

Membership News September 21, 2008

We have all weathered the hurricanes – some better than others. Gustav and Ike took many trees and thinned the remaining ones. So I hope this articles fines everyone well and trying to get back on their feet. I would like to thank Barbara White for sending me the PowerPoint presentation of the destruction Hurricane Ike did in the Galveston and Houston areas. It makes you stop and think about how lucky we are. If anyone has not seen this presentation, please email me and I will be glad to send it to you. I am so grateful that we did not have any damage, however, I am a little late in getting this article out because I am just getting internet back up.

By now all Unit presidents, district presidents, district membership and area presidents should have received a package from me. If you did not attend DEC or did not have someone pick up your awards book, I mailed you the following: awards book, membership handout that were given at DEC, order forms for poppies, the roster and the newsletter. Also enclosed was an invitation to the membership party to be held on Wednesday, November 5 at 10:00 am – until. On the flyer I did not mention where the party will be held. **The membership party will be held at American Legion Headquarters, 1885 Wooddale Blvd, Room 1100.** If you attend the party, please bring your drivers license in the building with you, as you will need it to enter the building. If you have a favorite dish that you would like to bring, please do so, we are also accepting monetary donations. Bring in membership that day and your unit will be in a drawing to win \$25.00. We will have lots of door prizes. Hope to see you all on November 5.

Just got a new membership report in on September 19. Congratulations to the quota and quota plus units. They are as follows:

3rd District

Unit 289 - Parks - 103.52%
Unit 241 – Lafayette - 103.03
Unit 26 – Jeanerette - 100.00%
Unit 309 – Grand Isle - 100.00%
Unit 328 – Pierre Part – 100.00%

6th District

Unit 502 – Baton Rouge – 100.00%

7th District

Unit 19 – Jennings – 103.03%

Great Job!!!!

Area Presidents: Now is the time to start working with your units that are still 0%.
District Presidents and District Membership lend them a helping hand if needed. Lets work as a team.

October 17 is getting closer; as of today we only have 7 Units that will get the President's Special Award. To get this award your Unit has to be a quota or quota plus Unit by President Henry's birthday. Your membership has to be at headquarters by close of business of October 17 to qualify.

I also have a challenge with the American Legion Membership Chairman, Larry Abshire. If the Auxiliary has a higher percent of membership than the Legion at Mid Winter, then Larry will have to wear a wig, makeup, earring and a tiara and he will have to pay \$100.00 to President Henry's project and \$50.00 to Child Welfare. If the Auxiliary loses then I will have to pay \$100.00 to Commander Boyette's project. So ladies I need your help.

Attention: Dancing with the Stars will start its new season on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm on ABC. This year for the first week it will be a three-day event, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. District President, District Membership Chairman or whoever will be dancing in the contest at Mid Winter, start watching and get some ideas. District President remember the form that was given to you at DEC, it needs to be returned to me. The only form I have received was from the 6th District.

At this time I would like to apologize to Ms. Martha Maness and the 4th District. My husband and I had our hotel reservations for the 4th District Conference and was ready to make the trip, however, with the uncertainty of the weather, we decided it would not be safe to battle the weather. So my apologies go out to you all for not attending your conference.

If we can bypass any more hurricanes I am looking forward to seeing everyone at their district conferences.

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