A Word from the President
By Anitia Owens, Department President

Newsletter

July 2016

First I would like to say thanks to Miriam Stein for a great convention and for serving as our Department President this past year. May the Peaches and Magnolias continue to bloom.

To all Auxiliary members of the Department of Georgia, I want to express my sincere thanks for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Department of Georgia President for 2017-2018. It is my honor to serve you, the members, of this great organization.

Next I want to thank the members of my Unit 233, Loganville, for all their hard work in preparing for the installation and all that it involved. They worked very hard before, during and after the installation. You rock girls.

My goals this year will be to improve communication between the Units, Districts and Department, Training, getting feedback from members and acting on that feedback to enhance our programs and members. This will be a team effort and requires all of us to participate to make it work. I am asking you to help me grow this organization and work as a team.

My theme is “Bee a doer for our Veterans” and the Bumble Bee my symbol with the Poppy as my flower. I picked this because everything we do should ultimately make it better for our veterans. This organization is about them and not us.

We are still in the early planning stages, but I have received numerous requests to install new officers this year and love doing it. I am asking the Units and the Districts to please invite me to your meetings as I want to get out and talk with our members and listen to what they have to say. I do plan on having quarterly meetings with our District Presidents and

Department Officers and want to carry your messages back to them and work as a team to correct problems, suggest ideas and carry your suggestions for improvements back to them.

We have received a tentative date for the National President’s visit which would be at the same time as the National Commander and make it easier for you to be at both of their events. I will let you know as soon as it is finalized.

I know that Valerie and Jane have great ideas for their Leadership Workshops and ways to work at increasing our Membership. We will be getting that information out to you as soon as it is finalized. We have the upcoming National Convention in Reno and I hope to see some of you there. I am including my contact information and ask that you contact me and let me know if you would like for me to visit at one of your meetings and the dates and time that would be.

I close with thank you again for your trust in allowing me to serve and ask that we all “become busy bumble bees working for our veterans in 2017-2018”.

For God and Country

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Secretary
By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary
The 2017-2018 year is just starting. We hope to have a wonderful year but it is up to our members to help make The Doer Bees Buzz all year round. One or two people can’t do it by themselves, we need all to work together to make this work.

As our Membership is starting to be Buzzing Bumble Bees for Memberships: let’s all pitch in to help getting new members and retaining our current members. I know there are ladies out there who are not aware of all the good work our Auxiliary does to help make the lives of our Veterans better. So ladies spread the word what we do. BEE A DOER FOR OUR VETERANS

It’s a great time to buzz ahead and start collecting membership and not wait on the Renewal Notices.

I am including the new 2017-2018 Obligation /Contribution form with an explanation of each item on the list. PLEASE throw away any old forms you have and let’s start fresh. I have received many questions in regard to the Obligation. Mandatory means they must be paid, some question the junior funds, even if you do not have juniors it must be paid. The comfort articles, hostess party (must provide proof before check can be returned) and every Unit must order poppies or send a donation to equal the poppy order according to the Unit size.

If you have not received your membership cards by now you will need to contact the Department to see what forms that are missing (ex: Unit Officers list and membership chairman form). They are on our website. www.galegionaux.org

NOTICE: If you are planning on going to Reno for the National Convention please get you request in to The American Legion ASAP as rooms are getting booked up fast. Information on the National Convention will be posted on the web page. www.galegionaux.org

If you are planning on going to the States Dinner the price is $45 each, if received after July 27th the price is $50. The Woman of the Year luncheon is $35 each. Please send your check in no later than July 27th. The prices will go up $5 each event.

1st Vice President / Leadership
By Jane Lawrence, Department 1st Vice President
I am honored to have the opportunity to be your Leadership Chairperson this year. Working together we will have a successful year.

BEE A DOER FOR OUR VETERANS

What better way for you to express this theme, than through your “leadership” skills. Each of you can play a major role, leadership comes not only from those who are elected to position, but from, each of you as members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

I am currently working on schedules and locations for the upcoming workshops. The schedules will be posted on the website and in the newsletter. I would like to see each of you at a workshop and challenge you to bring a new member with you. A new member is one that has been a member for less than a year and has not had the opportunity to attend a workshop. Many members may not know that they are leaders or just afraid to step up. Please encourage them and bring them to the workshop.

Let me know what areas of training or information are vital to your Unit. We are excited to offer a variety of leadership programs to ensure that our success is unstoppable. You can either reach me by email, janeal1@yahoo.com, or call me at 770-926-3468,

We must reach out with the knowledge we have to enhance the growth of the Department of Georgia.

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“Buzzing Bumble Bees for Memberships.”
Thank you for electing me as your 2nd Vice President. Thank you to the 10th District and Unit 77 for nominating me to represent the Department of Georgia. We are going to have a wonderful year. As your Membership Chairman, we are going to work on Rejuvenating, Reviving and Retaining our members.

What is the Membership program, and why do we have it? To encourage and support the nationwide effort to attract and retain a diverse, active membership and establish new units to ensure the future of the American Legion Auxiliary. Members enable us to carry out our mission to assist veterans, military, and their families.

As your installation begins, no Unit should be sitting on zero. As a recommendation, when you take your oath, every Officer holding a membership card for the term 2017-2018 she is serving, should have their dues paid for that year. Yes, we know your membership card expires in December 2017. Let’s set an example and practice the art of leading by example. Ladies, we can do it!

