



Big Dipper Auxiliary Newsletter



May 2023

Happy Spring Everyone!

I know that by now, all of our moms and associates are getting excited about our National Convention in Nashville. This will be, as always, a great time filled with information, networking and excitement.

Part of the convention excitement is always Big Dipper Fun Night. This year our theme is Boots – Stars – Guitars. Be sure to register for Fun Night along with our convention registration. Fun Night attire is anything you would like! You wear your boots and hats and sparkles if you want or just come as you are!

Fun Night is for everyone! Big Dipper Members – Non-Members and Associates. There will be some food to snack on, non-alcoholic beverages, games, photo booths and more!

All monies raised is for the Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance which is “OUR” Mission. Please begin to plan to donate Silent Auction Baskets or individual items. This is a huge part of the evening and great excitement. More information to come on Silent Auctions.

Thank you all and the Big Dipper team is working hard for the success of the event, JCEA and the mission.

Respectfully,

Doreen Berggren,

National Big Dipper Auxiliary

President 2022 – 2023

When people support each other, incredible things happen.



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Hello Ladies,

It is almost Convention time Big Dipper Fun Night. I hope all of you are as excited as I am. Get those dancing shoes/boots ready. There will be dancing, games, a photo station, it will be so much fun!!!

Big Dipper Educational Assistance can also help you if you decide to go back to school. The new application is now available online.

Big Dipper is easy to join and we have a lot of fun during the year. If you are thinking about joining Big Dipper, you may join at anytime. Beginning June 1, 2023, you will get your membership for all of this year and next year through July 31, 2024.

The cost is only \$10.00 per year and see all of the amazing and fun things that this auxiliary does each year. We currently have 300+ members and are hoping to reach more members throughout this next year.

At the end of the year, any chapter that has 100% membership in Big Dipper will receive a certificate thanking you for your participation. Also, at the end of the year (at Convention), we have a special plaque for the chapter that has raised the most money for Big Dipper.

There is an attached application to this newsletter that you can fill out and mail a check in or you can also go onto the Blue Star Mothers website, go to Big Dipper and fill out the application form there and pay through Paypal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

1vp.bd@bluestarmothers.us

Amy O'Campo

VP Big Dipper Auxiliary

2022-2023

BIG DIPPER FUN NIGHT

Nashville, TN

Boots - Stars - Guitars



Pack Your Hat & Boots



Music by DJ Cheryl



Photo Station



Props & Fun



Have a Guitar?



Bring a Guitar!



Snacks & Shenanigans!

*Silent Auction
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$*



Line Dancing with Maudi



More Information to Come

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Big Dipper Fun Night Silent Auction

Three months until we have Fun Night. Hopefully, you have started planning and shopping for those one-of-a-kind items to fill your auction basket. All items need to be contained in a basket, box, decorative container and cellophane wrapped. This will aid in keeping your donation items together.

Every basket donated last year was beautiful. I can hardly wait to see your creativity!

We will need your Silent Auction donation information emailed so that our Silent Auction Chair can prepare all the sheets. Here is how you can help us complete the Bid Sheets.

Please email the information listed below to Big Dipper Silent Auction Chair Barb Cook by July 1, 2023.

EMAIL: barbie44811@gmail.com

Information Needed:

Item: Name and complete description of all items in basket . **Donated By:** Chapter Name and Number or individual donor name and value.

You may either send your baskets directly to the hotel or bring them yourselves. If you send them directly to the hotel, please address them as follows:

Millennium Maxwell House Hotel

2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd

Nashville, TN 37228

ATTN: Andra Ruffier/Amy O'Campo (BIG DIPPER Silent Auction)

If you choose to send your auction baskets to the hotel, please note that they will not accept them before July 21, 2023.

If you are bringing your auction baskets with you, please make sure that you have them to the Big Dipper Silent Auction chair Barb Cook no later than Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

When we have a room number, I will make it known.

