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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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As we prepare for the Holiday Season buying gifts, decorating the house, baking cookies, and going to Christmas parties, let us not forget the men and women who fought and are still fighting for our freedom – freedom to choose our religion and to celebrate without retribution. Please remember our veterans during the holidays and everyday – let them know that we care about them and thank them for

their service to God and Country. Commander Bob and I have been visiting VA medical facilities and are amazed at the research, medical treatment, and personal care that our Veterans are receiving. At the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, we had the opportunity to see a paralyzed veteran equipped with robotics that will enable him to stand and walk, and talked with researchers on their studies on PTSD in women and brain aging on women ages 30 to 97. At the Oscar G Johnson VA Medical facility in Iron Mountain several renovations are in progress to improve the facility to ensure

that our veterans are receiving the best medical care available. Staff is on duty 24 hours a day at Dayton Residential Care Facility (Kenosha Outreach), a facility caring for our veterans with mental and physical disabilities, to provide three meals a day, laundry and housekeeping, as well as personal care services. Of the 71 residents, 65 are veterans including one female veteran. Many of these residents do not have family members so please remember them during the holidays and every day of the year. Please remember to include the Dayton Residential Care Facility in your

donations. At Union Grove Veterans Home, a beautiful facility, our veterans are well cared for and enjoy activities, the library, and hugs from Volunteer Marcie. Our special treat that day was a Christmas concert by the "Charming Chimers." What heavenly music was made by the chimes and the three new Rosewood Contrabass Resonator bars in the keys of C, G and F that were made possible by the generous donations of Auxiliary members around the state! Thank you especially to our American Legion Family volunteers at each of our VA facilities

– I know that the medical staff and our Veterans appreciate all that you do. As the 2014 year comes to a close, I've added a few extra pounds from all the holiday parties and reflect on a year filled with anticipation and excitement – anticipation as I planned my year as Department President and excitement as I travel and represent the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. I have enjoyed my travels so far and hope to meet even more of our members in 2015. Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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Giving Gifts

Raising our voice in song is pretty easy to do during the month of December. There are so many Christmas carols that we can sing to honor our veterans, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" or to wish our troops a holiday of R&R by singing "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" as a prayer for their safety. In this article I'd like to feature "The Little Drummer Boy" (originally known as "Carol of the Drum") which is a popular Christmas song written by the American classical music composer and teacher Katherine Kennicott Davis in 1941. It was recorded in 1955 by the Trapp Family Singers and has since been recorded by Bing Crosby, Johnny Cash, Johnny Mathis, Andy Williams, and The Supremes. Of course the story behind the song is about not having a worthy gift, but then realizing that the talents and blessings given to you by God can be the gift. So

what could be your valuable gift to someone this Christmas? My first suggestion would be the gift that keeps on giving, otherwise known as a "Paid Up for Life" (PUFL) membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. Giving this gift to your daughter, granddaughter, or even a great granddaughter, would be a way to honor the veteran that makes them eligible and, at the same time, teach them a priceless lesson by assuring their continued membership in the world's largest women's patriotic organization. If you can't afford that gift, a yearly gift of their membership card and an Auxiliary branded item of clothing or jewelry will tell them how important the American Legion Auxiliary is to you. My second suggestion is to think about how quickly twenty or twenty-five dollars slip through your hands. Are you blessed to have enough money to gift a membership to someone who can't afford to renew right now? Perhaps a member who is in the nursing home or the caretaker for her invalid husband who is a veteran?

