

January 31, 2018

Dear District 1 unit Presidents and members,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have a healthy, prosperous, and peaceful new year.

The Spring District meeting will be held on March 5th in Harwood. More information will be mailed to your units in a couple of weeks. At this meeting, we will be electing a vice-president. Please think of someone in your unit who would be willing to volunteer in that capacity. I hope to see many units represented at the meeting and I am looking forward to visiting with you.

Eileen Vondra, State Americanism chairman, shared with us at Winter Conference that the title for the Americanism Essay contest is, "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community? Please help our youth to recognize the importance of Americanism by sponsoring this contest.

Since our state membership is down at this time, it is very important to try and reach your goal by encouraging your members to find new members.

I will be sending a list of deceased members for this past year from District 1 to each unit. If I have missed any deceased members, please let me know as there will be a memorial service at our district meeting and we will be paying tribute to these departed Auxiliary members.

If your unit does not have an EIN (Employer Identification Number) or it has been revoked then those units have to apply for an Employer Identification Number and e-file form 990-N to comply with federal regulations. Information will be available at our district meeting.

Thank you for all the special projects that your units have accomplished throughout the year. Just remember to keep track of your hours and monetary amounts to report on the year-end impact and narrative reports.

If anyone is interest in purchasing the book North Dakota Nurses Over There 1917-1919, President Mavis Goodroad will have copies at the district meeting that can be purchased. Proceeds go towards a scholarship fund being established through American Legion Auxiliary's President's Parley as the "Dr. Grace E. F. Holmes Nursing Scholarship."

Dates to remember:

February 14--Creative Arts Festival, Fargo VA Medical Center

March 5----- District 1 meeting, Harwood

April 1-----Americanism Essay contest deadline

April 15-----Year-end reports due

Let's remember our service men and women, our veterans and their families by sending a special valentine or planning a special event for them.

I would love to visit your unit. Please call me anytime. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Keep up the good work!

Susan Lemley

District 1 President