auxiliary for her winning entry in the Woodstock VFW Voice of Democracy contest. From left: Chris Gehrke, Mike Hartmann, Katherine Hartmann, Kim Hartmann, and Sid Sherwin. Gehrke and Sherwin were co-chairmen for the essay contest. (Don Peasley Photo).

# ing Come

Vito Buffalo's Ballroom Dance Band
This is a 10 piece band that does all of the ballroom dance tunes.

Where: VFW Post 5040 Upstairs

When: March 9, April 13, May 11

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12.00 or VFW member \$10.00

The Vito Buffalo dances are really picking up. We had about 77 people at the February dance. The previous dances were a lot of fun and there were a lot of good dancers there. We have had many good comments from our Post members about the band, so show your support on March 9th at 4:00 p.m. and come on down.

Remember, Post members only pay \$10 per person with the general public paying \$12. We will have refreshments and sandwiches available for you to purchase. The bar will also be open. If you are interested in dance lessons or have questions, contact Warren Spencer at 815-459-2578. Singles are welcome and we do mixers. Dress casual or semi formal – please no sneakers or jeans thank you. Public is welcome so tell your friends.

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All post members play an important role at the VFW, and it take all kinds of people to make things happen. Maybe you can provide your skills to help out the post. *Thank you!* 

Check the items below that interest you, clip the slip, and drop it off at the post mailbox on the outside of the front door or mail it to: Woodstock VFW Post 5040, 240 Throop Street, Woodstock, IL 60098.

☐ Wednesday Dinners	Friday Dinners ☐ Other	☐ Friday Bingo	☐ Post Maintenance	☐ Commities
Name:		Phone Number	r:	

## Ladies Auxiliary FROM THE PRESIDENT

By NYDA FOGARTY, President 2002-2003

The Auxiliary lost two of its long time members just recently, Elizabeth Lockhart of Marengo and Dorothy Hartwig of Harvard. Our sympathy goes out to their families. Our charter was draped in their memory at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our meetings from now on will be held in the upstairs hall. Prior to the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the Auxiliary will have a pot-luck dinner at 6:30. pm. Please try to bring two dishes as meat will not be furnished.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> the VFW will once again put on its "Soup to Nuts" sale upstairs at the Post. This is always a very popular event and a lot items are needed for the sale. I urge everyone to gather up everything you don't need or want in the house, attic or garage and donate it for this very worthy cause to benefit the Post. The Gaylord's are in charge of the sale. Phone number is (815)-338-3015.

The Annual District Spring Frolic will be held at Winthrop Harbor Post #7448 on Saturday night, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Once again the Department State Convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois in June.

# Auxiliary Members Community Involvement By DON PEASLEY

[Editor's Note (Don Peasley): The Woodstock Independent in early February featured local people and their devotion to community service. The following article, paying tribute to Chris Gehrke and Nyda Fogarty, appeared in that publication.]

Chris Gehrke hesitates before answering my question, "Which gives you more satisfaction, the Voice of Democracy contest with students or hosting the Teachers Tea honoring Woodstock's public and private school instructors?" Gehrke responds with a short laugh and says, "Both."

Since 1976 Chris Gehrke has been a busy member of the Woodstock VFW Auxiliary, including five years as president. Her energies have been focused on the programs to honor teachers for the past 10 years and on the scholar

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## A Word on Auxiliary Membership

By Barbara Gehrke, Auxiliary Treasurer

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5040 has a dues delinquent list for payment of 2003 dues as follows:

- Courier, Carole
- Euerhart, Jan
- Guse, Mildred
- Lewis, Holli
- McCarthy, Erma
- Hoey-Nelson, Patricia
- Panker, Jeanette

- Pribla, Loraine
- Scharnweber, Mary
- Siddons, Diane
- Socha, Florence
- Stelter, Marian
- Svoboda, Marie

Please, if your status as a member has changed or is changing, or if your address is changed, let us know. I do have life member applications for those who wish to apply. Also, please keep communications open so that we can help you. If you are transferring to another Auxiliary, I do have transfer applications for this. Please call us or write before March 31<sup>st</sup> to be current with your membership.

Keep in mind that elections are coming up. Any member in good standing can be nominated to hold an office position

## Update On Website

As mentioned in the last VFW News Letter, your editor has been working on getting a web site up and running for the post. At the last post meeting it was voted that the post would cover the costs involved with getting a site up and running. How much is this you ask? The cost per year will be about \$65.00. This cost will cover the registration of the domain name and the web host that will provide server space on which our site will reside. Your editor will be the web master for the site and will provide the maintenance and upkeep of the site once it goes live.

I hope to have this site up and running by the end of March (cross your fingers). The only thing that I am running up against is time. I have a basic format that I showed some of the members at the last meeting (using a laptop computer). I plan for several pages, including a Post History, Post Officers, Calendar of Events, Post Newsletter (which will include present and previous issues that you will be able to download to your own computer and can print off), Post Home pictures, Ladies Auxiliary, Bingo, and a Links page.