Wouldn't that be an example of sharing your blessings in the spirit of the holiday season? It would bring "The Little Drummer Boy" right into our own personal world. We could all sing Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" in celebration of our act of kindness as we enter the new year. It is now time to announce the \$100 gifts for the five winners of the "We Have Only Just Begun" awards. "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" for Hammond Unit 432 in District 10, Kewaskum Unit 384 in District 2, Franklin Unit 192 in District 4, Odanah Unit 25 in District 11, and Black Creek Unit 332 in District 9. Congratulations to these units! Perhaps they will use their winnings to gift memberships to eligible ladies in their communities this holiday season. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year from your membership team.
Joan Chwala, Chairman
Bonnie Jakubczyk, UD&R
Mary Petrie, UD&R
Morgan Johnsen, Junior Member

\$100 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Units that reached or exceeded their membership goal by November 21, 2014 were eligible for one of five cash drawings of \$100. Of the 33 units that qualified for the 'We've Only Just

Begun' award, the following five winners were determined using a challenging, scientific selection process at Department Headquarters (names were put in a box and drawn randomly).

Congratulations to all the units that have already met their membership goal and those that are so close. Members are reminded to pay their dues before their benefits expire in January.

UNIT#	DISTRICT	CITY	MEMBERSHIP %
432	10	Hammond	100.00%
384	2	Kewaskum	100.00%
192	4	Franklin	166.67%
25	11	Odanah	109.09%
332	9	Black Creek	104.00%



Raise your Voice in Song for Our Veterans



67.59% • DECEMBER 2014

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Another season has come and gone (or nearly so) and we are rapidly approaching the end of the calendar year. December 16th is the first day of Hanukkah this year, Christmas is the 25th and Kwanza begins on December 26th. As an organization with a devotion to "God and Country", it is important that we ensure we are being inclusive of all religions at our meetings and gatherings. Please take time to learn of your members' religious affiliations so that your prayers and blessings can be tailored to reflect everyone's faith, not just that of a few members.

The holiday season is challenging for many in that they may experience greater feelings of loneliness or isolation. What better time to reconnect with members that may not regularly attend your meetings. Take time to include them in your holiday happenings by offering rides to events being held at your post home.

My prayer for each of you is that the New Year brings you health and happiness!

Let Me Be

by Helen Gleason

Lord, let me be Your hand extended
 to a lost and weary throng.
 Let me be Your bright light shining.
 Let me be Your happy song.

Lord, let me be Your hope instilling
 peace into hearts so sad and drear.
 Help me to spread Thy love around them
 so that they'll know that You are near.

Lord, let me be Your hope, Your strength,
 Your peace, Your joy, Your love to all.
 May each soul You send my way
 believe and answer Your loving call.

A little something different to sing as you
 welcome the New Year!

My Dear Acquaintance

(A Happy New Year)

written by Peggy Lee and Paul William
 Roger Horner.

My dear acquaintance, it's so good to
 know you

For strength of your hand
 That is loving and giving
 And a happy new year
 With love overflowing
 With joy in our hearts
 For the blessed new year.

Raise your glass and we'll have a cheer
 For us all who are gathered here
 And a happy new year to all that is living
 To all that is gentle, kind, and forgiving
 Raise your glass and we'll have a cheer
 My dear acquaintance, a happy new year.

All of those who are hither and yonder
 With love in our hearts
 We grow fonder and fonder
 Hail to those who we hold so dear
 And hail to those who are gathered here.

And a happy new year to all that is living
 To all that is gentle, young, and forgiving
 Raise your glass and we'll have a cheer
 My dear acquaintance, a happy new year.



GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

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National Headquarters is scheduled to mail renewal notices on January 15th. Any member whose dues were not processed by December 5th will receive a renewal notice instructing them to send their dues to Department rather than to their unit. This change in policy was approved by the Department Finance Committee on a one-year trial basis in an effort to ensure members' dues are processed in a timely fashion, guaranteeing continuous membership and benefits.

NOTE: Dues are not considered "paid" until they have been processed by Department Headquarters. Members failing to pay their 2015 dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and suspended from all membership privileges, including the right to vote on unit business, hold office, or receive member benefits. Since these members are not

considered in "good standing," they also are not entitled to an Auxiliary memorial service or grave marker should they pass away before the unit forwards the dues to Department. If a member feels she is receiving a renewal notice in error, she should contact her Unit Membership Chairman to verify her dues were forwarded to Department.

