

ALA Post 272

April 2026 Newsletter

Did you know that you can now purchase **refillable gift cards** at the canteen? They make a nice gift for family and friends!

ALA Membership News: Our goal is to register 950 members for renewal. Currently, we have 893 paid for 2026 which puts us at 94%. We have 83 new members for 2026 and 23 Juniors. Make sure to contact Marilyn (717-678-2977) so we can get that total to 100%.

If anyone is interested in running for **ALA President** next year, Sharon has assured us that she will be around to mentor and help you transition into the position.

As you may know, the Mount Union Legion building burned down in February and we have been trying to assist them with extra fundraising. Starting **April 1**, the ALA is auctioning off a HUGE lottery basket for \$2 a ticket. The winner will be drawn on **April 26** at the All-You-Can-Eat **Pancake Breakfast** (8-11) that our Legion is hosting in the Banquet room. From April 1 – 22, the Legion is pre-selling tickets for the breakfast: \$10 Adults, \$8 children. Cost at the door will be \$12 Adults, \$10 children. Please come out to support our fellow legion post in their time of need.

March 28 was **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** and was attended by 71 children and adults in the Banquet Room. After a hot breakfast, the kids made their own crafts, played Easter games, guessed the number of jelly beans in a jar, and had a visit with the Easter Bunny before receiving a bag of candy and gifts. Lots of food, giggles, and hugs were had all around!

We're getting down to the wire for hosting our upcoming **ALA Tri-County Meeting** on **May 2, 2026**. The committee has been busy planning for decorations, food (continental breakfast and hot lunch), and canvassing for donations. **We are still in need of help** for this **MAJOR** fundraiser that only becomes available to us once every 6 years. (We are expecting upwards of 125 attendees!!) Mostly, we will need help that day selling the fundraising raffle tickets for the Baskets, 50/50 drawing, Lotto Tree, and special large-item donations. (We've identified at least 8 different ticket drawings.) **Please** consider helping out and contact Cristy Weigle (pabride@aol.com) for more information.

April 14 is the ALA's non-smoking **Tuesday** night bingo in the canteen. Proceeds will go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Ticket packets are \$25 and includes all of the regular games and specials with additional packets being \$12 each. Single strips (for those who can't stay the entire night) will be \$1 for each Regular game, Specials will be \$2 each,

and Black Out will be \$3 each (after playing at least 3 games prior to the Black Out game).

April 19 is the date for the Sunday non-smoking **Community Bingo** in the banquet room. Doors open at 11:30 and first number is called at 1:00. The adult cost is \$25 for the packet of tickets which covers all games and specials. Additional packets are \$12 each. Kids ticket packets (16 and under) are \$12. The Progressive Bingo was not hit in March so the pot will be over **\$250!!** It will continue to build at each monthly bingo until it is won. Cost to participate is \$1. We're always looking for players so make sure to attend with family, friends, and neighbors. **FYI** – proceeds from these monthly bingos are split between the Legion groups in an effort to recoup the monies lost from the cutback on the number of summer barbecues. Basket donations and baked goods are also welcomed.

April 26 – ALA meeting in the non-smoking dining room at 6:30. Come and join us!

The **Lebanon VA** still needs the following new (not used) items: Male scents for Deodorant, Lotion, Body wash, and 3-in-1 body wash. Men's 4X T-shirts, 4X underwear briefs, and medium T-shirts. Alcohol-free mouthwash, large nail clippers, large size baby powder, and Women's (size small) bras. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE **NEW** – NOT USED. They would also appreciate adult activity and coloring books. Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the lobby.

Remember: Our mission is to serve those who protect our freedoms.

ANY QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS? Email/text our President, Sharon at 717-418-8793.