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American Legion Auxiliary
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Department President
Paula Booth



Upward and Onward For Veterans

kindest Greetings to All!

It's hard to believe that school has begun already with all the busy-ness that entails. Be sure to be on the watch for the school children as you drive and gear up for your Children & Youth and Education programs.

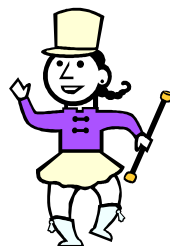
As you will see on the Workshop Agenda in this Spirit, we have included something for everyone, so hope to see you there to encourage others and be encouraged. These meetings are like "Family Reunions" so come to Bridgeport and join in and be fed and challenged. You are encouraged to bring all renewals with you for the Membership Rally.

My Homecoming announcement is included in this Spirit and Homecoming Tickets will be available at the Workshop for all who wish to purchase them.

We are looking forward to National Convention in August and hope to bring some goodies and information back to share with you. I am also planning to join Susan Wade as she advertises her Unit in the Labor Day Parade, September 1, at Paden City.

Keep these words in mind as you work and plan: Membership, Friendship, Leadership, Organization, and Branding!

Paula Booth
Department President,
"Leader of The Grateful Hearts Band"



Department Officers 2014-2015

President—Paula Booth
1st Vice President—Susan Wade
2nd Vice President—Tammy Workman
Sec/Treas.—Paulette Anderson
Chaplain—Ramona Westfall
Historian—Rhonda Best
District Presidents 2014-2015
1st District—Donna Leek
3rd District—Connie Bailey
4th District—Nancy Sundstrom
5th District—Beth Kilgore
6th District—Peggy Swartz
8th District—Mary Bess
9th District—Marion Gregory
10th District—Lisa Turner

District Vice Presidents 2014-2015

1st District—Marlene Stansberry
3rd District—Carla Wilfong
4th District—Cathy Post
5th District—JoAnn Hastings
6th District—Rita Alley
8th District—Rose Reese
9th District—Jeanie Phares

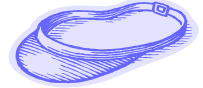
Remember Our Friends

Sharon Glassford, PDP, wishes to give a Huge Thank You to all for the cards, flowers, visitation, food during the illness and passing of her husband George.

Sharon Glassford, PDP, is under a Doctors' care for an eye irritation. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



Department Headquarters— "Ticket Taker"



Mandatory Funds are Bonding, Department Scholarship, Girls State Project, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order & 10% Poppy Proceeds. Make check payable to Department Treasurer, ALA. DUE into Department July 31st to be a Unit in good standing.

Processing Membership:

Make sure your membership is into Department Headquarters by the 15th to be counted for Targets.

Membership:

All applications must have signature of a Post Officer and if they are a Junior member a Birthdate. Unit Membership Chairman should check each application to make sure it is filled out completely including City, Post #, State and zip code if eligibility is under a Veteran living before processing into Department Headquarters. If a veteran is living they must hold membership in The American Legion.

Please check the Birthdates of your Juniors renewing this year. If they will turn 18 years old by December 31, 2014 they are considered a Senior Member. I have had a few Units who has a Debit for this reason.

MAKE SURE THE POST OFFICER SIGNS APPLICATIONS.

Directory Updates: Directories is being mailed to Unit Presidents. When you receive them here are some changes to the new Directory:

Page 3: Under Legion Dept. Officers Commander Fred's last name should be Buchanan

Page 11 & 14: Rhonda Best —Historian and Ways & Means email should be rlcbest37@aim.com

Page 16: Under Strategic Planning Committee: Irene Weber, Susan Wade, and Ann Buchanan are "Members".

Under Sons of The American Legion Officers change year to 2014-2015;

NEC—Wyatt Smith

Alternate NECC & Youth Chrm.—Randy M Bland

PR Chrm.—Jacob McCarty
Legislative Chrm.—Jeff Ryman
Dept. SAL Advisor—David Hall

Page 24: under secretary for Martinsburg Unit #14: Joy Potts, 321 West Race St. Apt. D, Martinsburg WV 25405 304-270-7516. Unit Contact is: secretaryjoypotts@yahoo.com

Page 30: Morgantown Unit #174 new officers: President-Judith Haight, 1224 Philip St., Morgantown WV 26501 304-692-6639 Secretary-Barbara Nuce, 72 Lookout Lane, Morgantown WV 26508 304-290-1424 Email Contact: barb.nuce@mail.wvu.edu

Dates To Remember: 2014 Dates
National Convention:
August 22-28, Charlotte NC

Dept. Membership Workshop: September 13th at Days Inn

Fall Conference Posted in Spirit

Commander Fred Buchanan
Homecoming Saturday October 4th
Huntington Post #16

President Paula Booth
Homecoming Saturday October 25th
Elkins Post #29

Unit Rosters: Will be mailed out with the Unit Directory. Please ,Please make sure the Unit Membership Chairman receives this updated list.

