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## January 2010 Newsletter



Did everyone have a wonderful Christmas? I hope so; the holidays are so special, time for family and friends to get together and enjoy each other and forget about the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I wish for all that the New Year brings an exciting and wonderful year that will be better than the best year you ever had. Don't forget the black eye peas and cabbage on New Years day, and while you are enjoying those peas and cabbage, don't forget those LSU Tigers. They are playing in the Capitol One Bowl in Orlando, Florida against Penn State, 12:00 Noon on the ABC Network. Geaux Tigers

Time to get back to business. Membership, the 6<sup>th</sup> District has dropped from 4<sup>th</sup> place in the state to 5<sup>th</sup> place. We have always been in the top three in membership, what is happening? I realize times are tough, but if we make the sacrifice, maybe give up that \$1.50 coke we drink everyday for a week, or give up going out to eat for one day, or going to Walmart and buying an item that you think you need but could really do without it, and use that money you saved to pay your dues. I don't think that is too much of a sacrifice, especially when you think of the sacrifice that our soldiers are making for us. They are risking their lives for us, they just spent the holidays away from their families while we were all warm and comfortable in front of the fireplace and the Christmas tree enjoying our presents.

If you know that one of the members in your Unit is having financial problems, and you can afford to pay their dues this year, give them a late Christmas present and pay their dues for them. Can your Unit afford to help out?

Area Presidents, Unit Presidents, and Unit Membership Chairmen, we need your help, this is the time to start making those phone calls to remind people that their dues are payable now. This is the time we have to push and push hard to get the membership in and not only renewals, we still need to work on getting new members to sign up.

Area Presidents:

Area A – Carol Johansen

Unit	Quota	Total	Percent	Needs	
16	208	151	72.60%	57	
24	116	91	78.45%	25	
113	35	0	00.00%	35	
185	39	40	102.56%	+1	Great Job
374	89	64	71.91%	25	

Area B – Juliana Roberson

Unit	Quota	Total	Percent	Needs	
178	18	0	00.00%	18	
254	11	11	100.00%	0	Great Job
258	172	106	61.63%	66	

Area C – Sylvia Anthony

Unit	Quota	Total	Percent	Needs	
47	140	140	100.00%	0	Great Job
109	30	22	73.33%	8	
156	29	25	86.21%	4	
255	17	9	52.94	8	
564	20	4	20.00	16	

Area D – Hattie B. Johnson

Unit	Quota	Total	Percent	Needs	
38	145	112	77.24%	33	
158	11	9	81.82%	2	
160	85	69	81.18%	16	
416	50	41	82.00%	9	
502	95	99	104.21%	+4	Great Job
505	122	85	69.67%	37	

Area E – Mary Higginbotham

Unit	Quota	Total	Percent	Needs
98	41	28	68.29%	13
167	82	39	47.56%	43
212	20	25	125.00%	+5 Great Job

Area F –

Unit	Quota	Total	Percent	Needs
248	107	105	98.13%	2
560	62	42	67.74%	20
580	50	49	98.00%	1

Area G – Becky Shillings

Unit	Quota	Total	Percent	Needs
58	42	34	80.95%	8
81	93	77	82.80%	16
557	20	17	85.00%	3

Some of these numbers look impossible to reach, if we make it impossible, positive thinking and a little work we can reach those goals.

As I stated in the last newsletter, Area Presidents, I need you to work especially with the zero Units, at this stage in the game we should not have any zero Units. I appreciate all of the hard work that you all have put out so far this year. After the holidays is when membership starts on its slow journey, we as leaders need to help give that extra push to get those final members to renew. And remember getting new members is an all year long routine, while working on renewals; don't forget about recruiting new members.



The Christmas Party at Louisiana Veterans Home in Jackson was held on Sunday, December 13. Pictured to the left were all of the volunteers. The money donated for the bingo games was just over \$600.00. After the games the residents were treated to some refreshments. There were approximately 35 residents in attendance. Unit represented were 47, 248, 416 and 502.

I have started receiving the raffle tickets back from some of the Units. If you have sold all of your raffle tickets for Monique Batiste, President's fund, please return them to me:

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If you sell your allotment, and would like more, please let me know, I will be glad to send more tickets. If you need to reach me by phone my number is 225 638-3328.

