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The past six months have been a time of accomplishment for the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA) and the SDNGEA Auxiliary. The EANGUS National Conference was an A+ event due to the efforts of those committed members who gave of their time and talent – some for more than the past year.

The SDNGEA Auxiliary was busy at the EANGUS National Conference. We sold raffle tickets, organized the First Timer's meeting, set up luncheon and banquet centerpieces, and wrapped door prizes and organized them for distribution. As conference hosts we also helped out wherever needed. Edna Steinberg served as the National Auxiliary Conference Chairman and did an outstanding job.

Some conference highlights included:

-Marlys List received the Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership award.

-Clara Schild from Yankton, SD was selected as a winner for one of the \$1,250 scholarships. She was one of eight eligible applicants considered for EANGUS National Auxiliary Scholarships. Congratulations to her!

-Winners of the SDNGEA Auxiliary raffle included: First prize quilt – Erin Massey; second prize \$100 gift card - Al Loving; and third prize \$75 gift card Yvonne Stringfield. After expenses the raffle netted \$1,540. Thanks to those who participated in

the fundraiser and also to those who sold tickets.

-The centerpieces for the luncheon and banquet tables looked great thanks to the leadership of Marlene Kotab. They were given away at the banquet and not one centerpiece was left on a table. I label that success!

-Mary Williams and Edna Steinberg made sure we had everything needed to welcome and provide information to conference attendee first-timers.

State and National Auxiliary scholarships will once again be available for the 2014-2015 school year. In order to have family members be eligible for these scholarships you must become or renew SDNGEA Auxiliary membership by December 31, 2013. Our annual membership is \$15 per year. Renew your membership today to continue to be part of our unified voice and efforts to support our spouses and all National Guard members!

Gayle Funk,
SDNGEA Auxiliary President

For a detailed account of National Conference activity and information on constitutional changes and business meeting results go to EANGUS.org and click on Auxiliary/Publications, and then the September/October Signal tab. There is a section titled 2013 Conference History which gives a great account of the Conference.

Member Updates?

If you have member updates, please pass them along by e-mail to gnbfunk@alliancecom.net by 01/15/14 for publication in the winter newsletter.

Marlys List Receives Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award

Long-time SDNGEA Auxiliary member Marlys List was awarded the Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership Award at the EANGUS National Conference held recently in Sioux Falls. The honor is awarded based on the outstanding contributions an individual makes to keep the Auxiliary strong and viable and their support and involvement in local, state and national activities.



Pictured from left to right; EANGUS Auxiliary Vice-President, Judy Wood, Award presenter, Sara Hendricks, and award recipient, Marlys List.

SDNGEA Auxiliary Executive Council Meeting Summary

The SDNGEA Auxiliary Executive Council met on August 18, 2013 during the EANGUS National Conference. Items covered at the meeting included the following.

-The change proposed at the state conference was voted on and accepted as follows under Article IV Officers, Section 1 and Section 2. Section 1 and 2 would read: "The term of office to be held by any one officer shall not exceed four consecutive terms with re-election each year. This term may be extended at the discretion of the membership".

-The raffle was discussed. At the time of the meeting \$1,965 income had been collected. Expenses included \$184.90 for the VISA cards for 2nd and 3rd places, \$75 for ticket printing and \$200 for the quilting. Profit was estimated at \$1485.10.

-Bills for conference related expenses

were submitted and approved for payment. Edna Steinberg presented a bill for a necklace for National Vice-President Judy Wood for \$36.27. A bill was presented for \$49.45 from Carjo Engraving for 40 badges for first-timers.

Diane Kafka presented a \$34.47 bill for the SDNGEA Auxiliary's silent auction item and a \$9.20 bill for postage stamps. Marlene Kotab presented a bill for \$30.18 for candy for luncheon and meeting table favors and \$373.42 for centerpieces for the all-states dinner and luncheon.

-The group approved the purchase of a \$20 gift for Bonnie Funk for work and contribution of the quilt for the Auxiliary raffle.

-The Council also approved reimbursement of \$85 toward the conference registration of those serving as delegates upon receipt of their conference report.

Excerpts from SDNGEA Auxiliary Delegate Reports on the National Conference

South Dakota hosted a well-organized and enjoyable conference for members from across the country. Transportation to the various motels and to the convention center was well-managed. Edna Steinberg admirably performed her duty as National Auxiliary Conference Coordinator.

