



# NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER



## February 2025



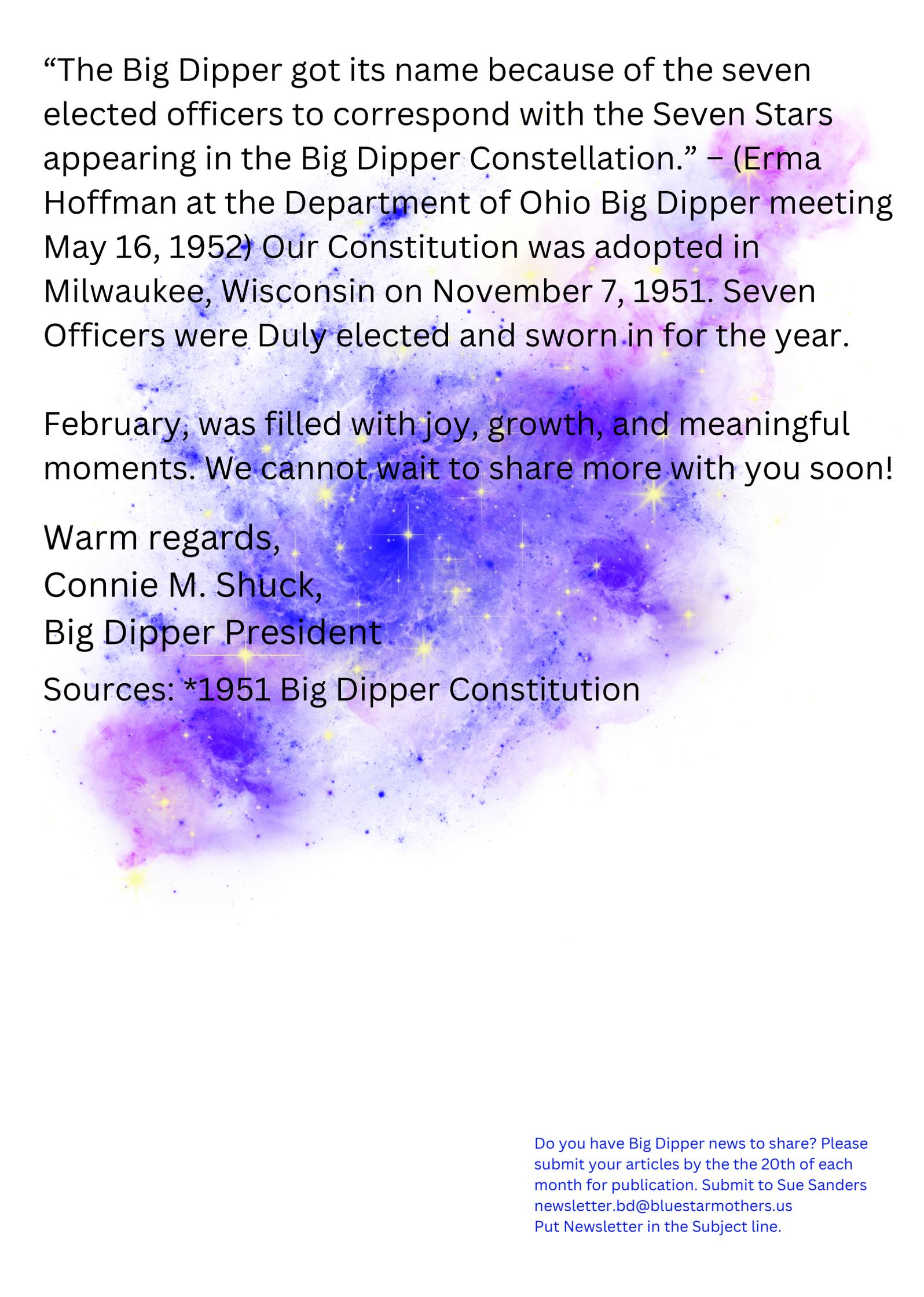
Good-bye February hello March!