Five of the 33 units that reached 100% in membership by November 21st were randomly selected to win \$100 each. Congratulations to the 'We've Only Just Begun' winners listed on page A1!

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) session will be held at UW-Oshkosh from June 21-26, 2015. The reservation fee of \$250/delegate is due by January 28, 2015. Full refunds will be issued until April 15th, so don't hesitate to send your reservations in now. If your Unit has decided they can no longer participate in the Girls State program, please notify headquarters and your school immediately - before the

school starts their selection process!

Contest & Awards packets have been mailed to unit presidents and are posted on the Department website. Please review this information at your next unit meeting.

Unit Presidents should watch the mail for the Unit Annual Reports which will be mailed soon. Department President Teresa will review these reports to select units for recognition at Department Convention and program chairmen use the information to prepare their reports for the national organization. Don't miss your opportunity to be acknowledged for all your hard work during the year!

As we approach the holiday season, please remember our military service men and women who are separated from their loved ones. Continue to pray for their safe return and support their families during their absence. Let's pray that 2015 is a year of peace.

Merry Christmas from the Headquarters Staff - Bonnie, Linda, Carrie and Andrea.



POPPY PROGRAM

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I can't believe that time passes so quickly. It has been a very busy year. At the Wisconsin State convention it was announced that I was the Poppy Program Chairman for the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. Thinking that this program was an established program and known throughout the state, I thought it would not be difficult or time consuming. How silly could I have been?

A month later, at the National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina, the National Chairman of the Poppy program stood before us and changed the Poppy program into a "new beginning." The Poppy program is no longer just for the month of May. She said "Poppies will be blooming every day of every month."

What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Poppy Program was designed to promote and educate people about the his-

tory of the poppy, to make them aware of the sacrifices of our veterans, and to educate our community about how funds are collected to help our veterans. Units can promote the poppy program through the Poppy Poster Contest and Miss Poppy Contest.

Poppy History...Poppy Days

From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on.

The poppy became the symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that no one had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of wars, its petals of red crepe-paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding Americans each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

All donations received for the Memorial Poppies are used exclusively for the re-

habilitation of honorably discharged veterans, military personnel with a medical or financial need, and the welfare of their families.

Poppy Mid-Year Report

Mid-Year Poppy Reports are due by December 19th, 2014. You can email your report to sdubois188@aol.com or mail to Laurel DuBois, 1883 138th Street Balsam WI 54810.

Poppy Shop

The poppy shop is located at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. There are two employees, Sue Hembrook and Shirley Meyer. Fifteen veterans work at the poppy shop. 382 units and posts ordered 443,675 poppies for the 2014 year.

It is an honor to be the Poppy Chairman for the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. I am looking forward to the rest of the year and what we will accomplish with this great program.

God Bless You, God Bless America.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Happy Holidays! Let me ask a serious question to all of you: "What are you doing to promote the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion Family?"

You may think public relations is only the responsibility of your Unit President, Post Commander, or Department Officers and Chairmen. It is not. We are all responsible for promoting the American Legion Auxiliary.

If someone asks you what does the American Legion Auxiliary do or why do you belong, are you prepared to answer? If not, why not? Every member should have an "elevator speech," a 30-second speech ready to sing the praises of the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion Family. You are the

reason the American Legion Family exists and by making sure your dues are paid, you are investing in the future of this wonderful organization.

What are you doing to make sure it grows and flourishes? Write a letter to the editor, stating what your Auxiliary is doing in your community. A press release on Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Memorial Day, or your Poppy Days can bring attention to who we are and what we do. Wearing the American Legion Auxiliary emblem on a shirt or a piece of jewelry can be a conversation starter. It is okay to bring attention to the American Legion Auxiliary and promote what we do. It is every member's responsibility to bring positive attention to what we do.

