

October 23, 2008

Wow! What a busy year this has been already. My intentions were to try to write updates every two weeks, however, attending conferences and trying to help out at headquarters, time just flew by.

Before we get started on membership stuff, I would just like to send my condolences to the family of Past Department President Ann Baer, who passed away Tuesday, October 21. Ann was Department President in 2003-2004. She was Unit 14 – Shreveport. Also to the family of Connie Brown, who also passed away. Connie held the office of Department of Sgt. At Arms for several years. Connie was from the 2nd District.

Membership Party: November 5, 2008, from 10:00 am – until at the American Legion Headquarters, 1885 Wooddale Blvd, Room 1100, Baton Rouge. As a reminder, bring your drivers license to enter the building. **If you are planning to bring a dish, would you please email me and let me know what you are bringing. Some members are calling and asking what can they bring, they don't want to duplicate some of the items. My email is blejeune@charter.net.**

Congratulations: to all of the quota and quota plus Units

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| 3 rd District – | Unit 26 – Jeanerette – 100.00% |
| | Unit 241 – Lafayette – 103.03% |
| | Unit 242 – Patterson – 103.75% |
| | Unit 289 – Parks – 103.52% |
| | Unit 309 – Grand Isle – 100.00% |
| | Unit 328 – Pierre Part – 100.00% |
| | Unit 585 – Bertrandville – 100.00% |
| 6 th District | Unit 167 – Plaquemine – 105.56% |
| | Unit 248 – New Roads – 100.00% |
| | Unit 502 – Baton Rouge – 100.00% |
| | Unit 580 – Maringouin – 109.09% |
| 7 th District | Unit 19 – Jennings – 103.03% |
| | Unit 370 – Westlake – 100.00% |
| | Unit 514 – Curry Golden – 119.35% |

I would like to congratulate Emily LeBlanc, 7th District President, Ruth Nutfall, 6th District President and Daisy Triggs, 3rd District President for a very successful fall conference. This weekend I will be attending the 5th and the 8th districts conferences.

ATTENTION: District Presidents – at DEC you all received an envelope containing a letter and rules for the membership program, “Dancing with the Stars”. Also was enclosed was a form to be completed, asking for the names of the dancers, song title, etc to be mailed to me. Please do this before the deadline given in the letter. If you misplaced the form email or call me and I will send you another one.

Early Bird Certificates: Some of the early bird certificates were misplaced at DEC, please contact me immediately if you have not received your Early Bird Certificate, so I can send your Unit one. District Presidents, in your next newsletter, would you please ask your Unit Presidents to contact me if they did not receive their early bird certificates.

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Louisiana is ranked 9th nation wide in membership with 60.56%. Cheryl has about 900 more to send into national. This will put us at about 69.12%.

Fantastic – Ladies, this is only October, we are 5 months in the membership year, and we are at 69.12%. What an accomplishment. However, now is the time membership starts to slow down. So we need to call in the District President, District Membership Chairman and Area Presidents to call these Units and encourage them to work membership and send it in. If we can get 69.12% in 5 months, we should be able to get 30.88% in 7 months.

Until next time keep up the good work.

Barbara LeJeune

Department Membership Chairman