This has been a learning experience for me and I am excited to be providing a virtual post home for the Woodstock VFW Post 5040. I will provide the web page address once I have registered the name. Please be thinking of things you'd like to see on the site and check out other VFW Post sites for ideas.



Tell us how we're doing...or what we can improve. Your feedback is important, and if you cannot attend meetings or get down to the post to comment on something, send in the slip (address on back of slip) or drop it off. We'd love to hear from you.

## March 2003

★★★★★ Post Normal Operating Hours (unless noted otherwise) ★★★★★						
Closed	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	•
2	Little League 7 pm Memorial Day Committee 7 pm	<b>4</b> Dirt Group 7 pm	5 Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm	Ladies Auxiliary 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm	1
all Room Dance - 7 pm	American Legion 7:30 pm	VFW Board Mtg. 7 pm Dirt Group 7 pm Jaycees 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm	Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm (Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots)	Harley Hogs 7 pm	14 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm	Dinner Special 6-8 pr Corned Beef or Breaded Chicken Patties plus sides. Ca ahead for reservation
16	St. Patrick's Day 17  VFW Meeting 7 pm VFW Pre-Meeting Dinner (VFW Members Only) 6:30 pm	18 Dirt Group 7 pm Girls Softball 7 pm	Chicken and Ribs and Special 5 - 8 pm (Ham, Au gratin Pota- toes, Corn) Veterans Assistance Commission 7:30 pm	Marines 7 pm Marines Auxiliary 7 pm	21 Fish Fry 5 - 8 pm Bingo 6 pm	2
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## **THANK YOU**

Joe Theide for building storage boxes in upstairs storage closet.

- Everett Sanbourne for restoring the original VFW Charter that will hang proudly at the VFW.
- Joe Theide and Jack Fish for cleaning out the large refrigerator in the kitchen.
  - Annamae Weber for donating her time to serve food on Wednesday nights again.
- Sid Sherwin for donating 2 kids chairs, for our kid's corner in the dinning room.
- All of the bar stools and booths have been re-covered by Fred's Upholstery. If you see Fred, tell him what a great a job he did.
- Our mailing roster computer specialist is Fred Wallis, who
  not only keeps our mailing list up to date in his computer,
  prints the mailing labels for us, but also donates the labels
  to us which is considerable savings to the Post!
- Thanks to Hazel Hickey for being the decorator chair person this year. Please offer to help him put up and take down the seasonal decorations.
- A big thank you to the sponsors of our newsletter. Last year we had a total of 22 sponsors for our newsletter. This year we gained one extra and lost three for a total of 20. Each sponsor has agreed to pay a fee of \$100.00 to support our newsletter for the year 2003. Please see each sponsor ad and let them know that you thank them for help supporting our newsletter. Their contributions help to offset the cost of printing and mailing. We could use some extra sponsors for our newsletter. If you know of a business in the McHenry County area that may benefit from advertising in the newsletter, talk to them about taking an ad out in our newsletter. The newsletter is sent to over 500 addresses and the monthly cost is relatively low. If you have questions about this, call Matt Klos at (815)-479-

### VFW Post Office Positions for 2003-04

We have a commitment from the following people to run for **office positions** for 2003/2004 year:

Commander:	Sid Sherwin ???
Assistant Quartermaster:	Ralph Ritter
Chaplain:	Howard Engstrom
Assistant Chaplain:?	
Service officer:?	???
Post Surgeon:E	Betty Smith
Officer of the day:?	???
Judge Advocate:	Dwayne Raney
1 yr trustee:	Allen Belcher
2 yr trustee:	Tom Gillespie
3 yr trustee:?	

## A Dedication To Our Astronauts

Submitted by Barb Aavang Poem By Butch Borchardt

I wanted to share the following with you and thought that it might be submitted into the next VFW News.

Butch Borchardt is a very special friend of mine and he wrote the most beautiful poem expressing what I believe are the same feelings of many across our nation regarding the recent Space Shuttle disaster. He very seldom shares his works - and there are many - but felt this one needed to be shared and SHOULD be.

It was published in "Woodstock Independent" (February 5, 2003) and we showed it to a few people when we were at the VFW last night. The Ritters were very encouraging stating that you are always looking for new and different material of interest to publish. Please consider putting this one in. I'm sure you'll agree after reading it.

Butch has been a member of the VFW, VietNow and miscellaneous other organizations.

### **HEROES**

Angels fell to the earth today

The trip to heaven this time they'll stay

Special people known by few
It was up into the unknown sky they flew

America's heroes are they all For years it is the way they died we'll recall

Family and friends will wonder for years Why were they taken so they ask in tears

Wives, husbands and children will not sleep for some time

Till the answers of why God took them from us - will it come or not is a question of mine

May God bless them and family and friends

Butch Borchardt - Proud American

This poem was written on 02/01/03 in memory of those who perished in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.