IDEAS:

(1) Host a Membership Fundraisers Night: All proceeds go to membership
Example, if 50 people attend charge $15 per person, you will receive $750 in one night. Use proceeds to pay off members with at least 5-10 years as a gratitude and so on…

(2) Fundraiser Friday American Legion Family night. Charge $10 per person / Have a 50/50 Raffle
Do it Bi-monthly with the American Legion, take turns so all could benefit. Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders.

MENU: 1st Hour Serve Hot Dogs * Popcorn * Candy * Have table card games * Table Board games *
2nd Hour Line Dance or Movie… Whatever, make it fun and a family event.

(3) Network with other local Post and Units in your District, invite them to your functions and likewise. PR= Public Relations, Invite the Community and Local Officials so they can see what you are doing for the community and veterans. At every event have a membership table:

Incentives & Awards for those who reach GOAL

by October 15th: 😊 1st 2nd 3rd Place

Membership Theme: Buzzing Bumble Bees for Memberships:

Rejuvenate *Revive *Retention

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HISTORIAN CORNER
By Susan Hall, Department Historian

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Department Historian for the 2017-2018 year.

The history of the ALA is vital for the future of our organization. We need to be documenting the past for our future members.

I need all the unit historians to please keep me informed of what is happening in your units, so I may put together a great History Book this year. Please send me what is happening in your unit. You can either e-mail me at suem_66@yahoo.com or my home address is 15 Good Hope Hollow, Naylor GA. 31641. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you need help.

Remember, your history begins at your installation of officers, and nothing is ever too insignificant to record. Start writing from the beginning and don’t wait until later or put off; some things may get forgotten that are part of your history that you want to share for future generations.

In order for future generations to know what we accomplished in the ALA and why, we need to write it down in our history books.
Chaplain
By Phyllis Singleton, Department Chaplain

Busy little honeybee
Living in your Hive
Working night and day for me
God makes your strive.
Then upon my breakfast table
From you little bee
Comes your honey so delicious
Sticky, golden and yummy!
So for our little worker
Love for her let's send
Do not bother or disturb her
She's our busy friend!

A word from Your Constitution and By-Law chairperson:

Please send in a copy of your Constitution and By-Laws even if your Unit did not have any changes last year. It is recommended to review the Constitution and By-Laws every year to make sure they are current and in compliance with National. You can include a note stating "no changes from last time". Department needs to have a current copy of all Constitution and By-Laws.

You can either e-mail them to me at BarnettG@Outlook.com or mail them to Gabriele Barnett, 258 Calloway Ct., Evans, GA 30809

Thank you

Gabriele Barnett

Parliamentarian and Constitution and By-Law Chairperson

ALA MIS PROGRAM ACCESS for UNITS Membership

The fee is $10 per year per person (2 per Unit). This is the fee National charges. Forms are on the website or call the Department for copies. Due to the enforced rules all forms must be completed and signed by 5 current Unit Officer. At no time is an authorized person using ALA MIS to share their password with anyone. If a person needs to be changed please send in a new form right away. Please let us know ASAP.

If your Unit wants to continue having access to the ALA MIS I must receive new forms and $10 for each person per colander year. No person authorized to use ALA MIS is to share their password with anyone.

New: District Presidents can now have access to all the Units in their districts. This will be a read only and cannot make any changes. The fee is $10 and will be good until December.

National will be billing the Department for any users on January 1, of the current year. If payment is not received in the department by December 20th a list will be sent to National of who to remove because payment was not received before December 20th (each year ending). If you want to continue to have access to the ALA MIS, make sure your check is sent to the department before December 20th.

American Legion Auxiliary Honor Our Female Veterans

For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2017 Membership Year, the national portion of dues ($9.00) will be waived for their first year of membership.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia voted at our Fall Conference October 23, 2015, For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2017 Membership Year, the Department’s portion of dues ($8.00) will be waived for their first year of membership.

Some of the Units are waiving their membership portion as well.

Ladies this is one way we can Honor Our Female Veterans and build our membership. Make them feel welcome!
Hi! I am Kacie Linaweaver, the new Honorary Junior Department President. We held our Convention during the Legions Convention and I wanted to say congratulations to all of our newly installed officers. There were 13 Juniors that attended Convention and I am hoping to see even more of you this year. My project for this year is to raise money to purchase rocking chairs for Veteran nursing homes. Our theme for the year is "Our Rocking Veterans" and since the Auxiliary Department President, Anita, is using bumblebees, we will be the honeybees. We will be buzzing around like honeybees working for Veterans across the state of Georgia. I have already began this year by attending the first installation of Juniors at Unit 197. If there is anything you would like me or any other Junior to do for you, please let me know.

For God and Country,

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Past Department President & Past President Parley Nursing Scholarships Winners

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President's Theme: “Bee a doer for our Veteran”

Membership Theme: “Buzzing Bumble Bees for Memberships.”

- Rejuvenate
- Revive
- Retention

National President’s Theme: NOT ONE

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2017

July 4th, 2017
Independence Day

July 23rd, 2017
Parent’s Day

July 27th, 2017
Nat’l Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

99th National Convention: Reno, NV
August 18-24, 2017

August 21, 2017
Senior Citizens Day

September 4, 2017
Labor Day (office closed)

September 10, 2017
National Grandparents Day

September 11, 2017
Patriot Day

September 15, 2017
National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 18, 2017
Air Force Birthday

September 24, 2017
Gold Star Mother’s Day

October 20th – 21st, 2017
Fall Conference Duluth
DEC Oct 19th 6pm

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