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the Chapter Chatter

Assistance League® of Reno-Sparks
1981—*Serving Our Community for 35 years*---2017

Assistance League® of Reno-Sparks is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that puts caring and commitment into action through our philanthropic programs to improve the quality of life for those in need.

Board of Directors



- President Sandie Barrie
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Even with all the changes in the weather, I hear that spring is just around the corner. With spring we have a lot of cleaning and we can sure see that with all the goods that are being donated. If you have an extra hour please stop by the Thrift Shop backroom; I am sure they would be glad to see you.



Speaking of hours, be sure to take the time to complete your hours on ChapterWeb. We really need the information for our grant work and to evaluate the productivity of our organization.

We are cleaning at Assistance League and look forward to everyone having their committee's areas cleaned. Remember to drop off your storage area needs to Ann Hodgen, no later than May 15th. Please review your committee's needs for space and recommend your future needs. The Board continues to work towards evaluating our short-term needs for space and is looking at some options.

We are all looking forward to our Silent Auction being held on April 20th. It promises to be our best ever.

We have an exciting meeting planned for April 10th. Our budget for FYE 2017-18 will be presented. We will vote on our slate of officers for next year. The appointive standing chairs will be presented. And as always, I am sure there will be good food.



Sandie

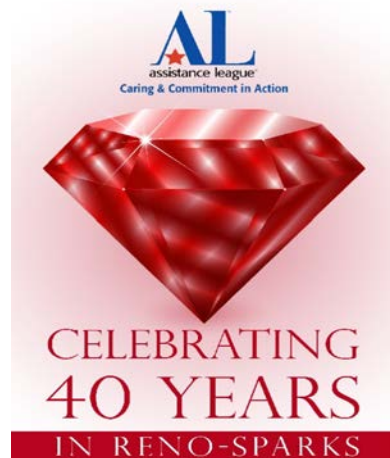
Save the Date

Silent Auction
April 20th

Chapter Meeting
April 10th



Silent Auction



Congratulations to Katharine Peake for winning the WHAT IS IT? contest (a Tagine), and to Barbara Miller for giving our big white bear a new name, Moxie. Each winner received a ticket to a Ruby Anniversary Event.

We still need volunteers to help close tables and wrap purchases for our sale. The sign-up sheet is on the door going into the back room.

Hot items in the sale ---

For those who enjoy traveling with a trailer, or tell your friends who travel, we have a Roadmaster Tow Brake (almost new) in a carry bag--valued at over \$1200. Our pricing team put the minimum bid at \$150.

Beautiful antiques include a Seth Thomas Mantle Clock, an Eastman Kodak Seneca #7 Camera (ca. 1906-1913), a Simplicity Folding Pattern table patented in 1884, and a small vintage commode cabinet. We have a beautiful light oak china cabinet with interior 'motion lighting' up for bid, starting at \$300. It will be on display in the Thrift Shop on April 19th.

Artwork on display will feature two Thomas Kinkadee early prints; Bev Doolittle 'Pintos'; an outstanding Chinese watercolor of Chinese Deity; and numerous originals and prints by local artists. We also have a very nice collection of original paintings, both watercolor, and pen & ink from children's book illustrator Karla Firehammer. The newest show-stopping donation is a silk rug carried out of Communist China, with preservation framing, and it is a beauty.

Disneyland awaits for the successful bidder on this package, along with some great *Baskets* of local gift certificates for you. These are valued at \$400-\$500 each. We also have a RENO ACES (4 Infield tickets) package, along with opening night tickets for the Pioneer Center for Performing Arts "Cinderella".

If you are looking for outstanding gifts for friends and family for the coming year, this is THE place to shop.

Don't miss the I. Magnin of Silent Auctions!

Senior Sampler

New and Bold ideas were put together at the last Sampler core meeting.

Each of our league members must remember to work together to create better business, kindness, and excitement so that we reach our goals for the community. When ALL departments help each other we ALL benefit!

Come IN and see what our crafters have created for Easter and Spring. Enjoy the visit and buy something nice, then add your name and phone number to a ticket to win the Easter basket of goodies.



Come visit the Sampler with all our spring and Easter items.



Charmanta

The highlight of our March Charmanta meeting was the induction of our two newest members, Jan Wise and Vicki Montague. With their wealth of experience, they are both a welcome addition to Charmanta.

Prior to our regular dinner meeting, we packed grooming kits. Grooming Kits Chairman, Vicki Taylor, reported that in the past month 500 kits had been distributed through the generosity of the National Association of Disability Representatives. She also stated that the Peppermill and Whitney Peak Hotel had donated the items in these kits. We so appreciate their continued support.

