

Walter Nelson Unit 326 Fact Sheet (2007-2008)

Americanism:

Americanism Essay Contest-\$45 in prizes and winners (& families) were invited to the meeting to receive citations and read their essays.

Veterans Day Program- Junior members in the Advanced Prose Class host the program. Junior members in the Tinkerbell Choir play music. Junior members sing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. Junior members make “thank you” posters. Public Relations chairman writes article for the Stanley Republican.

Youth Day at the High Ground- Junior members in the Advanced Prose Class serve as group guides for the tours. Junior members in the 5th grade are actively involved in “flag folding ceremony” and receive flags as souvenirs. Two senior members volunteer to serve food and work on public relations.

Memorial Day-Senior members participated in the services at the cemeteries with the American Legion. Following the cemeteries, senior members attended the Legion’s “Flag Disposal Ceremony.”

Badger Girl’s State: Senior member served as flag bearer for the opening convocation at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. Sponsored two delegates and paid the transportation costs. Hosted the Chippewa County Orientation program and donated refreshments.

Parades- Senior and Junior Members and Poppy Princesses appeared in parades in Thorp, Boyd, and Stanley.

Oratorical Contest: One senior member attended the District Contest. One senior member encouraged support for the contest as the Department of Wisconsin Historian. Several members listened to the District 10 winner’s speech at the District Spring Conference.

Daily living: Senior members who are teachers promote the Pledge of Allegiance and patriotic songs in their classrooms. Both senior and junior members recite the pledge, wear flag lapel pins, and fly the U.S. flag at their homes.

Blue Star Banners- Four Blue Star Banners were presented to families with deployed military in their families at a cost of \$26.

Awards-Unit 326 won the Dorothy Pearl Americanism award for Wisconsin.

National Security:

Coupon Clipping- Members clipped coupons to be sent to military bases. Over 40 volunteer hours were spent on preparation. The value spent-\$78

Care Packages-One member volunteered 10 hours and spent about \$75 sending to two soldiers. Letters and cards to active duty service persons. (25+)

Safety- Members who are teachers work on safety lessons in their classrooms.

Children & Youth:

Promotion of Youth Programs- Members monitor the use of the Legion Hall for Scout meetings, the Pinewood Derby, and the Blue Gold Banquet. Members volunteer to work on concessions at the High School softball games.(100 hrs. total)

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation- Individuals donated \$50.

Youth Hero Award: Two students from Stanley-Boyd High School were nominated and received the National Youth Hero Award. Families and winners were given free dinners at the American Legion Fish Fry. The winners received citations and cash. The total cost was \$100.

Community Service:

Junior Activities- Junior members volunteered an unrecorded number of volunteer hours in the following types of activities. Nursing home visits and craft gifts, "Make a Difference Day" community beautification, recycling, keeping flowers fresh at the Veterans Park, visiting Camp American Legion and the Veterans Hospitals, and attending District and Department conferences where they worked on volunteer projects and donated to flood victims.

Volunteer Hours and Donation Values- American Legion Fish Fries, Sportsman's Banquet, and Craft Sale dessert donations total over \$265. Hours total more than 500. Volunteer hours spent at church related activities (including teaching religious education classes total 75. Recycling hours total over 200. Hours spent helping at blood drives exceed 30. Time spent at the Chippewa Homeless Shelter, nursing homes, helping cancer patients, and food banks total more than 125.

Education:

Scholarship- Unit 326 gives two \$200 local scholarships. Members work with the guidance department to promote other Auxiliary scholarships. The unit members also donate to other scholarship funds. (\$75) We received the Department award for the "Best Scholarship Program."

Literary- One member who is the author of children's books volunteers in schools and libraries. Another member volunteered at least 25 hours of Day Care time and tutoring.

Graduation gifts- to graduating junior members- First year of senior membership in the auxiliary. (\$15 each)

Poppies & Memorials:

Ordered 200 poppies. Creative Arts Festival Donations-\$25 Memorials-\$25 Poppy contribution-\$25