-Marlys List participated on the Scholarship Committee and gave the Scholarship Report. Clara Schild, SD received a \$1,250 scholarship. This was the first year grandchildren could apply, two of the four scholarship winners were grandchildren.

-Edna Steinberg presented Vice-President Judy Wood a gift of Black Hills gold jewelry from the South Dakota Auxiliary.

-Chaplain Sherry Blackwell, conducted a Memorial Service for deceased Auxiliary members. Kaye Ruby of South Dakota was among those remembered.

- Door prizes were donated by many conference attendees and all meeting attendees received a door prize.

-Our Auxiliary was responsible for the luncheon and banquet decorations. Centerpieces and table favors were planned for and put together by members for these events. Table favors were patriotic cones filled with candy. The centerpieces for the Auxiliary Luncheon and Banquet were small black fountains depicting of the Sioux Falls "falls", placed on pedestal plates with water passing over small rocks and blue gem stones. They were very nice. One was given away at each banquet table.

-South Dakota Auxiliary members sold raffle tickets, organized the first timer's gifts, decorated and set up the centerpieces, wrapped some door prizes, organized them for distribution and helped where needed as South Dakota was hosting the National Conference.

-Area V had a hospitality room at the Ramkota Hotel which was well received.

-President, Gayle Funk's mother-in-law Bonnie Funk made and donated a quilt for the Auxiliary raffle. The quilt and \$100 and \$75 VISA gift cards were given away and the raffle resulted in proceeds of \$1,540.00 after expenses.

-The National Conference Silent Auction was a huge success again this year bringing in \$5,664.00. South Dakota's Auxiliary silent auction donation was a serving tray with a bottle of Crown Royal glasses and coasters which brought approximately \$53 on the auction.

-Our very own Marlys List was awarded the Sara Hendricks Lifetime Membership award. Marlys List has represented South Dakota at many National Conferences and is very deserving of this award.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary is offering two \$400 scholarships for the 2014 academic year. Unmarried High school seniors and college undergraduate students or vocational students are eligible. The student's Father, Mother, or Grandparents must be a member of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association and his/her spouse a member of the Auxiliary and/or retired career National Guard Person who is a member of the Enlisted Association and Auxiliary. Membership dues for 2014 must be paid by December 31, 2013, to be eligible for the scholarships. Applications are currently available and must be returned by March 1, 2014. For more information or to request a scholarship packet contact: Marlene Kotab
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There will be three EANGUS National Auxiliary Scholarships, one in the amount of \$1,250 and two in the amount of \$1,000 each. There is also one USAA scholarship of \$1,000 available to high school seniors or college students. Full-time students as well as part-time students enrolled for at least 8 accredited hours may apply. Previous Auxiliary scholarship winners are not eligible. The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- Unmarried children/step children, grandchildren/step grandchildren, up to age 26, of Annual and Life EANGUS Auxiliary members;

- Spouses of EANGUS Auxiliary members;
- EANGUS Auxiliary members.

Scholarship application deadline is June 1, 2014. Applications are available from Marlys List and completed applications should be submitted to: Marlys List, Auxiliary Scholarship, 705 James Place, Yankton, SD57078
For additional information Marlys can be reached at 605-665-5924 or dmlist@vyn.midco.net.

Scholarship applications for both scholarships are available at www.SDNGEA.com under the Auxiliary tab and then the scholarships tab.

Treasurer's Report

In reviewing our records on the fundraising efforts this is what I gathered

- The 50/50 raffles at the State Conference netted \$547 and with one of the winners donating back \$300 for a total of **\$847.54.**
- The Basket Fundraiser at the State Conference brought in **\$326.00.**
- The brunch collection brought in \$95.00 which was donated to The Good Shepard Ministry Center.
- The quilt and VISA gift card Raffle netted **\$1,540.15**

To date our fund raising efforts have netted **\$2,713.69** for the year.
Diane Kafka,
Treasurer/Membership
Chairman



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Upcoming Events

LEGISLATIVE DINING OUT

February 2014- Date TBD

STATE CONFERENCE

April 25-26, 2014 - The Lodge, Deadwood, S.D.

AREA V CAUCUS

May 30-31, 2014 - Rochester, MN

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

LEGISLATIVE DINING OUT

August 10-14 2014 - Phoenix, AZ

BLACK HILLS VETERANS

HONOR MARCH

September 20, 2014 – Deadwood, SD (tentative)

The National Guard Needs Your Support.

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<http://capwiz.com/eangus>



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