## One More Thank You

Thank you to the McHenry County Marine Corps League for providing the new toys donated in our "Kids Corner". This will help provide the children of visitors to our post a nice assortment of toys to keep them occupied while their parents participate in events at our

## Involvement

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ship essay contest for a similar period. Activity in both cases includes responsibility as chairman or co-chairman. "Teachers don't receive the recognition they deserve," asserts Gehrke, a Chicago native who moved with her family to Wonder Lake while she was in elementary school. "Nyda Fogarty and I have hosted this program, the only formal program honoring teachers outside that given by the board of education. My sister-in-law, Barbara Gehrke, has also been a pillar in these and many other VFW community programs."

Fogarty is currently serving her fourth term as Auxiliary president. She was president in 1978, 1997 and 1998. With Chris Gehrke working fulltime, Fogarty has provided important leadership in contacting teachers announcing the annual tea, obtaining guest speakers, preparing food for the guests and serving as master of ceremonies for the salute.

The District 200 board recognized the importance of the program honoring teachers with congratulations during a school board meeting. Fogarty and Gehrke were honored by the District 200 board of education praising them for sponsoring the tribute to teachers each year.

Since Gehrke and the VFW co-chairman made personal contacts with high school counselors, the number and quality of entries in the Voice of Democracy has been dramatic.

"Our entry won the Fifth District competition last year and placed among the leaders this year," said Gehrke.

"Two years ago Bridget Vogrinc representing Post 5040 placed third in state competition."

Gehrke has also devoted her energy to Women of the Moose, serving as Senior Regent and in other offices.

Her service extends beyond Woodstock for she has been a Fifth District VFW Auxiliary president (1993) and soloist for other district and local events. She was vocalist Nov. 11 when the VFW conducted Veterans Day services at the Post home on Throop Street.

Chris enjoys singing in the United Methodist Church choir at Greenwood where she teaches Sunday School. "I enjoy the kindergarten and first grade age youngsters," she says.

Gehrke married Charles Gehrke in 1967. They have three children, Mike, Michelle and John, and three grand-children. She works fulltime as a switchboard operator and receptionist at Filtertek in Hebron and is also a Mary Kay consultant.

# Urgent Message to VFW Post 5040 Members

The following is a list of all unpaid members for our post. Currently we have 91% of our post paid up to date. We would like to make it 100%. Please send in your membership dues. District and State would like to see us reach 100%, and we count on you to help us out. If your name is listed below and you have paid, please contact the 5040 Quartermaster to check the status of your renewal.

- Adelmann, Steve
- Albin, Stanley
- Andrew, George
- Andrews, Robert
- Barnes, Roy
- Barone, Phillip
- Beaudine, Bruce
- Cabezas, Jorge
- Clegg, James
- Di Bartolomeo, Rebell

Erwin, Edward

- Dionne, William
- Evanoff, William
- Felde, Christ
- Fish, Charles
- Francke, George
- Gabel, John
- Gaddis, Rick
- Gaylord, Bradley
- Golec, Ronald
- Gratz, Lloyd
- Green, William
- Hagans, Earl
- Hardt, Adam
- Holm, Vernon
- Howell, Edward

- Kehe, Jerald
- Klemke, August
- M'Lady, James
- Meade, William
- Molen, Dana
- Muehler, Gerald
- Mungle, William
- Nelson, Eugene
- Olson, Douglas
- Radloff, Stephen
- Reichenbach, Jeffrey
- Rousey, Andrew
- Ryer, Joshua
- Salyers, Robert
- Sanborn, Bob
- Silversten, William
- Simpson, Howard
- Smith, Kenneth
- Speechley, William
- Thayer, Eugene
- Van Marter, Alan
- Walters, Harold
- Walters, William
- Witt, Ronald
- Woodward, Harold

Young, Howard

## Dinner Specials at the Post

Wednesday Night Specials for March

March 12 - Corned Beef and Cabbage, Little Potatoes, Carrots

March 15 - 6-8 PM Corned Beef and Cabbage, Little Potatoes & Carrots. For those that don't like corn beef we will have Breaded Boneless Chicken Patties. Cost: \$7.95. Please call ahead for reservations.

March 19 - Ham, Au gratin Potatoes & Corn

March 26 - Lasagna, Green Beans & Garlic Bread

## **Report Your Hours For Community Work**

If you or your committee have participated in community events, please make sure that you record the hours, the number of people that participated, etc. and get this in to our Quartermaster. We had a visit from District representatives at our February meeting and they were quick to remind us that we need to make sure that we are doing our community service projects. To see the x-sheet of what we have listed, visit http://www.vfwil.org/reports/XSheet.asp and plug in post 5040.



### Letters to the Editor....

If you would like to send a letter to the editor, please send it to the following address (do not send it to the post address):

> **Matt Klos** VFW 5040 News Editor 259 Dartmoor Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

And for those of you with ac-

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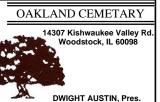
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