Remember that our Opportunity Ticket dinner will be April 10th starting at 5 pm. Please remember to bring all of your ticket stubs for the drawing.

~~LaVonne Johnson, Auxiliary PR

Membership

Sign up sheets for the various committees of our Chapter are displayed and will remain in the meeting room until after the Chapter Meeting on 10 April 2017. The yellow cards give a brief description of the committees. Chairs for the coming year are not yet reflected; the President-Elect will appoint them soon. Choosing a committee and signing up will give the chairmen the opportunity to arrange an organizational meeting to select their core committee and let you actively participate in the committee's planning and decisions.

~~Monica LaHue, VP Membership

Share a Shift

Have you ever wanted to sign up for a Thrift Shop front counter shift only to discover that you have a calendar conflict for a portion of the time, or feel you can't do a full three hours? Well, you can "have your cake and eat it too." Just find a buddy willing to take over from you at the time you need to leave, but sign up for the entire shift yourself. Just remind your buddy about the time she needs to relieve you. It's that simple and it will really help fill our staffing slots.

Endowment

The Endowment Committee has invited our Financial Advisor Ryan Gilbreth to visit with the chapter members at the April 10th regular meeting. Ryan became our Financial Advisor shortly after we moved our Endowment Funds to Morgan Stanley in July of 2016. We are very pleased with the performance of the fund since the move and look forward to the members meeting Ryan. Ryan has been with Morgan Stanley for 9 years and is familiar with nonprofits through his work with the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation.

The Endowment Committee looks forward to the opportunity for members to learn more about the fund, its administration and maybe even how we might grow the fund more.

Brenda Nenzel, Endowment Chair.

Nominating

**This report was presented at the Regular Chapter Meeting
March 13, 2017**

Before presenting the new slate of nominees for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors and delegate to Conference, I want to remind the membership of **Bylaw 5.04 Petition Process**. Ten percent (10%) or more of chapter members eligible to vote may nominate, by signed petition, an additional nominee for office on the Board, or for a delegate, by mailing such petition, together with the written consent of the nominee, to the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the election meeting. No member shall sign more than one (1) petition in a year.

Also, as a reminder, President-Elect assumes the position of President without being elected to that position. For the 2017-2018 year, Katharine Peake will be our President.

The Nominating Committee would like to present the following slate of nominees for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors and Delegate to Conference.

President-Elect	This position is not filled
Vice President Membership	Betty Ann Walls
Vice President Resource Development	Sue Boon
Vice President Philanthropic Programs	Brenda Nenzel
Secretary	Penny Fairbanks
Treasurer	Kate Demarest
Finance	Jessie Scott
Education	Jane Scott
Marketing/PR	Sue Martin
Strategic Planning	Alice Calvert
Building Management	Sharon Gold
Chapter Liaison to Auxiliary	Anne Marie Utter
Delegate to Conference	Alice Calvert

I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their thoughtful and careful consideration in the nominating process. They will continue working on completing the slate until the Election meeting on April 10.

Sue Martin
Nominating Committee Chair

Committee Members:
Jessie Scott
Karen Smith
Sharon Gold
Vicki Teshera

Board Actions

03/06/17	<p>Motion to approve the Social Media Policy with item #2 to include the following: ...and all other established policies, <i>including Board Policy #13 under "Relationships With Members/Committees/Auxiliaries."</i></p> <p>Motion to build a new front counter for the Thrift Shop, under-sink cabinets in the bathrooms for supply storage, additional shelving in the Charmanta room; trade offices; rewire for technological needs; then re-evaluate our current space, looking at the possibility of reconfiguring our current administrative space.</p> <p>Motion to combine the Charmanta finance chair and assistant treasurer positions.</p> <p>Motion to include students who are FAFSA (Free Application for Student Assistance) or PELL Grant qualified to receive SIT scholarships.</p> <p>Motion to approve Job Descriptions as presented.</p>
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Clothes for Kids Campaign

HELP!

The Clothes for Kids Campaign Committee is in the process of editing and updating our mailing list. We can use your help.

Please send us names and addresses of your family, friends, neighbors, doctors, dentists, chiropractors, accountants, lawyers, beauticians, mechanics, lawn guy, and anyone else you do business with. [Business addresses are okay.]

Don't exclude someone because you don't think he/she makes much money. Even small donations help—and often people who have been the recipients of help in the past are happy to “pay it forward.”

Send or give your list of names/ addresses to:

Emily Nash, Clothes for Kids Chair

Email: ecnash1@charter.net

or Clothes for Kids mailbox in the office.



