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November 2009 Newsletter

Is it almost Thanksgiving already? WOW how time just flies by. I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather we are having, kind of nippy in the morning, but so nice in the afternoon. November is a busy month, lots to do, it membership month, Veterans Day, American Legion Auxiliary's birthday and Thanksgiving.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING UNIT FOR REACHING 100%

UNIT 254 – MAUREPAS – 100.00% GREAT JOB!!!

Our fall conference was held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Post 16 in Covington. What a disappointing turnout for this conference. There were approximately 40 in attendance and that included the out of town guest. To all the members that did not attend, you all missed an exceptional conference. The School of Instructions was far beyond my expectations. My District Officers and Chairmen did a wonderful job on presenting their information. They delivered lots of valuable information. I would like to thank all of my officers and chairmen for a job well done; they were the reason that this was a successful conference.

At the conference as always, the officers and chairmen has a copy of their duties, awards, and plan of action to give to all of the Units. For all of the Units that were not in attendance, I am enclosing all of this information with this newsletter. Ladies a lot of work has been put into this package so please bring it back to your Unit meetings and share with your members. Remember communication is the key to a successful Unit.

Also enclosed is an envelop with tickets for a raffle. The purpose of the raffle is to raise money for our Department Vice President, Monique Batiste. This money will be used to help defray some of the cost for her when she becomes Department President in 2011 – 2012. The number of books you received is according to the

number of members you have in your Unit. When you have sold all of your tickets please return the stubs and monies to me, my address is as follows:

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If you have any questions, concerning the tickets or raffle, please feel free to contact me at 225 638-3328. And please if you need any more tickets, please contact me, I will be glad to mail you more. Ladies, lets show Monique that we are proud of her and support her.

The Department Ways and Means Committee has decided to have the baskets again at Mid Winter as a fundraiser. We are thinking about doing a Louisiana basket. Lots of Louisiana products. We are looking for donations for the following items, or anything that you can come up with that is Louisiana:

Louisiana spices, seasonings	Flower arrangement with magnolias
Louisiana Painting	Magnolias
Pelicans	Louisiana Cookbooks
Fleur de lis	Louisiana jewelry
Books about Louisiana	Items from local festivals
LSU Tiger items	New Orleans Saints items
Louisiana apron	Mardi Gras Items
Louisiana Flag	Louisiana Cups
Louisiana Key chains	Deer or fish status

These are just a few to name. We will also accept monetary donations, to purchase some of the above-mentioned items. If you have a tourist commission or chamber of commerce in your area, contact them, they maybe able to assist you in donating some items. If you would like to donate any items, please contact me at the above address or phone number and I will make arrangements to have the items picked up. I would like to have all donations in no later than December 19, 2009. Any assistance you can give to the 6th District basket will be very much appreciated. If you remember last year thanks to Cindy Newton who put together the basket/chair for the 6th District, won 1st place as the best basket. Lets see if we can do it two years in a row.

Membership: The 6th District is currently at 68.60%, this puts us in 4th place in the state. At the fall conference, NEC Mary Henry, announced that she will have a new membership award to be given at Mid Winter. This award goes to the District President that has the highest percent in membership, posted in Department by December 31, 2009. The membership cannot be postmarked in has to be in Department and recorded by December 31. Ladies, what an honor it would be for the 6th District to be the first recipient of this award. We need to work on getting

our membership in and boosting up our percentage. I do so appreciate all of the work you all do for membership. Remember November is Membership month, so lets make this a true membership month and get that membership in.

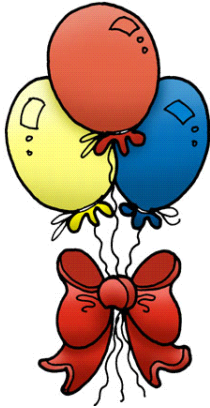
The Department Membership party was held on October 27, 2009. The 6th District was well represented; members from Unit 16, 38, 47, 160, 248, 258, 502 and 505 were in attendance. We were honored to have our National President, Rita Naverrette in attendance. She was so inspiring, energetic and what a personality. Everyone there enjoyed her tremendously. Below are the 6th District members with Madam President.



Leadership month – The purpose of Leadership is to develop and prepare knowledgeable and capable leaders to carry on the growth and success of the Auxiliary by promoting activities and resources that educate, motivate, and mentor members of all ages and at all levels. The success of any organization depends largely upon the skill and competence of its leaders. Auxiliary members are vitally concerned with developing present and future leadership within the organization. Comprehensive training courses and materials are offered in every Auxiliary Department and by the National organization. Courses focus on fundamental management and communication skills and outline the basic responsibilities and leadership opportunities, which are available within the many programs of the Auxiliary. Units and Departments conduct leadership workshops with motivational speakers to increase enthusiasm for all Auxiliary programs.

Good resources for leadership are as follows:

- American Legion Auxiliary Handbook
- National, Department, District and Unit Constitution and Bylaws
- Policies and Procedures
- Robert Rules of Order
- Parliamentary Procedure



Happy Birthday
American Legion Auxiliary

If a person goes out and risk his life for me, and does not even know me, I consider them a special person, and that person is a Veteran. So on November 11, 2009 please take the time out and do something nice for a special person, for a Veteran.

I would like to take this time to wish each and every member of the 6th District a very safe and joyous Thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for.

For God and Country

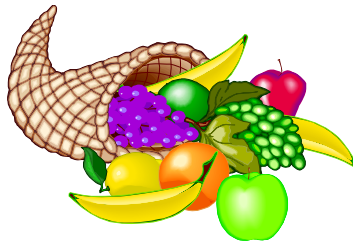
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Department's Thanksgiving Party

Louisiana Veterans Home
Jackson, Louisiana

Sunday, November 15, 2009

1:30 PM



Come help us celebrate Thanksgiving
with our Veterans

Bingo and Refreshment

Donations of money for bingo, and
refreshment will be greatly appreciated

Any questions please contact

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