Policy and Procedures: Updated version will be at the workshop to purchase.

There are several units who have not completed their Unit Officers listing to send into Department for the new year.

If you haven't Please send in or email me the list NOW.

If they are the same, email me and state that in your email.

District Presidents: need your form with your 4 District Chairmen filled out.

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www.wvgirlsstate.org

Legion Email:

wvlegion@suddenlinkmail.com

Auxiliary website: www.wvvaux.org

National Website: alaforveterans.org

Fall Conferences

1st District

Weirton Unit #10
November 9th

3rd District

Gassaway Post #33 (Joint)
Braxton County Senior Citizens
October 25th

4th District (Joint)

Sistersville Post #67
October 12th

5th District (Joint)

Ceredo-Kenova Post #93
Sunday October 5th

6th District

Beckley Unit #32
1708 Kanawha Street
September 27th

8th District

No Report

9th District (Joint)

Elkins Post #29
October 25th

10th District (Joint)

Charles Town #71
October 18th

"WELCOMING OUR MEMBERSHIP"

Membership Chairman

Hello ladies

We need to push for members quickly. We have a slow start for our August 15, 2014 target.

Reminders: Friday night at Fall Workshop. I need to have all Unit Vice President and the Dept. Vice Presidents PARTICIPATE; IN THE FRIDAY NIGHT WORKSHOP. Unit Presidents you are needed also. There is a lot of area's to be covered before Saturday Morning.

I have items that you will need to do a little skit.

This year for membership; I will have phone numbers and a form that will be given to you.

District Vice Presidents, You will have another job for Saturday Morning.

The challenges you will draw out of a hat. They will be fun and what you pull out you will do the challenge; who ever loses you will do the part at Mid-Winter.

Our centennial anniversary will be celebrated during 2019-2020. We are being ask to help make our

"ONE MILLION MEMBER".
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND MONEY WILL BE GIVEN DURING A MEMBERSHIP PEP RALLY. The "Ticket Taker" will be near the Status of Liberty.

I need to have you at the Friday night meeting; so we are on the same page. There will be a lot of information that you will need to take back to your units.

Thank you, Department President Paula, for this appointment. The membership team as they always do, **WILL DO A GREAT JOB.**

Table Centerpieces. I would like to have them done in President Paula symbol, and color for her year. I will have prizes for winners.

See you at Fall Board Workshop.

Sharon Glassford
"Park Ranger"
God Bless America
and our Veterans



1st Vice President

Hello Ladies!

I know its early, but we have a lot of work to do!!!

I want to congratulate the following Units for reaching Target #1 at 40%: Clarksburg Unit #13; Franklin Unit #30; Charles Town Unit #102; and Keyser Unit #152!!!

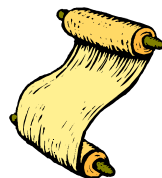
You all have received your Membership Cards and membership should be processed at least weekly. Remember, do not hold dues!!

I am looking forward to Department Membership Workshop on September 13, 2014 in Bridgeport. I would like to see all Units represented there. We have a great program planned! It is well worth the extra effort to attend as we all learn to help our Membership grow.

I will have more information in the next Spirit on Membership. We will be doing our District Challenges at Workshop.

If anyone has any questions or need help with anything, please contact me at susanwade457@gmail.com or call my cell 304 771-1574.

Susan Wade
AKA Tablet Writer
Department 1st Vice President



2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies and welcome to the beginning of a brand new membership year.

I'll be working with Districts 1,4,6, & 9 . You are the flame for the "Torch Lighter." Our Target was 40% for August. As of right now we have too many zeroes where there should be numbers.

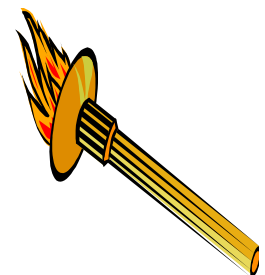
Congratulations to our units who have reach or exceeded the 40% target. 1st District, McMechen Unit #5 and Paden City Unit #86, and in 4th District Parkersburg Unit #104. Fantastic work Ladies!

You can see at the top of your target sheet that our Department Goal is 7271. Yes, it's a big number but we can do this. As of right now we only have a little spark from the units who met the first target. If all unit officers and chairman pay their dues right now, in every unit, we will not have a single zero. Let's get the smoke rolling from our torch. If your unit holds an "early bird special" try to get your notices out early as well.

