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## May 2010 Newsletter

My time is getting short, where has the year gone. After this newsletter I will have one more to write, then Kathy will have the pleasure. I would like to ask everyone to please give our incoming President Kathy Mott the same support you all have given me. Kathy is very capable and I know she will do an outstanding job and the 6<sup>th</sup> District will have a successful year.

Membership – as of April 21, 2010 we are at 87.61%. We are still in 5<sup>th</sup> place. We had a couple of Units turn in membership so that should help out. We still need 243 to be a 100% District. Congratulations to the following Units for making quota or quota plus.

Unit 47 – Ponchatoula – 100.71%  
Unit 158 – Clinton – 100.00%  
Unit 185 – Slidell – 105.13%  
Unit 212 – White Castle – 125.00%  
Unit 248 – New Roads – 100.00%  
Unit 254 – Maurepas - 100.00%  
Unit 374 – Slidell – 107.87%  
Unit 502 – Baton Rouge – 104.21%  
Unit 560 – New Roads – 101.61%  
Unit 564 – Independence – 125.00%

**Great Job!!!!**

April 7, 2010, I met with 2 members and 1 new member from Unit 158 in Clinton, because this Unit was in jeopardy of losing their charter. What a successful trip this was, thanks to members June Boutte, Maude Williams and new member Virdie “Chip” Moeller for meeting with me and their interest in keeping this Unit going. That day we signed up 2 new members, which made Unit 158 quota.



Unit 158 members  
June Boutte and Maude Williams



District President Barbara LeJeune  
assisting Chip with filling out some of  
their paper work.

### The Importance of Credentials

By now I think everyone should have received their credential sheet in the mail.

Listed below is the voting strength for the Units in the 6<sup>th</sup> District

Unit	Delegates	Delegates at Large	Voting Strength
16	8	0	8
24	6	0	6
38	7	0	7
47	8	1- Cindy Newton	9
58	4	0	4
81	6	0	6
98	3	0	3
109	3	0	3
113	3	0	3
156	3	0	3
158	3	0	3
160	5	0	5
167	4	0	4

178	3	0	3
185	4	0	4
212	3	0	3
248	6	2 – Barbara Thibodaux Barbara LeJeune	8
254	3	0	3
255	3	0	3
258	7	1- Maggie Watts	9
312	0	0	0
374	6	0	6
416	4	0	4
502	6	0	6
505	6	3 – Hattie B. Johnson Monique Batiste Carolyn Tate	9
557	3	0	3
560	5	0	5
564	2	0	2
580	4	0	4

Your credentials have to be mailed in no more than 45 days before convention and no less than 15 days before convention. **This means your credentials need to be received in Department between the dates of April 27, 2010 – May 27, 2010.** You must send in \$3.00 per delegate and delegate at large. **(you do not need to pay for the alternates)** Let me try to explain how the delegates and voting works.

Example: Let use my Unit for example, Unit 248, we have 6 delegates and 2 delegates at large, giving us voting strength of 8. I need to send in my list with a check for \$24.00 (8 delegates X \$3.00 each). This will give my Unit its full voting strength for the 6 delegates, even if only 4 of the delegates are present at the convention. Of the 4 delegates that are present they can vote the extra two, (provided that they have paid the \$3.00). Delegates at Large only if they are present and paid the \$3.00 can they vote.

Example: Let say a Unit has 5 delegates and 0 delegates at large. They sent in only \$9.00, this means that Unit has only 3 votes, even if all 5 delegates attend the convention.

Example: Another Unit has 3 delegates and they sent in \$15.00, this is \$6.00 too much. Your monies will not be refunded.

If you plan on attending the State Convention, and still do not understand or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 638-3328.

I do not want to be sitting in the front row and hear a Unit called from the 6<sup>th</sup> District and, the members are present and they say no credentials. There should be no reason for you all not to send in your credentials if you are planning on attending the Convention.

## **All Department reports are due to the Department Chairmen no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Time is running out.**

Condolences: Our prayers go out to the Units and family of the following members who passed away. Unit 167 – Cheryl Peavy – Cheryl was a past secretary for the Unit, and Unit 212 – Enola Rivet – Enola was the President of Unit 212. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

## **Taxes**

In the Department Newsletter, “Louisiana Data Exchange”, Sylvia Anthony – Finance Chairman reminded everyone about filing their taxes, if you do not receive the Department Newsletter, below is what she wrote:

Units this is a reminder for you to file your taxes. Units making under \$25,000.00 need to file an E-Postcard online. Units making over \$25,000.00 need to file a 990. Also, you need to have your books audited at the close of the Auxiliary year. If your Unit votes to have an in house audit those serving on that committee cannot be one of the check signer.



**May is  
Poppy Month**



The purpose of the Poppy Program is to elevate community awareness and respect for our Veterans by educating our membership and the public about the Poppy's significance and the financial benefit realized by our nation's Veterans as a result of its distribution.

Each year around Memorial Day, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers across the country, distribute millions of red crepe paper poppies in exchange for donations to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in their local communities. The poppy has become a world-wide recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn by Auxiliary members to honor the men and women who served and died for their country, in all wars, including the Global War on Terror. The poppy should remind communities

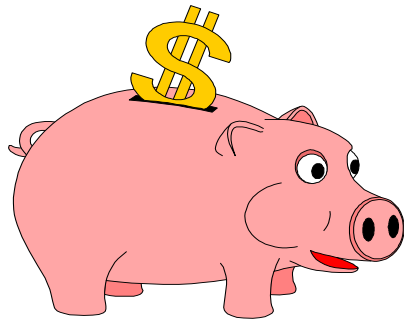
and this nation of the sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans and service members. Auxiliary members must endeavor to explain the true meaning of the flower to all those who receive it.

## Coming Events

Special Olympics – Southeastern University in Hammond – May 22, 2010  
Department Convention – Best Western in Alexandria – June 11 – 13, 2010  
Department President Kathy Thistrup’s testimonial dinner – Best Western in  
Alexandria - Friday, June 11, 2010 - cash bar at 6:00 pm – dinner at 7:00 pm if  
anyone is interested I have 2 more tickets left. They are \$27.00 a piece  
Department President Elect Barbara White’s Reception – Best Western in  
Alexandria – Saturday, June 12, 2010 starting around 6:30 pm – free of charge  
LA Girls State – Northwestern State University – June 27 – July 3, 2010  
DEC Meeting and Workshop – Holiday Inn in Lafayette – August 6 – 8, 2010  
National Convention – Milwaukee, Wisconsin – August 27 – September 2, 2010

For God and Country

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6<sup>th</sup> District President



Ladies we need to fill the piggy bank again  
For the Department fundraiser  
At the State Convention  
We only have 1 month and about 2 weeks left  
As of today I have not collected any monies

Please mail any monetary donations to  
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I again will publish the Units and individuals  
That donates in the July newsletter