If you have any questions please reach out to me.

president.bd@bluestarmothers.us

NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE GALLERY



Item #1 Big Dipper Guard Pin



Item #2 Eagle Pin

Item #3 Heart Earrings

Item #4 Heart Necklace



Item #6 Big Dipper Lapel Pin



Item #7 Proud Veteran Pin



Item #5 Heart Earrings & Necklace Bundle



Item #8 Star Earrings

Item #9 Star Necklace



Item #10 Star Earrings & Necklace Bundle



Item #11 Patriotic Cross Pin

Item #12 Patriotic Cross Necklace



Item #13 Flip Flop Necklace



Item #14 Blue Star Hat Bag



Your order form is on the next page!

NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE ORDER FORM

--PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY--

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ (Circle: Landline Cell)

Email _____

# Ordered	Item	Cost Each	Total Cost
	#1 Big Dipper Guard Pin	\$12	
	#2 Eagle Pin	\$7	
	#3 Heart Stud Earrings	\$12	
	#4 Heart Necklace	\$8	
	#5 Heart Stud Earrings & Necklace Bundle	\$18	
	#6 Big Dipper Lapel Pin	\$12	
	#7 Proud Veteran Pin	\$8	
	#8 Star Stud Earrings	\$12	
	#9 Star Necklace	\$8	
	#10 Star Stud Earrings & Necklace Bundle	\$18	
	#11 Patriotic Cross Pin	\$7	
	#12 Patriotic Cross Necklace	\$8	
	#13 Flip Flop Necklace	\$14	
	#14 Blue Star Hat Bag	\$10	
	Shipping for Jewelry Items (see below)		
	Shipping for Hat Bag(s) (see below)		
	TOTAL DUE		

Shipping Fees:

Shipping & Handling for Jewelry Items:

- Shipping & Handling for 4 items or less as \$4
- Shipping & Handling for 5-8 items is \$6
- Shipping & Handling for 9-12 items is \$8

Shipping & Handling for Hat Bags: \$5 each

Make Checks Payable to "National Big Dipper Auxiliary"

Mail this order form and your check to:

National Big Dipper Auxiliary
 c/o Genevieve Schindler, National Big Dipper Financial Secretary
 PO Box 423
 Coursegold, CA 93614

WHAT IS BIG DIPPER YOU ASK?

Big Dipper History & Purpose

The Big Dipper is a national auxiliary of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (BSMA) that came into being in Milwaukee, Wisconsin November 7 at the 1951 National Convention. **The objectives of the organization are threefold:**

- ★ Honoring outstanding members of the BSMA
- ★ Sponsoring a "Fun Night" at conventions
- ★ Providing educational assistance to a worthy child(ren), grandchild(ren) of BSMA or Veteran; a Veteran, or active duty personnel or BSMA or their spouse.

The emblem is a flat bottom dipper with a long handle, used on all stationery and worn as a guard pin, attached to the pin of the parent organization.

Pins are \$10 and may be ordered from [Big Dipper National Financial Secretary](#).



Be a Part of Big Dipper

- ★ Must be a member of Blue Star Mothers of America, INC. (BSMA) in good standing.
- ★ Membership dues (\$10.00) shall be paid using the official forms found on and printed from www.bluestarmothers.us and submitted through local BSMA Chapter's Financial Secretary.
- ★ Annual Dues of \$10 are payable on September 1st of each year.

Membership applications, dues and remittance forms, shall be supplied (upon request) by the Big Dipper National Vice President

Educational Assistance

Education is the key to success. The members of the Big Dipper will award educational assistance annually to a worthy son/daughter, grandson/ granddaughter of a BSMA or Veteran; a Veteran, active duty service member, or BSMA or their spouse.

The money will be sent directly to recipient of the award, so they may use as needed.



Educational Assistance applications must be returned to the Big Dipper National President or Big Dipper Department President **no less than 30 days prior to first day of convention** to be eligible for consideration by the Educational Assistance Committee (EAC).

The EAC will be appointed by the Big Dipper President as soon as possible following the annual Convention.