As always NEVER hold DUES. In this, it isn't just about getting a new membership card in a timely manner, it is that some members count on the benefits or the insurance they might need. So do not hold dues.

I'll see you at the Fall Workshop in Bridgeport where our Membership Chairman, Sharon, and 1st Vice President Susan, and I will have more to share on membership.

Tammy Workman (AKA Torch Lighter)
Department 2nd Vice President



First District President

Hello Ladies

Sorry I missed the 1st District picnic and Golf Tournament. Hope everyone that was there had a good time and enjoyed the day with all the Unit's. I would also like to thank everyone for helping with all the work that was done. 1st District President and 1st Vice President are planning to visit some of the Units in our District. We will let you know.

Well ladies its time to get busy working on your membership and hope to see you all at that Department Workshop in Bridgeport, on September 13th at the Days Inn. As a member of the Auxiliary you need to come and join us as you will learn a lot.

I do my best to help out in anyway that I can. Call me 304- 889- 2757 leave me a message.

God Bless you all
1st District President
Donna K. Leek

First District Chaplain

As the 1st District Chaplain, I would like to ask that the members in our District to start sending me prayers. You may send them to my e-mail Dbfreland@hotmail.com so that I may make a prayer book to send to our Department Chaplain.

Thank you,
1st District Chaplain
Donna C Freeland

Sixth District President

Hello To Everyone

Not much news to report from 6th District this month. It is hard to believe that summer is almost gone.

I am sure that everyone is working on membership, maybe we can work a little harder this year and be a GOAL DISTRICT. Thanks to all Units that made Goal last year.

Sixth District Fall Conference will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32. This meeting will be held at the Post Home on located at 1708 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV The meeting will be Saturday, September 27, 2014. Registration will start at 9:00 AM , the luncheon will be \$8.00 per person. Looking forward to seeing members from each Unit at this meeting.

The FALL WORKSHOP will be held at the Days Inn in Bridgeport on September 13, 2014.

So until next time and maybe more news to report God Bless each and everyone and hope to see you at the District Fall Conference.

Peggy Swartz
6th District President

Ninth District President

Hello again ladies.

I hope everyone is doing well and getting a good start on membership.

Please, always keep in mind President Paula's theme - Operation Comfort Warriors - because it coincides with the AL and all veterans.

A reminder on upcoming Fall ALA events: Workshop Sept 13 at Bridgeport; 9th District Fall Conference October 25 at Elkins; President Paula's Homecoming October 25 at Elkins. Elkins is beautiful in the Fall and even more beautiful with ALA members there.

I hope to see a good turnout for all three events,

Marion Gregory
9th District President
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Ninth District Vice President

Hello Ladies:

I am honored to be your 9th District Vice President again for the year 2014-2015 . There is a lot coming up this year, and I know that we can fulfill our goals if we just try. There are many new ideas that we can discuss and put into action. Now is the time to step up and support our veterans and active duty troops alike. We as American are lucky to have a home that is not in constant disarray. As our troops are sent to untangle some of our world problems we must do our part by giving support and encouraging our communities to do the same. The more we recruit to aid in our efforts the more impressive our actions will be. Please call or email me with any questions or information concerning projects we might become involved in.

I hope to see you all in workshop in September so we can begin to work together on reaching our goals. Until then keep up the good work and continue to strive to be the best you can be. By being a better you enables you to give your all to our cause.

Best Regards,
Jeanie Phares
9th District Vice President
ejl26241@yahoo.com



THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



Third District President

It's "just me" touching base with all. I'm not ready for Fall yet so I'm going with "late summer" programs. We have our workshop, district meetings and homecomings to take part in. These events are both productive learning experiences and enjoyable. The more you take part and contribute-the more you and our programs benefit. Looking forward to seeing you at one or all of these events.

Will be sending Credential & Registration forms to Dist. #3 Unit Secretaries soon.

Dist. #3 Fall Conf.
Place; Braxton County Post #33
Braxton County Senior Ctr,
Sutton WV
Saturday, Oct 25th.
Registration 9:00- 10:00am
Registration \$10.00

Yours in service
Connie Bailey,
Dist. #3 Pres.
crb1940@3wlogic.net

Third District Vice President

It is an honor to hold the position of Third District Vice-President. I will do my best to help the District President, Connie Bailey and all the Unit members in this District.

I have received Membership Target One and I am happy to say that we the Wigs are ahead of the Flames. We need to keep up the good work.