You might argue, my Auxiliary doesn't do anything, we are too old and we only meet four times a year. You meet. You en-

gage in benefiting our veterans and active duty personnel. You do support the American Legion Auxiliary and its programs by promoting who we are and what we do.

You probably have a lot of choices on what organizations you belong to and give your time to, yet you chose to join the American Legion Auxiliary. This is your organization. You are responsible for its existence and its growth. Without you and your sustaining forces, we will become extinct. You are the future. Take ownership. Share your knowledge. YOU are our Public Relations. You control how we are seen. You are our biggest promotion. Share your excitement. Truly be one in a million. Invite and make welcome the next one in a million member.

You don't have to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, but you are. Raise your voice in song for our Veterans.

VA OFFICIAL VISITS

Wisconsin American Legion Commander Bob Shappell and American Legion Auxiliary President Teresa Isensee are conducting their annual inspections of the VA hospitals and veterans homes. The American Legion uses information gathered during these official visits to appeal for changes that will improve the care our veterans receive at these facilities.

During the official visit to the Minneapolis VAMC, President Teresa presented a check for \$500 to Associate Director Kurt E. Thielen to be used

for musical entertainment in the Adult Day Health Care area. This need was identified by the hospital and the gift was made

possible through the generous donations received from Auxiliary units and members across the state. Thank You!



**MILWAUKEE COUNTY
CONFERENCE OF UNITS
Invites all Legion Family Members
and Guests**

The 89th Annual George Washington Luncheon

**President's Day
Monday, February 16, 2015**

Klemmer's Banquet Center
10401 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee WI

Social Hour - 10:30 am
Opening Ceremonies - 11:45 am
Lunch - 12:00 noon
Cost - \$20.00 per person

Ladies are encouraged to wear your prettiest dress hat (no funny ones or visors please) and gloves!!

For information contact Diana Sirovina, 414-321-1479

**Reservation deadline:
FEBRUARY 6, 2015 – NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

89th Annual George Washington Luncheon Registration

Make checks payable to: MCCU

**Send to: Diana Sirovina,
9428 W Eden Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53228-1410**

Unit Name & Number: _____

Unit Contact & Phone: _____

**NAME OF EACH PERSON ATTENDING:
AUXILIARY, LEGION, SAL, GUEST**

Please Note: Tables will be assigned, 8 people per table—no exceptions. If you are registering more than 8 people, please list who will be sitting together

Amount Enclosed:

Number of Reservations _____ **X \$18.00** _____

Wisconsin Wins Gold Award!

ALA-Wisconsin received the Gold Award for contributing more than \$6,000 to the Nation-

al Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) during the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year. Receiving the

award on behalf of Wisconsin's members were Past Department President Joyce Endres (center), Bonnie Jakubczyk and Department President Teresa Isensee. The award was presented by Past National President Nancy Brown-Park (left) and Robert H Beller, Director Milwaukee VA Medical Center (right) at the 2014 NVCAF held in Milwaukee. Thank you to all the units and members whose donations made this award possible!



CHILDREN & YOUTH

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The Children & Youth Program emphasizes the need to protect, care for and support children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families. Children of military families and 'suddenly active military' families also need to be recognized and honored as 'heroes' for their sacrifice and service. Our children are our most precious natural resource – they are our future leaders, our hopes and dreams for

a better tomorrow. With Christmas right around the corner, consider hosting a food bank at your Post. Invite veterans, their families and families of deployed to stop by and pick up needed items. (This could be a great membership tool, too!) What a wonderful opportunity to promote our 'Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2' program. Honor the children for their service to our country while honoring our veterans by distributing 'I'm a Hero 2' stickers.

Kids may enjoy the music and games at www.classicsforkids.com/activitiesheets.

Consider selecting your favorite charity to receive donations when you place orders through AmazonSmile.com.

Don't forget to send your mid-year reports to me as soon as possible. I am looking forward to reading about what you have been doing for our Children and Youth.

