



# NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



## June 2025



From the  
desk of  
Connie M. Shuck  
President, Big Dipper  
Auxiliary

Dear Sisters,  
Summer is here, and Convention is just around the corner! June is a busy and exciting month, and we are grateful for all your continued hard work and dedication.

This newsletter includes important reminders, updates, and opportunities to support our mission and one another.

### **Big Dipper Meeting at BSM National Convention Reminders:**

Don't forget to register for the Big Dipper Fun Night. The theme this year is "Making Our Dreams Come True". Wear your pajama's (please remember to be modest as you have to walk through the hotel) and enjoy the pajama party and games.

### **Silent Auction / Fundraiser Info**

The Silent Auction is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year! Please remember to complete and return your donation / bid sheet. Contact any Big Dipper Officer to have it emailed to you. We appreciate all contributions—large or small!

### **Josephine Calenda Educational Assistance (JCEA):**

Reminder of Application deadlines – June 28th

**Thank you to those who are helping with the review process.**



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A Heartfelt Thank You!

To all Big Dipper Board Members and Appointees—thank you for your time, energy, and unwavering leadership. As we approach the final stretch before our Big Dipper Annual Meeting, let us continue to support, uplift, and encourage one another.

We are truly stronger together, and everything you do makes a meaningful difference.

As we look ahead, please consider stepping into a leadership role by becoming a Big Dipper Officer for the upcoming year.

Please feel free to reach out to any current Big Dipper Officer, any Past National Big Dipper President, or Past National President, Karen Stevens, our Big Dipper Nomination Chair, to request a nomination form.

In service and sisterhood,  
Connie M. Shuck

# Making Our Dreams Come True

## "Fun" Night

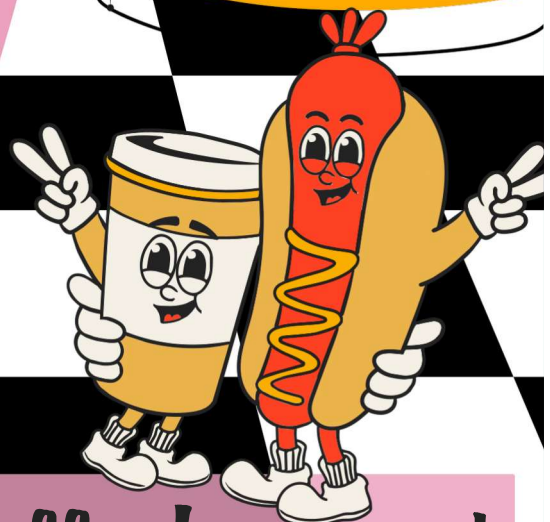
### PAJAMA PARTY

## July 30th

## 7 pm

All proceeds from "Fun" Night  
go to JCEA

Slip into your PJ's and enjoy an  
evening filled with laughter, snacks,  
and lively music. Games, contests,  
silent auction and more.



Schlamiel! Schlimazel! Hasenpfeffer Incorporated



## OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Beautiful Handmade Quilts Hosted by National Big Dipper Auxiliary

Supporting Josephine Calenda Education Assistance

With deep gratitude, we thank you for giving your time and stitching love into every piece. To all the mothers who shared their creativity and took part in the Quilt Program - your beautiful work means more than words can say. A heartfelt thank you to Liz Coyle and the talented members of Quilter's Legacy of Lakewood, which meets in Rocky River, Ohio. Your generosity in creating extra squares and assembling the quilt top is truly appreciated. To Gretchen Willi-your gift of time and skill in beautifully long-arming and completing the quilts on time means more than words can express.

How to Purchase Tickets:

Contact a National Big Dipper Auxiliary Officer or  
visit our table at the event!

Tickets:

\$5 for 1 Ticket

\$20 for 6 Tickets





***Donations are being accepted for Big Dipper  
Silent Auction and White Bags***

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO JCEA**

**Please email any Big Dipper Officer to  
request the Silent Auction Bid Sheet.  
We would appreciate these being  
filled out prior to arrival at  
Convention.**





# NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE GALLERY



Item #1 Big Dipper Guard Pin



# 2 Big Dipper Lapel Pin



Item #3 Eagle Pin



Item #4 Heart Stud Earrings



Item #5 Heart Necklace



Item #6 Proud Veteran Pin



Item #7 Star Stud Earrings



Item #8 Star Necklace



Item #9 Patriotic Cross Pin



Item #10 Patriotic Cross Necklass



Item #11 Patriotic Cross Earrings



Item #12 Flip Flop Necklace (silver tone)