Please do not hold your Membership. Send it in no matter if you have only two. If you need any help, please feel free to call me at 304-592-0247 or 304-592-2186, or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

Carla Wilfong
3rd District Vice-President

Eighth District Vice President

Welcome;

And Be Careful with our precious children returning back to school.

Had a great time at convention and looking forward to workshop.

Please get those members in.
See you later,
Rose Reese
Eighth District Vice President

Fifth District President

Membership renewals should be coming in and they should be processed as they are received and sent to Department on a timely basis. Please do not hold dues in your unit.



I hope the 5th District will be well represented at the Leadership Conference in Bridgeport on September 13th. There will be lots of valuable information from the Department chairmen on the various ways your unit can benefit from the many programs offered by the American Legion Auxiliary.

I have been busy visiting units in the 5th District since convention and I am so encouraged by what each of unit is doing. If I haven't been to your unit, never fear, I will very soon.

As fall approaches, your unit should be gearing up for all the activities the holidays afford us. From children to homeless veterans, all can use our help and we should to everything we can to see their needs are taken care of. If I can help your unit, in any way, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

Fifth District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Ladies of the Fifth District as we well know we have to work on membership. I know it is trying times. Everything is going up and I would like to see members go up for the aux.

We have a new Department President Paula Booth. We would like to make her proud of the Fifth District. We need to start now to get Renewals in. Please don't hold the memberships send them in as soon as you get them.

The Department Membership workshop is at Bridgeport WV September 12th and 13th. I hope to see you all there. Just remember we can do it. Onward and upward for veterans.
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District
Vice President

Tenth District President

Hello Ladies,

By the time you read this we will all be breathing a collective sigh of relief – those darling little bundles of joy we call kids and grandkids are now back in school and we will actually have time for ourselves.

That is the good news – the bad news is that since the beginning of school marks the end of summer, we will soon be spending some of that time raking leaves.

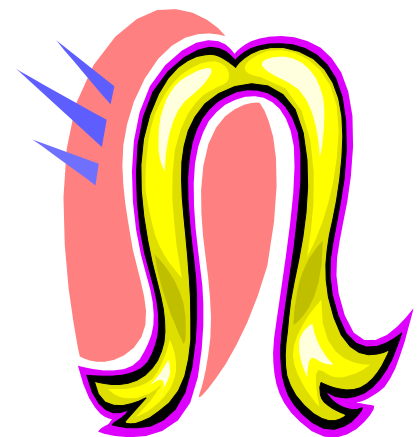
We are now into August and 2015 membership should be rolling in. Most of our units in the 10th District are still at 0%. The goal for August is 40%, so we are way behind. Thank you to Charles Town 102, Keyser, and Franklin for being on target.

Our membership meeting is in Bridgeport on 9/13. Everyone is welcome, so why not come down for the day and get some training?

I will be continuing to visit your units over the next few months. If you have anything special going on, please contact me at egeebug@msn.com or 301-471-3008.

Quote of the Month: *"The meaning of good and bad, of better and worse, is simply helping or hurting."*
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Lisa Turner
10th District President



Chaplain

Hello Ladies;

Just a small quote for you:
*Each new day is a new beginning -
to learn more about ourselves
to care more about others,
to laugh more than we did,
to accomplish more than we thought we
could, and be more than we were before."*

Lets all keep this quote in our hearts
and minds and bring it to the workshop
where we can learn more about our-
selves, show we care about others and
really laugh and enjoy each other and
what is brought forward to learn so that
we can accomplish more than we
thought we could. See you at the work-
shop September 13th.

God Bless

Ramona Westfall
Department Chaplain



Historian

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is having a great
start to the beginning of 2014-2015 year.
I am sure we are all excited to plan our
upcoming events and get back into the
swing of our routines.

Please remember to document all of
your units' activities for this year and
include any pictures as well as news
articles. This documentation will show
others what the Auxiliary do throughout
the year and how many veterans, chil-
dren, and people in the community are
helped during these events and activi-
ties. I am looking forward to see all of
the wonderful stories and pictures of the
events and activities each unit holds this
year.

I hope to see everyone at the Work-
shop in September.

God Bless and Thank you,
Rhonda Best
Department Historian

National Security

The National Security 2014-2015
Plan of Works are the typing stage now,
just a few last minute changes and addi-
tions as I think of them.

The National Security Program main-
tains and promotes a strong national de-
fense by its strengthening and supporting
military service members and their fami-
lies.

Last month I said I would list a few
things your Unit could do for this Pro-
gram.