Dear Sisters as we exit February, the month of love and fresh opportunities, we are excited to see Spring and the new beginnings! We want to share what's happening in our world. From exciting updates to heartfelt moments, there is so much to look forward to! "Love isn't just about romance; it's about community, kindness, and passion for what we do."

I have received multiple emails asking why Big Dipper is named Big Dipper. After doing some research, here is the information that I was able to locate.

From the Big Dipper Constitution, dated 1951, the emblem and official flower was adopted at the 1952 convention. The Big Dipper Emblem became a flat bottom Dipper with a long handle and worn as a guard pin attached to the official National Blue Star Mother's pin. The official flower became the California Poppy.





“The Big Dipper got its name because of the seven elected officers to correspond with the Seven Stars appearing in the Big Dipper Constellation.” – (Erma Hoffman at the Department of Ohio Big Dipper meeting May 16, 1952) Our Constitution was adopted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 7, 1951. Seven Officers were Duly elected and sworn in for the year.

February, was filled with joy, growth, and meaningful moments. We cannot wait to share more with you soon!

Warm regards,  
Connie M. Shuck,  
Big Dipper President

Sources: \*1951 Big Dipper Constitution

Do you have Big Dipper news to share? Please submit your articles by the the 20th of each month for publication. Submit to Sue Sanders [newsletter.bd@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:newsletter.bd@bluestarmothers.us)  
Put Newsletter in the Subject line.

More exciting news!

Quilt Squares have been mailed out to those who are participating. Thank you! Funds raised are used for the JCEA Program.

