

Greetings North Dakota Auxiliary Members.

What is that bright white light in the sky? It seems to be warming the earth and helping the grass and flowers grow once again.

I want to thank all those Auxiliary members, units presidents, and district presidents for sharing with me their stories and reports throughout the year. It made my jobs as Chairman for Public Relations and Legislation as well as your Department Secretary exciting and notable. Thank you everyone!

The Department Office is once again preparing for the Department Convention. Our oldest grandson and his fiancée are getting married that same weekend and we will miss the event. We will miss seeing and visiting with all of you, but our thoughts and good wishes will be with you for a successful and fun event. Wonderful, talented people have stepped forward to make sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you ladies!

This year's Department Convention will be held June 23-25, 2023, at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center located at 800 South 3rd Street in Bismarck. Yes, it is the former Ramkota, a familiar venue to many of you. I hope you are already making plans to attend the 2023 Department Convention. Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible as there is a cutoff date for the special room rate. Registration and tickets for the banquet and parley luncheon can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Thank you to our hardworking Department Chairmen for working with the Poppy, Education, Americanism, Past Presidents Parley, Girls State and all other Auxiliary sponsored programs. The names of students who qualified for scholarships and awards will be noted elsewhere in this publication.

This is the first year in some time that the Department sponsored awards to the top winners in the Department's Americanism and Poppy Poster Contests. Thank you chairmen for making this year special for the students and the Department.

Take care of yourself and others.

Marcy Schmidt