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Back-to-Back Martini Night, Super Bowl Parties Create Busy Weekend at Post

By Barbara Thurmond E-Newsletter 'on-the-scene' Correspondent

Two back-to-back days of parties, Martini Night on Saturday and Super Bowl on Sunday, generated lots of activity in the Clubroom this past weekend.

Martini night, a much needed new and innovative fund raising event hosted by the Auxiliary brought out close to 100 members of the Post family, many with cupid-enchanted hearts and Sinatra-inspired voices. Although the Auxiliary has not announced how much was raised, the value of Post members having a good time in the Clubroom should not be under estimated.

After a martini or two it seemed like microphones came alive and people were brave enough to get up and join the karaoke fun. And we do have some really good singers in our midst, among them Scott Hoehn, Marilyn, Ernie, and some other handsome guys and gals - - - although this writer doesn't know their names because the martinis clouded my memory.

Tunes ranged across a wide range of the music spectrum from Frank Sinatra, Carrie Underwood, Bob Segar and more. Several folks chose to give tribute to the late, great Toby Keith, belting out "Red Solo Cup" and "I Love This Bar" while bartenders Michele and Ariel were in constant motion, serving several libation options from chocolate, mint and even crème brûlée martinis in addition to basic martini.

There was so much laughter among those in the standing room only Clubroom that some said their faces hurt. Dave Gordon said he had the best time ever on martini night! Pictures of the evening are posted on the Auxiliary page of the Post's web site, <u>www.legion201.org</u>.

The best compliment of the evening attesting to the success of "Martini Night" came with a question directed to Auxiliary President Linda Stancil-Redner. She was asked "when can we do this again?" Linda conceived the idea and saw it through from start to finish - - - which also included stocking the bar with more than 70 martini glasses and another 140 or so heavy duty plastic martini glasses - - all of which now reside at the bar for future patron use.

Less than 24 hours later, it was Super Bowl pot luck appetizer night. The biggest hit of the evening was Alan Dudley's Mardi Gras king cake with the baby! We all laughed about who had the baby - - and the cake was delicious. Alan brought it back from Louisiana just for us to enjoy!

Steve brought a chocolate football cake, which was promptly eaten. There were also pork stew from Mike Roman, chili by Elaine Van Camp, meatballs by Patty, spinach artichoke dip by Bruce Hay's better half, along with a large fruit tray by the Event/Entertainment committee as well as many other dishes.

Holding back the crowd in line to eat before 5:30 p.m. was the hardest job. They broke down the barriers but we were able to contain them . . . thank goodness! There was enough food to feed the crowd during the pregame period with more than enough left over for eating in shifts between the half time to the end of the game.

A special shout out to all the 'worker bees' that helped: Mike Roman, Alan Dudley, David Gordon (Event/Entertainment chair) Patty, Elaine Van Camp, Michele, other members of the Event/Entertainment committee, and (of course) Bob Moye, the Post's bar manager! Kudos also to all of the members of the Post family who came out to make the Super Bowl night another great event!

(Editor's Note: Scott Hoehn also contributed to this article.)

Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

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Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Life Line Screening at Post 201. <u>Click here for details</u>, costs, and to make reservations.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. General Membership meeting. Dinner service begins at 6 p.m. Menu for the evening includes hotdogs, baked beans, chili for the dogs, slaw, sauerkraut and and the trimmings including a variety of desserts.

Two speakers are scheduled for the meeting. Greg Eldridge of Home Helpers Home Care of Alpharetta will provide a brief overview about the VA's Healthcare System's Homemaker/Home Health Aide Program and how his company supports and provides assistance to veterans who want to stay in their own home. The second scheduled speaker is Jeff Auterson of Auterson Baseball. He'll talk about the history of baseball at the Post and the role it has played in the community.

Thursday, Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m. Baseball at the Post. King's Ridge vs Northview High School. <u>Click here to see the season schedule</u> for Kings Ridge varsity baseball.

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

Friday, March 15, 8 .p.m. "Sinatra and Friends." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. General admission non-refundable tickets are \$20 each. They may be purchased online by <u>clicking here</u>, or at the Clubroom/Bar.

Sunday, March 17, 5 p.m. SAL Liquor Basket Raffle Drawing. Tickets available at Clubroom/Bar: 1 ticket for \$5; 3 tickets for \$10; 10 tickets for \$20. Other special St. Patrick's Day activities are being planned for the Clubroom.

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. VFW Post 12002 Life Member Recognition Luncheon. This event includes a social hour, luncheon, and a formal recognition program. It will be followed immediately by a Post Meeting dedicated to the Election of Officers for the 2024-2025 year. For more information contact Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, <u>davis1824@comcast.net</u>

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Club 201 Dance Activities

Visit both <u>www.club201dance.com</u> and the <u>Club 201 Dance FaceBook Page</u> for detailed information about all dance activities and schedules.

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Resource Links

Post 201 Walk of Memories - <u>Click here</u> for more information.

Post 201 Website - <u>www.legion201.org</u>.

Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter - Click here.

Post 201 Facebook Page - Click here.

VA Survivor's Pension & Eligibility for Veterans Pension - Click here to read.

Survivor Assistance Checklist - Click this link.

Benefits for Georgia Veterans - Click this link.

Burial at Sea Information - Click here.

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

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

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program - <u>888-514-5345</u> or <u>click here</u> for more info.

United Military Care - Click this link.

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