# **BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY 2024-2025 PRESENTS**

Josephine Calenda  
Educational Assistance  
Opportunity

**NEED HELP GOING TO  
SCHOOL?**

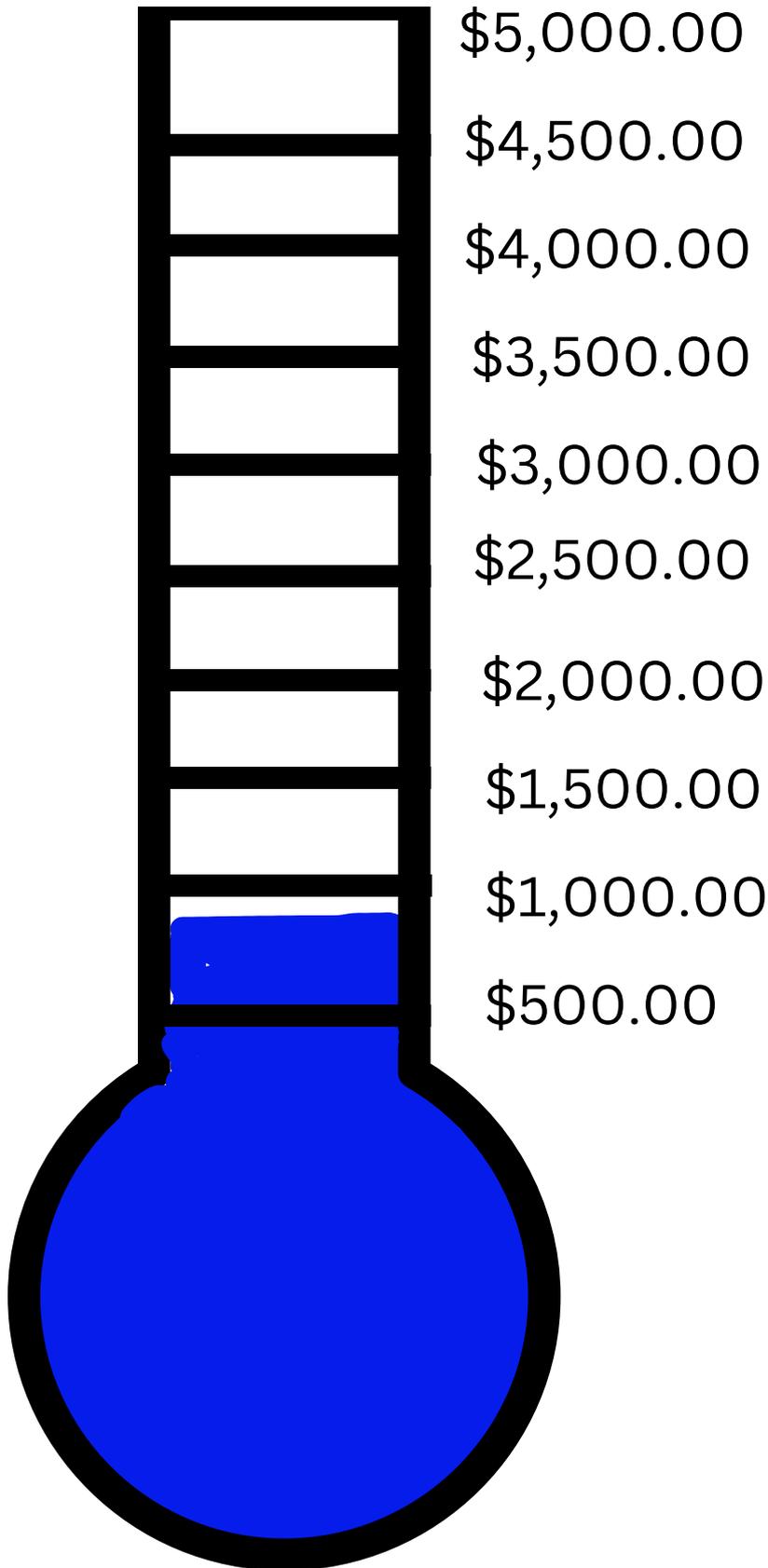
## **WHO CAN APPLY**

- Active Duty US Military Member
- Retired US Military Member or Veteran
- Spouse, Child, Grandchild of Active Duty or Veteran
- BSMA paid Member
- Child, Grandchild of a paid BSMA Member

Applications available  
in March 2025



# JCEA Fundraising Goal



- Bonfire T-Shirts  
\$136.55
- Cookie Dough  
\$244.50
- JCEA Donations  
\$600.00

Love

# Big Dipper

I hope your valentines was filled with love that thawed your frozen toes on those ridiculously cold snowy days..

I want to remind you it's not too late to join Big Dipper. So maybe my challenge is to send a crazy love letter to a fellow Blue Star Sister and convince her to join.

P.S Thank you for listening, for guidance. for inspiration. for encouragement, for being here. and most importantly for being a part of Big Dipper journey.



Rebecca Collins



OFFICE

150

Making Our Dreams Come True

"Fun"d Night

BIG DIPPER



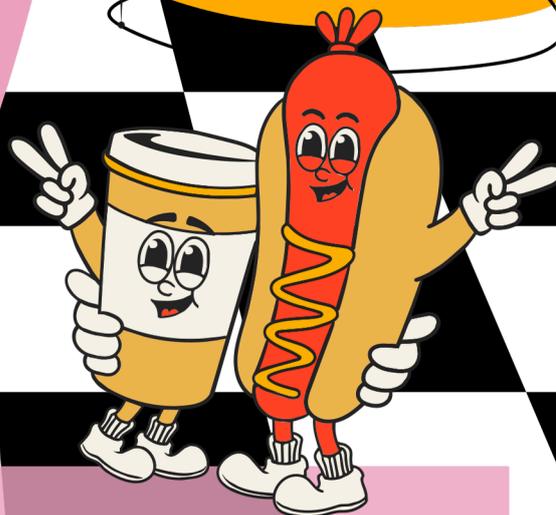
AUXILIARY

PAJAMA  
PARTY

July 30th

7 pm

Slip into your PJ's and enjoy an evening filled with laughter, snacks, and lively music. Games and contests, bid on unique items at our silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting our worthy cause. Have fun, connect and make a difference.



Schlemiel! Schlimazel! Hasenpfeffer Incorporated!



# Bonfire T-Shirt Fundraiser



**Five colors to chose from**

Charcoal    Dark Heather Grey    Midnight Navy

Red

Military Green

**Chose from Eight different styles**

**Order your T-Shirt**

Proceeds from the sale of these help with Fun night expenses.



**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC  
BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION/RENEWAL 2024-2025**



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

**For Big Dipper Use Only: ↓**

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

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