*Volunteer at your local Va. plan an
Ice Cream Social or a Hot Dog Party for
the Veterans, volunteer to help with Bin-
go (the Veterans at our local Hospital
really enjoy this and are waiting for us
when we show up.)

*Co-Host or participate in a Holiday
Mail for Heroes event.

Enough for this month I will give you
more next month.

Also in the Plan of Works at next
month Fall Workshop in Bridgeport.

If you need my help, please call me at
304-592-0247 or 304-592-2186, or you
can e-mail me at:

carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

Carla J Wilfong
National Security Chairman

Leadership

Ladies,

I hope that you and your unit are off to a good start on the new year. As we make a new start, let us not make the same old mistakes.

I hope that each unit will have at least one member in attendance at the Fall Workshop. Our President Paula has been hard at work setting up a program that will benefit all members and leaders. Please join us and let us know how we can help you and your unit. We are here to serve you but we need your help to find out how we can be of the most help.

The Fall Workshop will have sessions for elected officers or chairmen and members of unit committees. The programs will be covered by our Department Officers and Program Chairmen and you will have the opportunity to ask your questions. Please take the time to come and be a part of the learning.

The Leadership Course will be offered again this year for those that did not complete it in the past 2 to 3 years. I urge those that took the course last year to do the Junior Course this year. It covers Parliamentary Procedure and how to run a meeting. We are your Department and are here to assist you however we can. We are all leaders to someone – let us do our job well.

Ann Buchanan
Leadership Chairman

BE A LEADER!!!



Poppy

HELLO LADIES,

JUST A REMINDER THIS MONTH
TO USE YOUR POPPIES IN ANY
WAY YOU CAN, KEEP TRACT OF
THE NUMBER USED, IN WHAT
WAY YOU USED THEM, HOURS,
AND COST.

WILL HAVE THE PLAN OF
WORKS AT THE FALL WORKSHOP
IN SEPTEMBER.

FOR MID-WINTER PROJECT, BE
PREPARED TO BECOME ARTISTS.

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American Legion Auxiliary

Education



It's that time of the year, where the kids head back to school, many will have already started by the time you receive this. Remember to slow down and watch for children darting out between parked cars. You have not already done so; provide school supplies for Military children or children in need. Promote and Participate in the Give 10 or organize a school supply drive.



What is Give 10?

Give 10 is where your unit collects school supplies, back packs, writing paper, pencils, glue, pens, etc. Put 9 items in a backpack. Ask your unit members, friends, local church groups and even local stores to help collect items. Take your collected back to school items to local schools for children in need or to family readiness group for military children. The more you collect, the more you help.

Now is a good time to talk with your local schools to line up dates to get our Veterans in the classroom. Decide on the topic to cover during the visit, what grade level to address and during what holiday the visit should occur. Veterans can explain what sacrifices are made by them and their family; they can teach Flag Etiquette, some schools may even allow them to perform the POW/MIA service. This may be less likely but you could ask about doing the Four Chaplain service or a modified version. Hold an Essay Contest on Americanism or Veterans Day, what a veteran means to the student, giving awards and certificates. And with so many mom's and dad's off at war today, educate your teachers on what this means to a Military Child to be separated and the difficulties that child may be experiencing.



Lisa Cadwallader
Education Committee member

Children and Youth

Knowledge is power. A core element of the Auxiliary's mission, caring for our children and youth, is sharply focused on educating adults about the needs of our young people. We believe that the more people know and understand about the needs of the children in their communities, the more interest they will have in learning how they can help meet those needs.

I hope you are planning on attending the Leadership Conference on September 13th in Bridgeport. I will have plenty of information available about the various programs your unit can participate in to benefit the children of your community. I will be asking each unit to share with us what they are planning for their Children & Youth projects for the coming year. I know each unit has interesting projects and it is time to let the rest of the department know what you are doing. Our youth of today have so much more peer pressure than we did at their age and they need to know we care about them whatever they may be facing. Lots of information will be available, so I hope to see you there.
Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children and Youth

Junior Activities

HAPPY BACK TO SCHOOL!!

With school back in session, I know that we are all extremely busy and have crazy schedules that may pull us in lots of directions.

With that being said, we will be going over the Plan of Works for this year as well as take the Junior Leadership Course together. Please make every attempt to encourage your Juniors to become involved and attend this meeting. It will be all day Saturday, September 13th.

One of our areas of focus is bringing awareness to Childhood Cancer. With September being Childhood Cancer Awareness month, we will also be supplying units with ideas they can do in their communities to help our children who are battling this dreadful disease.

