

2015 – 2016 ended four years as District 4 President. We have 12 units, few in large cities but most in small rural towns. Some units are very active, some do not have regular scheduled meetings but are always there to assist their Post when needed, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. All units pay their required contributions and continue to try and increase and retain membership.

Working with these ladies is a privilege. I made unit visits. I tried to send an informative letter each month, except during the summer, just to keep members informed on Department information, up-coming activities, what our units were doing, etc. I had a *'Sharing Time'* in each letter, with a short note from various units telling of their recent activities. This gave other units suggestions for activities. At the spring district meetings, I usually had a packet for each unit containing patriotic readings, poems, POW/MIA Empty Chair Remembrance Ceremony, history of Four Chaplains, etc. This included membership forms. Anything that might be useful at their meetings or programs. It is very important to keep in contact with unit members. I wanted them to know that I was there to assist them in any way possible. I always had a letter in The Message. We must remember not all members are on our ALA website or receive mailings from Department.

As President Marlene is from our district, we were in charge of presenting a reception for her and Northwest Division Vice President Judy Twete, McVile, ND, at Winter Conference in January. Each of the 10 district presidents donated \$10 toward this. I did all the purchasing from this money. Left-over funds were given toward Marlene's projects. District 4 unit members in attendance helped serve at the reception. Working together, we presented a very nice reception and was well attended. Thank you again to all those who helped in any way.

Our District is excited to have Joan Lasher, McClusky, as our new District 4 President, for the next two years. We will all support and encourage her and help her in any way possible.

Have a wonderful summer! See you all at the Fall District meeting. Hope we have a huge attendance as we welcome Joan to the podium for her first time.

Blessings to all and remember "Every day is Veterans Day."

Elsie J. Goldsmith