Contact National Big Dipper President at president.bd@bluestarmothers.us or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BigDipperAuxiliary



Let's keep filling the pot
with
golden members!!
JOIN TODAY and
at Convention, you can get
this voting paddle for use

Chapter Donation information

Every year, chapters donate funds to the JCEA. This plaque/award goes to the chapter that donates the most money. Could this chapter be yours? It will be awarded at the 2023 National Convention in Nashville.

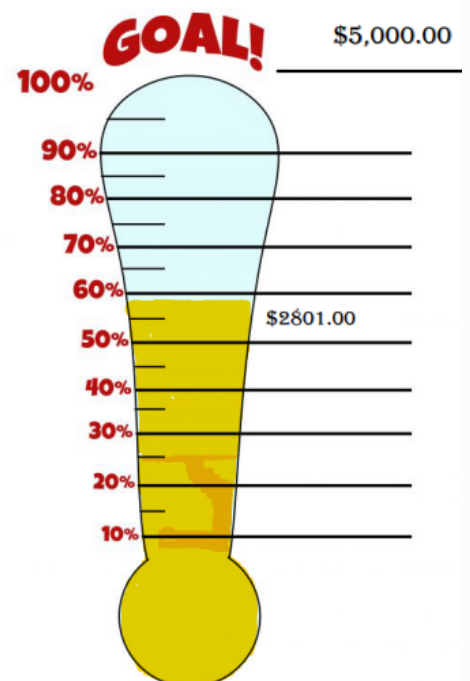


Please send all donations to the Big Dipper Financial Secretary, Gen Schindler. Her address is listed on pages 5, 8 and 9 of this newsletter.

Be sure to specify where your chapter donation is to go, ie: JCEA fund.

Our goal is \$5,000.00 and we have received \$2801.00 as of Feb 20, 2023

BIG DIPPER DONATIONS FOR 2022-2023



Hello Big Dipper Sisters,

Since August of this year, several requests for undeposited/lost checks have been received by Members of the National Big Dipper Executive Board. As your 2022-2023 National Financial Secretary, I am sharing the following pointers to facilitate locating your missing checks:

- Please send all requests for missing checks to finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us
- Include the following with your request:
 - The check number
 - The amount of the check
 - The approximate date the check was mailed
 - Your state/chapter number or state department
 - A working email (several emails have been returned as undeliverable)
- When issuing a check to the Big Dipper Financial Secretary, please make your checks payable to

National Big Dipper Auxiliary.

- Please mail your payments to:

National Big Dipper Auxiliary

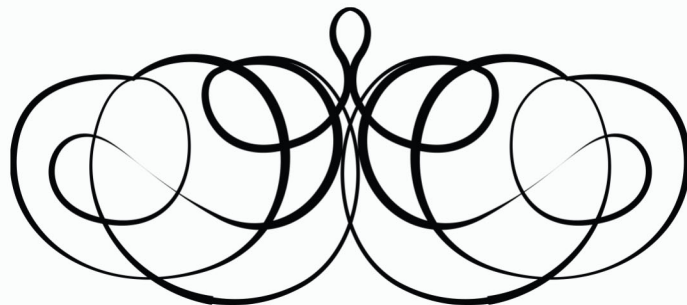
c/o: Gen Schindler, Big Dipper Financial Secretary

P O Box 423 Coarsegold, CA 93614

By helping me with the above information, I will be able to help you as quickly as possible.

Thank you so much, Gen Schindler,,

2022-2023 National Big Dipper Auxiliary Financial Secretary



NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS, EVERYONE, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SEND IT IN SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

This is the only application to use, Please check the mailing address.



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC
NATIONAL BIG DIPPER Auxiliary
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2022-2023



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER STATE & NO: _____ DEPARTMENT: N/A

**** If you belong to a Department please send form to Department Big Dipper Financial Secretary****

Date: _____ Check No.: _____

Send form and check for \$10.00 pay to the order of: Big Dipper Auxiliary. If paying through PayPal, please fill out this form and email it to finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

BSMA National Big Dipper Auxiliary

c/o Genevieve Schindler

PO Box 423

Coarsegold, Ca 93614

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For Big Dipper Use Only: ↓

Processed: _____

Deposited: _____