

I am honored to serve as the Department Education Chairman for 2022-2023. I have enjoyed this role in learning about education and opportunities units provide in our communities.

Units celebrated educators and staff during American Education and Teacher Appreciation Weeks by bringing treats. Several units donated funds to local libraries recognizing teachers and staff. Another unit donated funding to a local elementary school to help students with lunch and milk needs. Units were encouraged to participate in "Give 10 to Education" with local schools and members also provided school kits for world education through World Relief. Several units provided scholarships to send students to International Music Camp, located on the border between North Dakota and Canada. Several units participated in the "Veterans in Community Schools" program. Financial assistance was provided to DECA students qualified to attend a National Competition.

Units sponsor unit scholarships and have committees to select scholarship applications to be sent to the Department. Several units also help educate youth and others in their communities about various Auxiliary programs. A unit member has also been involved in tutoring the English language to immigrants. Units continue to help educate youth through community safety and health fairs.

I am so grateful for the Units and Districts that reported on their wonderful activities. I know that there are many more things going on out there that may not be shared at the Department level. Regardless, I know that this program has a great impact on youth and others in the community.

I had the honor of judging over 40 scholarship applications for both the National scholarship program and the Department Education program in 2023. Thank you to Past Department President Sandra Petermann and retired Bismarck State College instructor and Auxiliary member Carla Bickert for assisting me with the selection process.

### **"AT A GLANCE" REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND UNITS"**

Please note - these numbers reflect only what was reported to me. I suspect the number/dollars are much higher.

- Celebration of American Education and Teacher Appreciation Weeks – treats provided to local schools, funds donated to local libraries (\$200) and funding for school lunches/milk programs (\$100)
- "Give 10 to Education" participation – supplies and monetary contributions given to schools and school kits for World Relief by members and units
- Funds donated for student scholarships/maintenance to International Music Camp (\$420)

- Unit scholarships for graduating seniors (4 scholarships, total \$1,000); members helped serve at the Masonic banquet where scholarships are awarded
- Donations to DECA students going to National competition (\$300); also, to national FCCLA to present project to help ND veterans
- Funds donated for Department scholarship funds (\$1,847)
- Committees for selecting Unit and District scholarship recipients
- 'Veterans in Community Schools' presentations held (10 presentations)
- Participation in Memorial Day services and programs
- Participation in community bike safety and health fairs
- Promotion of National and Department Education scholarships

### **SCHOLARSHIP NOTES**

- 2023 Department Scholarship - \$500 each / 43 applicants - 3 scholarships awarded (\$1,500 total)
- 2023 National Scholarships - 5 applicants - 1 Spirit of Youth Scholarship; 1 Children of Warriors Nationals Presidents' Scholarship, sent to NW Division

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