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Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> District – they are a quota plus District – Great Job ladies

Well Mid Winter is behind us. What a great time we had – lots of fun, dancing and doing the jailhouse rock. Congratulations to all of the Units that received “Certificates of Appreciation” for meeting the 50% and/or 65% target dates. Now that Mid Winter is over this is when the hard work really needs to get going. This is the time to get those last renewals in. As of January 21<sup>st</sup> Louisiana moved up from 13<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> – nationwide and in the Southern Division from #3 to #1. Great Job!!! Ladies we want to stay where we are in the Southern Division but would like to move higher nationwide. We are so close and I think we can do it – 100%. Start making the calls, offer to stop by their house to pick up their renewals and don’t forget we are still accepting new members. Lets all do our part and get Louisiana in the top ten. Remember we are #11.

Back to Mid Winter – At the fall conference I had a challenge for all of the District Presidents. I gave them a gift that pertained to their dance. They had to return the gift back to me at Mid Winter –if they did not they would have to pay \$10.00 to Madam President Henry’s Project. If they forgot the gift but their District was at 100% I would pay the \$10.00. If they brought the gift back to me I would pay the \$10.00. The project was supposed to collect \$80.00 (\$10.00 for each district). But what a wonderful and generous group of ladies we have. Some of the ladies and Units started donating money; by the time we finished we presented Madam President with \$400.00. Thanks to all who made these generous donations.

Then the night time came and “Dancing With The Stars” made is debut: We had the following dancers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> District – Antoinette Alongo and Agnes Tranchina dancing the Pony to  
“William Tell Overture”
- 7<sup>th</sup> District - Emily LeBlanc and Lou Mott performing to “The Chain Gang”  
dancing the Jerk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District – Daisy Triggs and Rhonda Cheramine dancing the Mash Potato to  
the song “Mash Potato”
- 6<sup>th</sup> District – Kathy Mott and Juliana Roberson – dancing the jitterbug to the  
song “Old Time Rock and Roll”

Then we had a delightful skit by the Past Department Presidents – all dressed up in their District Colors with white bloomers with back polka dots. They were trying to dance to patriotic songs, but Ms. Hattie B. Johnson tried to tell them they could not dance to the stars to that type of song. They fussed and huddled until them came back singing “We don’t have to be stars baby to dance in your show? GREAT PEFORMANCE

Then the dancing contest began again:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> District – Jo Ann Meyers and Josie Leonard – dancing to “Purple People  
Eater” dancing the Swim
- 8<sup>th</sup> District – Laura Boyette and Donna Masson dancing the Twist to the song  
“The Twist”
- 4<sup>th</sup> District – Martha Maness and Pauline Mellen dancing to “Don’t Fight It”  
dancing the Monkey

Judging the dancing was the 3 judges, Bobby Len Goodmen White, Mona Toniella Batiste, and Rosie Ann Innobli Walters. Also judging the dancers were the Past Department Presidents.

While the votes were being tabulated the juniors competing for the “Junior Idol” trophy entertained us. Performing a comedy routine was Brittney Watts and Haley Bland, singing a country and western song was Shelbilyn Mott and lastly was Heather Duhon twirling her rifle and flag. Judging the Juniors was Southern Division National Vice President, Nancy Jordon. The Department Membership Team gave out target date certificates, and then the room was “All Shook Up” by a special guest “Elvis”. He sang to the crowd and presented scarfs to some of the women. WOW what a treat. But then he had to leave us.

Our Southern Division National Vice President, Nancy Jordon presented the “Junior Idol” to Shelbilyn Mott from the 6<sup>th</sup> District for her singing. Tom “Babs”Bergeron LeJeune presented the “Dancing With the Stars” trophies to the jitterbuggers – Kathy Mott and Juliana Roberson from the 6<sup>th</sup> District. I think the night was a big success, and I would like to say thanks to all that helped make the night a grand night.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> was the 3<sup>rd</sup> target date to reach 75%. The 1<sup>st</sup> District is still holding on to 1<sup>st</sup> place and they will get to keep the pins, however, the 7<sup>th</sup> District is right behind them. So let the race continue for the 4<sup>th</sup> target date, which is 100% by May 31. Remember whoever has the highest percent at State Convention will get to keep the pins.

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