

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

The Department Office has been busy keeping up with membership and working on Unit Mailing packets, Flickertail Girls State, 'The Message' articles, and archiving old membership and Department records when time allows.

The 2026 Winter Conference is just a few short weeks away and I encourage everyone to attend. National President Pam Ray will be a special guest of the Department and you do not want to miss meeting her in person. President Candace and her team of Department Chairmen are putting together workshops for members planning to attend. You will find a 'tentative' schedule and pre-registration and banquet ticket order forms printed elsewhere in this publication. I encourage anyone who is planning to attend to make your hotel reservations early! Let us make this a memorable event for National President Pam and Department President Candace.

Thank you, Unit Membership Chairmen, you have done an amazing job getting dues in. North Dakota 2026 membership goals are at 45% as I write this. Armed with the dedication and hard work of all Auxiliary members we can make 100% well before convention next summer. Unit membership chairs, do not hold memberships, pay them in the ALA MIS program if you can or send them to the Department office as soon as they arrive.

My family and I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday season. Stay well, stay safe, and I will see you in Mandan at the 2026 Winter Conference!

Marcy Schmidt