Please note the following date for the Girls State Annual Meeting has been changed to Saturday, January 2, 2010, same time, same place.

**Girls State Annual Meeting for Board of Directors, Active Members, Procurement Chairman and District Presidents.**

This is just a reminder to all that are involved Saturday, January 2, 2010 will be the Girl State Annual Meeting. The meeting will be at Piccadilly Cafeteria, 3332 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting starts at 10:00 am. We will have either breakfast or lunch - dutch treat. The members involved are as follows:

Carolyn Tate	Active Membership (2012) & Procurement Assistant
Carol Johansen	Active Membership (2012)
Sylvia Anthony	Active Membership (2011)
Barbara LeJeune	Active Membership (2013) & District President
Mavis Rios	Active Membership (2014)
Hattie Johnson	Active Membership (2010)
Monique Batiste	

Mid-Winter Conference will be held from January 15-17, 2010 at the Best Western in Alexandria, LA. The agenda and housing form is on the website – [lalegion-aux.org](http://lalegion-aux.org). The colors for the 6<sup>th</sup> District are red and blue. For the Saturday meeting please try and wear a red shirt and blue pants.

Condolences goes out to the family of Ms. Violet Schmidt, she passed away Sunday, December 13, 2009. Even though Unit 158 was not an active Unit, Ms. Violet kept the charter by paying for all of its members. Ms. Violet was the 6<sup>th</sup> District President from 1960 – 1961. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Jo Ann, President of Unit 167 – Iberville, she just recently got married. Best of Luck to you and your new husband.

## January is National Security and Legislative Month

National Security – The purpose of National Security is to maintain and promote a strong national defense by providing the necessary means to strengthen our military families and prepare our citizenry for response to natural and man-made disasters. The Auxiliary believes in maintaining a strong national defense and endeavors to educate its members on all vital national security issues. In cooperation with The American Legion, Auxiliary members are briefed on a wide range of topics at local and national meetings and through publications and bulletins. Topics include national and civil defense; crime prevention; emergency and disaster preparedness; and environmental protection. The member's clear understanding of the issues helps to lay the groundwork for community-wide mobilization and support of various national security activities. National activities include the annual Awareness Assembly, a legislative forum in Washington, D.C.; POW/MIA Awareness; crime prevention; and local and worldwide support of USO activities, the military and the ROTC/JROTC programs. Carol Johansen is the 6<sup>th</sup> District National Security Chairman.

Legislative – The purpose of Legislative is to train and inform our members to become grassroots advocates for Veterans and their families with local, state and nationally elected officials, supporting the Legislative agenda and initiatives of The American Legion. Auxiliary members are encouraged to get involved and stay informed on local and national issues of special interest to the organization. They keep in close contact with their legislative representatives about issues, which concern Veterans, young people and entire communities. Auxiliary members know there is strength in numbers. Many beneficial laws have been passed because of Legion and Auxiliary Support. Pam Leonard was my 6<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Chairman; she has not been replaced as of this newsletter.

Hope to see a great turn out for Mid Winter.

For God and Country

Barbara LeJeune  
6<sup>th</sup> District President

# Help Fill the Piggy Bank



The Department is having the basket fundraiser  
again at Mid Winter

We need your help in filling the Piggy bank

As of this newsletter I have received the following donations:

Juliana Roberson – Donated the Piggy Bank

Unit 47 - \$25.00

Unit 248 - \$50.00

Unit 258 - \$30.00

Sylvia Anthony - \$20.00

Maggie Watts - \$25.00

Barbara LeJeune - \$25.00

Total: \$175.00

All donations will be published in the February newsletter.—

If you purchased any Louisiana products, they will be given away with  
the Piggy Bank

My goal is for \$300.00, but would like to have \$500.00

Please send your check to me before Convention, (I will be leaving for  
Convention on Thursday, January 14) if you bring a donation to  
Convention, please bring cash instead of a check as we will probably not  
be able to cash it.

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6<sup>th</sup> District Party  
Alexandria VA Hospital

Sunday, February 7, 2010  
At 1:30 pm

Alexandria VA Hospital  
Pineville, LA

Come help us celebrate