

January 6, 2009

Happy New Year!!! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. With lots of wishes that this year will be greater than last year was. I must apologize for lacking on the number of articles; the holiday season is so busy for me that I just get overwhelmed. I love the holiday season, but am glad when it's over with because I am so tired.

Membership is looking good. National totals we are 10<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the southern division as of December 17, 2008. Thanks to all that puts out that extra effort to pull in those renewals and new members. All the work you do is very much appreciated. As of the December 23, 2008 membership report we have 27 quota/quota plus Units.

1<sup>st</sup> district – Units 203-Gentilly Links and 215-Broadmoor

2<sup>nd</sup> district – Unit 350- Thomas J. Hanly

3<sup>rd</sup> district – Units 26-Jeanerette, 241-Lafayette, 242-Patterson, 289-Parks, 309-Grand Isle, 328-Pierre Part, 504-Lafayette and 585-Bertrandville

6<sup>th</sup> district – Units 156-Hammond, 167-Plaquemine, 248-New Roads, 255-Chappella, 502-Baton Rouge, and 580 Maringouin

7<sup>th</sup> district – Units 1-Lake Charles, 19-Jennings, 27-DeRidder, 45-Opelousas, 225-Church Point, 370-Westlake, 371-Iota, 403-Lake Arthur, and 514 Curry Golden

8<sup>th</sup> district – Unit 510-Leesville

Congratulations to all of these Units. There are a lot of Units out there that need less than 5 more members to make quota. That's very close so let's try and get those in.

District totals are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> District – 87.44%

7<sup>th</sup> District – 85.33%

3<sup>rd</sup> District – 82.00%

6<sup>th</sup> District – 78.44%

2<sup>nd</sup> District – 72.16%

5<sup>th</sup> District – 70.11%

8<sup>th</sup> District – 62.71%

4<sup>th</sup> District – 61.63%

Next target date is January 23, 2009 at 75%.

History of the traveling pin: The first District to receive the pin was the 7<sup>th</sup> District at DEC in August. The first target date was September 26, the pin then traveled to the 1<sup>st</sup> District. The 1<sup>st</sup> District was able to keep the pin for the 2<sup>nd</sup> target date on November 12. Let's see if the traveling pin will travel or stay in the 1st district.

**Early Bird Certificates** – I have given out early bird certificates at the installations and fall conferences that I attended, and others were given out at DEC. Some of the certificates were misplaced at DEC. So if you sent in your qualifying form for the Early Bird Certificate and have not received it, please do one of the following:

Call me - 225 638-3328 or 225 718-4955

Email me - [lamembership2009@yahoo.com](mailto:lamembership2009@yahoo.com) or [blejeune@charter.net](mailto:blejeune@charter.net)

Mail – 13917 Ventress Road, Ventress, LA 70783

I will mail you Unit their certificate.

**Mid-Winter Conference** – It's fast approaching us. I have made phone calls to the District Presidents trying to get information of who will be dancing and songs they will be dancing to. This is going to be a big production so I am trying to get all of my ducks in a row before I get to Alexandria. The Southern National Vice President, Ms. Nancy W. Jordon will be at our conference. Let's show her how Louisiana likes to have fun. In the meeting, Membership is scheduled for 3:45 pm. I have only two things to discuss, and then I will ask all of the dancers, Past Department Presidents, helpers, and music players to meet with me for about 5 – 10 minutes after the meeting is over. You will be informed of where to meet, time, where to sit, etc. Very important that all participating attend this meeting. Remember our main goal is to have fun and to promote membership.

See you in Alexandria,  
Barbara LeJeune  
Membership Chairman