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Post, Youth Pitch Foundation to Fund Startup Joint Baseball Grant Program

At Tuesday night's meeting the Executive Committee approved three baseball-related proposals presented by the Baseball Committee - - the most innovative of which would be a Youth Baseball Grant program conducted in conjunction with the Youth Pitch Foundation (YPF).

The other two proposals include (1) a plan to spend up to \$2,000 and use Post donated labor to install railings in the baseball seating area, and (2) a proposal, which would require approval of the membership at an upcoming meeting, to allocate \$5,000 of Post monies to replace the 272 baseball seats along the first and third base lines.

The seat replacement commitment would be contingent upon the Baseball Committee's raising at least \$20,000 through donations, the sale of advertising on the outfield wall and from concessions stand sales.

The Baseball Grant Program assumes that the YPF and the Post would join together to provide financial assistance to youth that otherwise could not afford to participate in recreational league baseball programs.

Grants would pay for the Rec league application fee. The estimated cost of each grant would be in the range of \$250 to \$300. The Post's portion of the Grants would be funded by the concessions sales at Post baseball games.

YPF has offered to provide \$500 to start the grant program contingent upon an equal donation from a third source. The Post would allocate its \$500 contribution from the already established Scholarship budget.

The Post would work with Alpharetta recreation league programs to identify youth candidates for the program, starting initially with programs conducted at Wills Park.

Once an eligible youth has been identified by Recreational League management and a grant application approved by the Baseball Committee, a check, funded equally by YPF and the Post, would be presented to the Rec League on behalf of the youth.

Other highlights from Tuesday's meeting include:

- The Post has finally been awarded a Bingo license for 2023. As soon as game training can be completed, Bingo should be back on the Post's activity schedule.
- Home Depot Foundation grant work completed in the clubroom includes painting (except for a little touch up work, flagpoles, fans, exterior lights, deck heaters, and deck doors (with trim still needed on the inside). Tasks remaining include the clubroom floor, clubroom trim, deck/trash bin/media box stair stain, and restrooms. [Click here to see](#) some photos of work underway. Photos by Marty Ferrell.
- After clubroom repairs are completed look for shuffleboard will to be added to the room
- Some 70 tickets have been sold for February "Laughter at the Legion" Feb. 11 Valentine's Comedy show. Break even is in the range of 100 sold, but it takes 200 or so to fill the room. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)
- Membership renewals for 2023 stand at 493 toward a goal of 700. Starting Jan. 1, bartenders will be asking to see 2023 membership cards in the Clubroom.
- The Walk of Memories team has started an "Adopt a Flower Pot" program for 2023. You can adopt a pot for a \$30 per year. Home Depot will provide some plantings for free. Once a quarter the pots will be judged and the winner will receive \$50. As of this week 11 pots have been adopted. Contact Dave Kirchner, 770-539-1120 or davekirchnerusmc@yahoo.com for details and who to see to get Home Depot's contribution to your 'pot'.

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Milton Couple Donates 50 Bicycles To Post for Toys for Tots Campaign

(Story and Photo by Marty Ferrell)

There will be a lot of smiles on Christmas morning thanks to a generous Milton couple with big hearts.

Mike and Gina McElroy, have for the second-year donated bicycles to the Toys for Tots Program at Alpharetta American Legion Post 201. Helping to ensure that underprivileged boys and girls have something special to celebrate this holiday is something that the McElroys have done for around 20 years and estimate that during that time have probably provided thousands of bikes to various programs.

The couple visited the post on Sunday, Dec. 11 when members of the Marine Corps League brought a truck to the Wills Road Veterans organization to pick up the bikes and three boxes containing more than 125 toys donated by legionnaires and the community.

According to Post Finance Officer Ralph Jordan, "We are most appreciative for the generosity of the McElroys who are helping to make this a special Christmas for kids in our community who might not otherwise receive such a special gift as a new bicycle."

Jordan also thanked everyone who brought a toy to the Legion for the 2022 Toys for Tots program. [Click here to see a photo](#) of Jordan (center) thanking the McElroys for their gift of 50 brand new bicycles.

Editors Note: The Post will continue accepting toy donations until close of business, Tuesday, Dec. 20. The additional toys collected are scheduled be transferred to the Toys for Tots distribution system Wednesday morning, Dec. 21.

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Post Stores 216 Wreaths for Vets Graves; All Scheduled to be Placed this Saturday

If the Post's storeroom has a slight smell of evergreen right now, it's probably because 216 wreaths, which are part of the Wreaths Across America program, are currently stored at the Post.

They were delivered Monday and will be picked up and placed on veterans grave sites in the area this Saturday by members of the Alpharetta-based Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

According to DAR Regent Jennifer Boren, 113 of the wreaths will be placed on veterans graves at Rest Haven Cemetery in ceremonies starting a 12 noon Saturday. The event is open to the public and veterans are encouraged to attend. Rest Haven is located 90 Milton Ave. in downtown Alpharetta. If you plan to attend, parking will be available across the street at the high school.

Other sites where DAR members will be placing wreaths include: 16 wreaths at Pine View Cemetery, 300 Teasley Dr. (off of Kimball Bridge Road); 21 wreaths at Old Big Creek Cemetery, 3527 Kimball Road; 17 wreaths at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, 4540 Kimball Bridge Rd; and several private cemeteries in the area.

Earlier this year the Post purchased 30 wreaths to support the DAR outreach.

In addition to the wreaths at each grave site, the DAR has placed eight ceremonial wreaths at the entrance to each of the four cemeteries. The wreaths recognize the POW/MIA, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, Space Force and the Merchant Marine.

Boren also said wreaths will be placed on all veterans graves at the National Cemetery in Canton, which would include grave sites of Post 201 members. That will fulfill a request by the Post membership that those gravesites not be overlooked.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Thursday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every

month.

Saturday, Dec. 24 & Sunday, Dec. 25. Post Scheduled to be Closed all day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. However, if there is enough member interest in opening the Clubroom for a period of time Christmas Eve (as was done on Thanksgiving Day), and if a Post 'keyholder' volunteers to open the Post, arrangements can be made to meet the membership request. Please contact Post Commander Fred Mahony to coordinate the details. Also, be reminded that if the Post is open for a period of time on Christmas Eve there will be no bar service and no BYOB. Should the Post be opened for a period of time on Christmas Eve, an announcement of the time and details will be published in the Dec. 22 issue of this publication.

Monday, Dec. 26, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, roncowan@bellsouth.net or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.

Thursday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. House Committee Meeting. The usual first Saturday 'pot luck' breakfast will precede the meeting. Cooking is scheduled to begin around 8 a.m., with breakfast being served in the 9 a.m. time frame.

Saturday, Jan. 14, Start Time TBD. Second Home Depot Foundation Grant work day. Contact Jeff Rahn at jrahn@sheepdogia.org for details and to volunteer.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

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Club 201 Dance Activities

Visit both www.club201dance.com
and the [Club 201 Dance FaceBook Page](#)
for detailed information about
all dance activities and schedules.

Celebrate 2022 New Year's Eve at Club 201 Reserved Seating - - Tickets \$45 Each [Click Here to Buy Tickets](#)

Fantastic evening of live music & dancing on the area's best dance floor,
an amazing assortment of delectable hors d'oeuvres, party favors and more...

Doors open 7 p.m. Food served 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Gold Standard Band, with DJ Rich Kopels, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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Resource Links

Post 201 Walk of Memories - [Click here](#) for more information.

Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter - Visit www.legion201.org and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Post 201 Website - www.legion201.org.

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Veterans Crisis Line - 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

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