

August Membership News

It's that time of the year when we start to collect membership, renewals and new members. Collecting membership is not an easy job, but an important job. It's a busy time of the year as we are trying to make our target dates. As Department Membership Chairman it is my job to keep you all informed of any membership news that needs to be transmitted to the Units. I will update the membership news weekly, so on Mondays you will be able to get any updates.

First thing on the agenda I would like to thank all of the Units that brought in membership to the 2008 State Convention to be presented to Newly Elected Department President Mary Henry.

District	Unit	# of Members
2 nd	267	38
3 rd	31	80
3 rd	83	37
3 rd	271	83
3 rd	289	83
4 th	202	8
4 th	525	20
5 th	521	46
6 th	16	27
6 th	47	25
6 th	167	38
6 th	248	44
6 th	502	80
6 th	505	34
6 th	260	19
7 th	1	44
7 th	27	30
7 th	77	39
7 th	179	115
7 th	236	2
7 th	237	6
7 th	364	21
7 th	403	38
7 th	407	18

WOW!!! What a great start for the 2008-2009 membership year. The total for membership was 975. Great Job ladies.

Congratulations!!!! Goes out to Unit 83 – Lockport – They were the winners of the \$25.00 drawing for bringing in membership to the state convention.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at DEC in Baton Rouge at the Holiday Inn South on August 10. The membership team has a lot of good information to share with you. The membership presentation will be in the morning from approximately 10:30 – 11:30.

Membership Report as of July 29, 2008 – Congratulations goes out to the following Units for reaching 100%

3 rd District	26 – Jeanerette	100.00%
3 rd District	289 – Parks	102.82%
3 rd District	328 – Pierre Part	100.00%

VERY IMPORTANT: Ladies, if you sign up a new member, junior or senior, please turn over the membership application and sign your name and unit. I was at Department one day to check on new members, we had 35 new members and only 8 of them had the backs filled out. If you work to get new members, give yourself credit and sign the back. I will be sending a letter to the units that have new members and see if I can obtain this information. This year I will have a new award “Department Membership Team Choice Award”. This award can go to any member that works membership, even if you are not a membership chairman and one of the things we will be looking at is who is bring in the new members. So give yourself credit.

This year we have another award, The President’s Award; this special award will go to any unit that reaches quota or quota plus by October 17, 2008. This award will be given by Department President Mary Henry. By the way October 17 is Madam President’s birthday.

Until next time, keep those renewals and new members coming in.

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