I wish you all a very healthy and joyous Christmas shared with friends and family.

Roy Rogers said: "We can't all be heroes; someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by." We applaud our heroes.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

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Thank you to everyone who helped with "Junior Boot Camp" at Fall Forum. We had 39 Juniors participate. We also had a large number of senior volunteers and honorary Junior brothers. The day was filled with lots of activities, learning and FUN. The participants ranged in age from 3 to 17. That is quite a diverse group but

it worked well to pair the younger with the older juniors. Keep this in mind when you are planning meetings and activities at the local level. If you had a chance to visit Boot Camp, you also noticed that the event was fast-paced at times. The Juniors talked about "Mean Stinks" and watched some music videos that dealt with how it feels to be bullied and how important it is not to be that person who is mean to others who may be a little different. They learned a marching cadence that reflected what the Juniors are all about. After a

tasty MRE- style lunch, they engaged in some team building activities, did a super fun obstacle course, made a thank you gift for Veterans, made a flag key chain to use to display their patriotism, and wrote letters to Honor Flight Veterans. We had a very busy day.

Plans are in the works for the Department Spring Conference for Juniors. You aren't going to want to miss this one. It's rumored that the Juniors are going to have an AMAZING Race. Watch for more information on Facebook and in future Unit mailings.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR FUNDRAISER WINNERS ARE LISTED ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

PRESENTING DIANE DUSCHECK Wisconsin's American Legion Auxiliary Endorsed Candidate for National President



Diane E. Duscheck has been a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1958, serving all levels of the organization for 56 years. As a member of the Abendroth-Connolly Unit 282 of Markesan, Diane is eligible to belong to the ALA because of the honored services of her father, the late Roland Duscheck.

Diane served as Wisconsin's Department President in 1994-1995 and has served in various positions at the national level for over 19 years. She is currently serving as the National Children and Youth Chairman. The Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary proudly endorsed Diane Duscheck for National President because of her legacy of service-not-self for our great organization.

Diane follows a legacy of past Wisconsin National Presidents, including Adalin Macauley, 1926-27; Eleanor Smith, 1943-44; Pearl

Behrend, 1987-88; Barbara Krnig, 1997-98; and Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan, 2007-08. Keeping on track with the past three National Presidents from Wisconsin who were elected ten years apart, Diane is on course to be elected National President for 2017-18. Wisconsin is proud of the great leaders we mentor in Wisconsin.

We are so excited about Diane's opportunity to run for American Legion Auxiliary National President and continue to build Team Duscheck with members from each of the twelve districts. Team Duscheck is reaching out to the Wisconsin American Legion Family (ALA, TAL, SAL, ALRA) to help raise \$75,000 over the next three years. Team Duscheck is working separately and jointly with Team Wisconsin, Denise Rohan, Wisconsin's endorsed candidate for National American Legion Commander, to raise the

necessary funds for Diane Duscheck and Denise Rohan to offset costs associated with running for ALA National President and TAL National Commander.

We truly appreciate your support and donations. If you plan to hold a fundraiser for Diane, please contact Joyce Endres at ljendres@charter.net so we can help raise awareness about all fundraisers. All donations raised or donated to support Diane Duscheck's run for the National Presidency should be sent to Diana Sirovina, Team Duscheck's Treasurer.

Ongoing updates and fund raising events will be available on the department web site. We thank you for your ongoing support.

National Training Comes to Wisconsin

Wisconsin has been selected to host training from the national organization on Saturday, March 7, 2015. **All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend this full-day training** which will be held in the banquet hall of Dino's Restaurant in Portage. (NOTE: The banquet hall is located in the lower level of the restaurant and is NOT handicap accessible. Attendees must be able to use stairs.)

The following topics will be covered:

- **Goodwill Hunting** – Discusses ways to encourage kindness, gratitude and generosity at unit meet-

ings in order to develop a productive enjoyable experience.