Item #13 Flip Flop Earrings (gold tone)



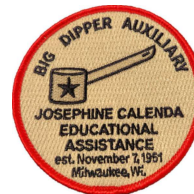
Item #14 Blue Star Hat Bag (Hat & Gloves available at the National BSM Online Store)



Item #16 Big Dipper Challenge Coin (all proceeds to JCEA)



Item #18 JCEA Patch (all proceeds to JCEA)



Item #19 Poppy Pin



Item #20 Folded Flag Pin



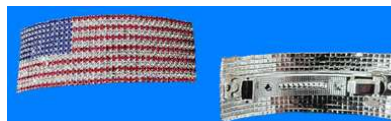
Item #21 Hairbands in Navy or Royal



Item #22 Beaded Coin Purse



Item #23 Flag Purse - sparkly



Item #24 Flag Baret



Vintage



Flag



Stars & Stripes

Item #25 Kimonos (3 designs)



# NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY STORE ORDER FORM 2024-2025

-PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY-

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle: Landline Cell )  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered	Item	Cost Each	Total
	#1 Big Dipper Guard Pin	\$12	
	#2 Big Dipper Label Pin	\$12	
	#3 Eagle Pin	\$10	
	#4 Heart Stud Earrings	\$12	
	#5 Heart Necklace	\$10	
	#6 Proud Veteran Pin	\$8	
	#7 Star Stud Earring	\$12	
	#8 Star Necklace	\$8	
	#9 Patriotic Cross Pin	\$8	
	#10 Patriotic Cross Necklace	\$10	
	#11 Patriotic Cross Earrings	\$12	
	#12 Flip Flop Necklace (Silver Tone)	\$10	
	#13 Flip Flop Earrings (Gold Tone)	\$12	
	#14 Blue Star Hat Bag	\$10	
	#15 Flag Knit Hat CLEARANCE	\$10	
	#16 Big Dipper Challenge Coin (all proceeds to JCEA)	\$10	
	#17 Patriotic Sunglass CLEARANCE	\$5	
	<b>NEW ITEMS</b>		
	#18 JCEA Patch (all proceeds to JCEA)	\$5	
	#19 Poppy Pin	\$5	
	#20 Folded Flag Pin	\$5	
	#21 Hairbands in Navy or Royal Blue	\$15	
	#22 Beaded Coin Purse	\$10	
	#23 Flag Purse – sparkly	\$25	
	#24 Flag Barrett – sparkly	\$15	
	#25 Kimonos- Vintage Flag, Flag, Stars & Stripes	\$15	
	#26 Flag Earrings	\$10	
	Shipping for Jewelry Items (See below)		
	Shipping for Hat Bag & Knit Hat and hairbands and purses (See below)		
	Discount for matching sets		
	TOTAL DUE		

**SHIPPING & HANDLING  
FOR JEWELRY ITEMS AND PINS:  
4 ITEMS OR LESS \$5  
5-8 ITEMS IS \$7  
9-12 ITEMS IS \$9**

**SHIPPING & HANDLING  
FOR HAT BAGS, KNIT HATS, HAIRBANDS, AND PURSES:  
\$6 EACH  
\$9 FOR 2 ITEMS  
\$12 FOR 3 ITEMS**

**NOTE: IF YOU PURCHASE A PAIR OF EARRINGS AND MATCHING NECKLACE,  
A \$3 DISCOUNT WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH SET**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY”**

**MAIL ORDER FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:  
NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY  
C/O ALETHEA TENNILL,  
NATIONAL BIG DIPPER FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
P.O. BOX 313  
COLUMBIA, MO 65205**







**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC  
BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2025-2026**



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAPTER STATE & NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT: N/A

\*\* If you belong to the Department of Michigan or the Department of Ohio, please send your membership form to your Department Big Dipper Financial Secretary\*\*

Send form and check for \$10.00 payable to the order of: "Big Dipper Auxiliary" to

Big Dipper Financial Secretary-  
Alethea Tennill  
P.O. Box 313  
Columbia MO 65205

OR

If paying through PayPal, Please fill out this form and email it to  
finsec.bd@bluestarmothers.us

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**For Big Dipper Use Only: ↓**

**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Processed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:** \_\_\_\_ Check Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposited:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Card Last 4 Digits on Card \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Cash

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