Check out the Department Junior Facebook page for ideas and suggestions. GO GOLD for kids in September!
Laura Kilgore
Junior Activities Chairman
Kilgore.laura@yahoo.com

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

The ALA Emergency Fund is there for you and other members of our Department when and if an emergency arises and financial help is needed. Please consider making a donation or two this year. Only the funds raised in our Department can be used to help those members who might need help when they are involved in an emergency. You just might make the difference in their lives.

There are many ways that funds can be raised so you can make your donations. You might hold a bake sale, a hot dog sale, sell candy bars, sell many, many items that are available for you to resell to even members outside your Unit, and many Units are very successful holding dinners. The list is endless. I'm sure each of you have ideas that I have not thought about.

More info will be forthcoming just in case you or one of your members need our help in time of an emergency.
Mary Bess, Chairman

Americanism

I would like to take this time to thank our Department President Paula for this wonderful chairmanship. Thank You!!!

Just WHAT is Americanism?: Belief in our devotion or Allegiance to our Country or our FLAG, traditions, customs.

Americanism and Patriotism starts at Home, and in our Communities.

Our programs promotes Patriotism and our responsibility as citizens.

Know your etiquette proper flag disposal methods, patriotic holidays to display your American flag.

UNITS:

1. Bring flags to be disposed.
2. Host flag awareness at school, your unit, public functions.
3. Participate in Patriotic holiday events.
4. Encourage members, public and businesses to fly the American flag.
5. Teach respect for our flag.
6. Encourage people to Vote and support our Flag Amendment.
7. Essay Contest: "What Does Freedom Mean To My Family"

God Bless each one of You until Workshop, Be Proud and Fly the Beautiful Red, White, Blue American Flag.
Patricia Moore, Americanism Chairman

Rhododendron Girls State

As this school year starts, now is a great time to start planning your Rhododendron Girls State program for 2015. Introduce yourself as the contact person and if they have any questions to contact you and looking forward to working with them for Girls State.

I will have National's Girls State Plan of Action for the Units at our Fall Workshop in Bridgeport on September 13th.

I wish each of you a very successful year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your District Representative.

Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman



Girls State Representatives

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8th Dist. — Mary Bess
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Elkview, WV 25071
965-3192

9th Dist. — Paula Booth
RR1 Box 222
Belington WV 26250
823-3251

10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster
PO Box 1037
Ranson WV 25438
676-3979

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I just finished reading again the 2014-2015 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Plan of Action and making up several ideas for this membership year.

The main emphasis continues to recruit regular VAVS Volunteers if you live near a VA Health Care Facility. If you do not live near one you can support veterans from the comfort of your community or home.

This year begins the merger of Field Service and Home Service. All hours will be combined under the heading of "Service to Veterans" and a new pin will be available as in the past helping Homeless Veterans and their families that continue to need our assistance.

National is asking us to participate in the VA Project "CHALLENGE". (Project CHALLENGE For Veterans Enhance The Care For Homeless Veterans provided By Your Local VA and it's Surrounding Community Service Agencies.)

This year when you do your End Year Report remember to document with pictures of your activities. National asks visual as a large part when they judge.

Hope to see those who come to the Leadership in September. Plan of Action copies will be available to each unit.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman



2014-2015 Honorary Junior Officers

President—Katie Beth Caudill

1st V P— Taylor Bush

2nd V P— Despena O'Neill

Secretary— Lexie Nelson

Chaplain— Courtney King

Historian— Mary Grace Bannon

2014 July Ways & Means Winners

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
Michelle Jones	St. Marys, WV	599	7/1/14	\$25.00
		377	7/2/14	
Pola Maniskas	South Point, OH	223	7/3/14	\$25.00
		109	7/4/14	
Lacey Scheuvront	Lumberport, WV	428	7/5/14	\$25.00
Katena Karnes	Huntington	425	7/7/14	\$25.00
Past President's Club	Moundsville, WV	763	7/8/14	\$25.00
		713	7/9/14	
		385	7/10/14	
		327	7/11/14	
Steve Estep	Friendly, WV	462	7/12/14	\$25.00
		750	7/14/14	
Darlene Ramsay	Augusta, WV	436	7/15/14	\$200.00
		331	7/16/14	
		691	7/17/14	
		450	7/18/14	
Debbie Fox	Berkeley Springs, WV	055	7/19/14	\$25.00
		622	7/21/14	
		598	7/22/14	
		081	7/23/14	
Chad Getz	Glen Dale, WV	653	7/24/14	\$25.00
		900	7/25/14	
		558	7/26/14	
		212	7/28/14	
		893	7/29/14	
		063	7/30/14	
		832	7/31/14	



Public Relations

Last month we talked about who we are. This month, let's touch on what we do.

