

## TWO'S NEWS

February 1, 2018

Hello District 2 Units,

It's been a while since I've sent out a letter, and there's lots to talk about! The Winter Conference in Mandan January 26-28 was very informative thanks to President Mavis and the efficiency of all of our Department officers and chairmen.

The District 2 Spring Meeting will be held in Larimore on March 6. We will be confirming Kathy Tuma as our new District President, and we will need to elect a District Vice President at that time. Maybe that new Vice President will be you??? Or someone from your Unit??? Also, we will hold our annual Memorial Service for members who have departed since our last spring meeting. See enclosed memo to verify your Unit's list and make corrections if necessary.

There was a great deal of discussion at the conference regarding reports. Watch for the February mailing from Department Headquarters containing more specifics on reporting procedures for both impact and narrative forms, and bring your questions to the district meeting.

Have you recruited Girls Staters yet? Or agreed to sponsor a Music Camper? Made scholarship applications available to potential applicants? Distributed Americanism essay materials at your school? Planned your local Centennial celebrations yet? Our website, <http://ndala.org>, is your resource for details and updates on these and all the other fine programs sponsored by our Auxiliary. If your Unit has a website or a Facebook page, our webmaster Shauna Dubuque, can create a link for you from our District page. Contact Shauna at [webmaster@ndala.org](mailto:webmaster@ndala.org) for more details.

Meeting our membership goals is becoming more challenging every year. Sadly, 39 Auxiliary members from District 2 passed away in 2017. We mourn their passing, but let's not lose more members by failing to retain our current rosters. Remember, be positive and inspiring, and find those new members who haven't yet joined our awesome organization. Your Unit #\_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ members of your 2018 goal of \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_%.

Some have questioned the timing of renewal notices, and the confusion caused by "crossing in the mail". I'll try to explain—Each year in **September**, National sends renewal notices **by e-mail** to those who have e-mail addresses on file, and they send renewal notices **by mail** for those who don't. Data for this mailing is pulled several weeks earlier due to the sheer volume of the renewals. The next notices are sent out by National in **January by mail** to everyone who did not respond to the first notice. Here's the catch: data for the second round is pulled by **December 1**, again due to the volume of notices being sent. You can see that many memberships are likely to cross in the mail, especially since we send to the Department office in Fargo, and from there they are sent to National. Members should never send renewal checks directly to National—always send to the local membership chairman. Unless, of course, a member chooses to renew online. Now, that's a whole new scenario. I'll save that explanation for the district meeting and my next TWO'S NEWS as I've probably already confused you enough. :-)

If you were not already aware of it, National has passed a \$3 dues increase, and it is likely that a dues increase is forthcoming in North Dakota as well. This will not take effect immediately, but our Units need to be prepared.

Thank you for all you do, and for all the "Tears Shed—Veterans Remembered". See you at the district meeting!

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