Birthdays



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| 3) Mary Ann Marcucci | | |
| 6) Brenda Newsom | | |
| 6) Gail Meier | | |
| 7) Becky Marsh | | |
| 7) Rosemary Kavner | | |
| 8) Mary Jean Overholser | | |
| 9) Carol Pawlowski | 14) Carolyn Loper | 22) Joanne Petre |
| 10) Joanne Marke | 14) Mimi Case-Liebhold | 22) Sharon Gold |
| 11) Kae Moreno | 16) Karen Smith | 23) Carol Duggan |
| 12) Leona Watson | 17) Kress Whalen | 24) Jo Ann Karhohs |
| 13) Charlotte Morgan | 17) Norma Schaad | 24) Susan Attell |
| | 20) Judith Guitjens | 25) Charlotte Herrin |
| | 20) Marie Smith | 25) Colleen Bussey |
| | 21) Cathy McCune | 26) Donna Crawford |
| | | 30) Francine Gray |
| | | 30) Kris Smith |



MAY

- 1) Debbie Wetherell
- 3) Brenda Nenzel
- 3) Elinor Erickson
- 4) Beverly Reginato
- 4) Jan Madraso
- 5) Erna Davis

DAY/DATE	TIME	GROUP	MEETING PLACE	ACTIVITY
Mon, Apr 3	8:30 am	•Senior Sampler	Main Mtg Room	Incoming Inv
Tue, Apr 4	10:00 am	•Read to ME	Wiegand Center	Reading
Wed, Apr 5	9:30 am 10:00 am 1:30 pm	•Board Meeting •Read to ME •Social Comm	Conference Room Wiegand Center Main Mtg Room	Reading Room Setup Meeting
Thu, Apr 6	10:00 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm	•Read to ME •Nominating Comm •Bylaws Comm	Wiegand Center Conference Room Conference Room	Reading Meeting Meeting
Fri, Apr 7	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	•Chapter Mtg Room Setup •Fundraising Comm •Silent Auction Reg Prep	Main Mtg Room Main Mtg Room Back of Main Room	Room Setup Meeting Auction Prep
Mon, Apr 10	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	•Chapter Social •Chapter Meeting •Ada Laughlin Comm •Silent Auction Comm •Charmanta Gov Body •Charmanta Dinner •Charmanta Aux Mtg	Main Mtg Room Main Mtg Room Conference Room Main Mtg Room Conference Room Main Mtg Room Main Meeting Room	Social Meeting Meeting Meeting Meeting Dinner Meeting
Tue, Apr 11	10:00 am	•Read to ME	Wiegand Center	Reading
Wed, Apr 12	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:30 pm	•Read to ME •Education Comm •Grants Comm	Wiegand Center Conference Room Conference Room	Reading Meeting Meeting
Thu, Apr 13	10:00 am 10:00 am	•Read to ME •Sampler Core Comm	Wiegand Center Conference Room	Reading Meeting
Mon, Apr 17	8:30 am 10:00 am	•Senior Sampler •Membership Comm	Main Mtg Room Conference Room	Incoming Inv Meeting
Tue, Apr 18	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	•Food Pantry Distribution •Food Pantry Bagging •Marketing Comm •Read to ME	Senior Center Food Pantry Conference Room Wiegand Center	Distribution Bagging Meeting Reading
Wed, Apr 19	10:00 am 10:00 am	•Read to ME •Kids on the Block Comm	Wiegand Center Main Mtg Room	Reading Meeting
Thu, Apr 20	10:00 am 10:30 am Noon	•Read to ME •Silent Auction Doors Open •Silent Auction Luncheon	Wiegand Center The Atlantis The Atlantis	Reading Doors Open Luncheon
Mon, Apr 24	8:30 am 9:30 am	•Senior Sampler •Technology Comm	Main Mtg Room Conference Room	Incoming Inv Meeting
Tue, Apr 25	8:30 am 8:30 am 10:00 am	•Senior Sampler •Food Pantry Bagging •Read to ME	Main Mtg Room Food Pantry Wiegand Center	Pull/Sort/Return Bagging Reading
Wed, Apr 26	10:00 am	•Read to ME	Wiegand Center	Reading
Thu, Apr 27	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	•Silent Auction Sell-Off Prep •Finance Comm •Read to ME	Main Mtg Room Conference Room Wiegand Center	Sell-Off Prep Meeting Reading
Fri, Apr 28	10:00 am	•Silent Auction Sell-Off	Main Mtg Room	Auction Sell-Off