What do we do? It is right in our mission statement but you can sum it up in a nut shell as shown below. We know what it is we do. We need to make sure we let the public know what it is we do and what the American Legion Auxiliary is all about.

Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

In a nut shell: **The American Legion Auxiliary supports, honors, enhances the lives, advocates, educates, mentors and promotes patriotism for veterans, service members, their families, youth programs and our community.**

So when working your PR program please present us correctly, and include a brief explanation of what we do. Any new paper articles, TV coverage, on your web sites, Facebook pages, Twitter, end of year reports or any other place that could be seen or heard by others.

National has several media tools that you can download and use. There are flyers, posters, a tool kit and so much more. Down load some of the posters and talk to local businesses about displaying them.

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Resources/Marketing---Promotional-Materials/>

Last month I said we were going to Ring Our Bells in PR. Start saving copies of articles, pictures of Unit members wearing Auxiliary apparel, times, dates and station information of when your unit was mentioned, anything that make the public aware of the Auxiliary. These will earn you points. More details on this at Workshop. Hope to see many of you there.

Lisa Cadwallader
Public Relations Chairman
240-271-8385
CADWALL1@Westat.com

MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 “Welcoming Our Membership”



Target 1—August 15th—40%
 Department Goal— 7271 National Goal—8083
 Department Membership to Date—667 (9.17%)
 Unit #200—
 Active Units in Department—65

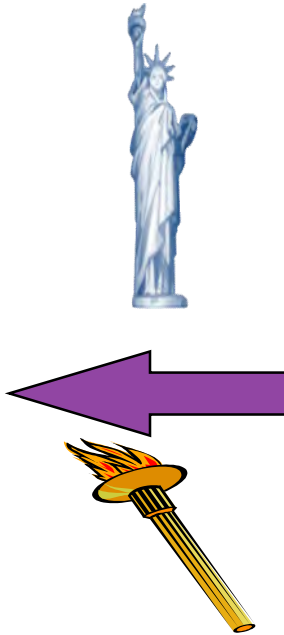


District 1	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	0	0.00%	
Moundsville #3	305	0	0.00%	
McMechen #5	58	43	74.14%	
Weirton #10	80	0	0.00%	
Cameron #18	200	12	6.00%	
New Martinsville #28	140	16	11.43%	
Wellsburg #34	32	0	0.00%	
Follansbee #45	58	0	0.00%	
Benwood #46	99	12	12.12%	
Pine Grove #81	90	0	0.00%	
Paden City #86	113	45	40.00%	
Wheeling #89	36	4	11.11%	
Newell #114	49	0	0.00%	
Hundred #120	77	0	0.00%	
Chester #121	150	0	0.00%	
TOTALS	1280	132	10.31%	

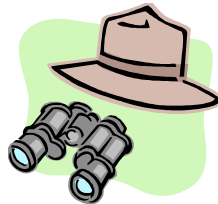
District 4	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	859	137	15.95%	
Spencer #21	59	0	0.00%	
Pt. Pleasant #23	345	6	1.74%	
Sistersville #67	184	0	0.00%	
Parkersburg #104	15	8	53.33%	
New Haven #140	159	0	0.00%	
Williamstown #159	180	0	0.00%	
TOTALS	1801	151	8.38%	

District 6	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Welch #8	82	0	0.00%	
Bluefield #9	34	6	17.65%	
Beckley #32	39	0	0.00%	
Gary #38	76	0	0.00%	
TOTALS	231	6	2.60%	

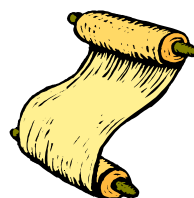
District 9	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Elkins #29	206	0	0.00%	
Cowen #62	50	4	8.00%	
Lewisburg #69	79	0	0.00%	
Belington #96	35	0	0.00%	
Richwood #97	27	0	0.00%	
Pickens #122	28	0	0.00%	
TOTALS	425	4	1.65%	



“Torch Lighter”
 Goal—3737
 To Date—293
 (7.84%)



“Tablet Writer”
 Goal—3534
 To Date—374
 (10.58%)



District 3	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	61	0	0.00%	
Grafton #12	26	0	0.00%	
Clarksburg #13	143	60	42.00%	
Shinnston #31	307	97	30.62%	
Braxton Co. #33	31	6	19.36%	
Mannington #40	23	0	0.00%	
Philippi #44	34	0	0.00%	
Bridgeport #68	47	0	0.00%	
Jane Lew #166	52	0	0.00%	
Morgantown #174	23	0	0.00%	
TOTALS	747	163	21.82%	