- **"Houston, We Have a Problem"** – Covers how to share your story from the unit level up, how to put technology to work for you in applying for awards, and ways you can include service of members who don't attend meetings but actively engage in the Auxiliary's mission.

- **Strengthening Your Junior Activities program** – Explores different ways to reach Junior members of various ages and mentor them to become active senior members.

- **The Million Member Mile** – Offers real-world ideas for growing membership so we can reach our strategic goal of one million members by 2019.

If time permits, the following topic will also be included:

- **Can You Hear Me Now?** – Explores different ways to obtain and share information through social media.

Registration form and hotel information will be included in the January Unit Mailing for February meetings and are available on the department website. Registrations are due by February 20, 2015.

Christmas at WVH-King



Members of Neenah ALA Unit 33 met at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King with Department President Teresa Isensee, NEC Joyce Endres and Department Historian Char Kiesling for a military and Christmas concert by the Y-Nots Chorus from the Neenah/Menasha YMCA. The chorus is made up of senior citizens, including two members of Unit 33, who enjoy bringing their music to the Veterans and their spouses every year.

Grand Opening of Post 457



Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 457 in Mequon-Thiensville helped with the Grand Opening of the Howard J. Schroeder American Legion Post 457 on November 15, 2014. Refreshments were provided by members of the Post, Auxiliary and from local businesses. Pictured, left to right: Terri Schoessow, Christine Kingsbury, Jo Jo Franken, Evie Farris and Bev Green. Not pictured: Merrylou Green.

..... DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 10, 2015*	9th District Concert Tour Steel Moose Bar & Grill 7083 Highway 22, Oconto Falls	May 16, 2015	President Teresa Isensee's Testimonial Dinner Eagles Club Chippewa Falls, WI
Feb 16, 2015	George Washington Luncheon See Page A3 for Details	May 30-31, 2015	12th District Spring Conference Unit 487, Cable, WI
Mar 7, 2015	National Training for All Auxiliary Members Dino's Restaurant 2900 New Pinery Road, Portage	June 6, 2015	Commander Bob Shappell's Testimonial Dinner Country Inn & Suites 350 Seven Hills Road Port Washington, WI
April 11-12, 2015	WALA Bowling Tournament Sabre Lanes, Menasha	June 21-26, 2015	ALA Badger Girls State UW-Oshkosh
April 18-19, 2015	WALA Bowling Tournament Sabre Lanes, Menasha	July 16-19, 2015	Department Convention Radisson Paper Valley Appleton, WI
April 18, 2015	3rd District Spring Conference Gays Mills, WI	Aug 28-Sep 3, 2015	National Convention Baltimore, MD
April 18, 2015	6th District Spring Conference New Holstein, Unit 124	Sep 18-19, 2015	Fall Informational Forum The Plaza Hotel & Suites Eau Claire, WI
April 18, 2015*	10th District Spring Conference Cumberland, WI		
April 25, 2015	1st District Spring Conference Orfordville, WI		
April 25, 2015	2nd District Spring Conference First Reformed Church 527 Giddings Avenue Sheboygan Falls, WI		

*Information was listed incorrectly in last month's issue.

Dates are subject to change

SEASONS GREETINGS

Happy Holidays to members and friends of the American Legion Family. The last few years have been a great loss to me as I have been unable to participate in our activities due to health reasons. I still keep our organization in my thoughts.

Best wishes and merry Christmas,
Helen Gibson, Past Department President (1987-1988)

2015 DUES NOTICE!

The National Organization will be issuing renewal notices in mid-January. The renewal notice will instruct members to send their dues directly to Department rather than to their unit. This change in policy was approved by the Department Finance Committee on a one-year trial basis in an effort to process dues in a timely fashion, guaranteeing continuous membership and benefits. If a member feels she is receiving the renewal notice in error, she should contact her unit membership chairman to verify her dues were forwarded to Department.

Any dues that a Unit receives should be forwarded to Department following the regular dues submission process as soon as the payment is received from members.