District 5	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Huntington #16	264	58	21.97%	
Logan #19	16	0	0.00%	
Ceredo-Kenova #93	418	0	0.00%	
Hamlin #111	54	0	0.00%	
Milton #139	84	0	0.00%	
Barboursville #177	167	0	0.00%	
TOTALS	1003	58	5.75%	

District 8	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Charleston #20	49	0	0.00%	
St Albans #73	65	0	0.00%	
South Charleston #94	26	0	0.00%	
TOTALS	140	0	0.00%	

District 10	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	0	0.00%	
Franklin #30	22	9	40.91%	
Piedmont #52	60	0	0.00%	
Berkeley Springs #60	255	20	7.84%	
Moorefield #64	124	0	0.00%	
Charles Town #71	250	40	16.00%	
Petersburg #78	95	0	0.00%	
Romney #91	259	32	12.36%	
Charles Town #102	20	8	40.00%	
Paw Paw #128	74	0	0.00%	
Kirby #134	50	0	0.00%	
Ridgeley #136	99	0	0.00%	
Capon Bridge #137	130	0	0.00%	
Keyser #152	51	44	86.27%	
TOTALS	1644	153	9.31%	



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia



September 2014



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 <i>Office Closed Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	6
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 <i>Office Closed Fall Meetings Bridgeport</i>	13 <i>Workshop/ Officers Training – Ex. Board</i>
14	15 <i>Target #2— 50%</i>	16	17 <i>Spirit Messages Due</i>	18	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	20 <i>Spirit Out Hospital Checks Out</i>
21	22	23 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>6th District Fall Confer- ence Beckley #32</i>
28	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;">Program of Month <i>Junior Activities</i> <i>Music</i></div>			

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 12-13

Days Inn Bridgeport WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2014-2015.

September 12, 2014—Friday West Virginia Room

1:00 pm—Finance Meeting—**The three members of the Department Finance Committee**

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

Purpose of this meeting is setting up budget for this administrative year to be ratified by the Department Executive Committee.

5:00 pm—Rhododendron Girls State, Inc. Executive Board Meeting—5 Board of Incorporators, Department President, 8 District Representatives, Girls State Finance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director and Assistant Director

7:00 pm—Membership Committee—**Department President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents**

September 13, 2013—Saturday West Virginia Room

6:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee:

Section 1: Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, the eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all Standing Committees (Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Ways and Means. (Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 2).

Section 2: All members of standing committees, **exclusive of the chairmen**, may attend Executive Committee meetings **with the privilege of discussion with no vote.**

Section 3: Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting **with the privilege of discussion but without vote.**

September 13, 2014—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (\$10.00) each Session: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2013-2014 year. There will be some different things for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level.

Juniors will have meeting and activities planned for them also. Registration \$10.00 each held in Nathan Goff room next to West Virginia Room.

Travel Allowances: Travel allowances will be paid by Department to **all Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Finance Chairman, and Department Parliamentarian** that attend Department Executive Board Meeting. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage as per Standing Rule #1. If not spending the night will receive \$20.00 plus (if eligible) mileage. (as per Department Budget)

District Vice Presidents that attend the Membership Workshop. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage. If not spending the night, will receive \$20 plus mileage. (as per Department Budget)

Department of West Virginia
2014-2015 Commander's Homecoming
October 4, 2014

The Homecoming Dinner for the 2014-2015 Department Commander Fred B. Buchanan, 2014-2015 will be held on October 4, 2014 at The American Legion Huntington Post 16, 1421 6th Avenue, Huntington, WV at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM.

Cocktail Hour with Finger Foods starting at 6:00 PM

Menu

Beef Brisket or Parmesan Chicken

Parsley Potatoes

Vegetable Medley

Salad

Dessert

Coffee, Tea, or Lemonade

Tickets will cost \$20 and will be available after July 25, 2014 from Ann Buchanan. Make checks payable to Ann Buchanan.

You can send check to Ann Buchanan
 105 Cheyenne Trail
 Ona, WV 25545

Reservation can be made by contacting Ann at:
304-654-9932 or by email AnnBuch@aol.com

Hotel Rooms have been blocked at

Hampton Inn, 177 Kinetic Drive (on 16th Street Road at I-64 Exit 11)
at a rate of \$87 + tax and includes a hot breakfast.

Double Queen Beds or one King Bed are available.

Call 304-528-8800 for reservation – (American Legion Homecoming)
Rooms will be released to public on September 20, 2014



YOU ARE INVITED!!

**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S
HOMECOMING!!**

October 25, 2014

H.W.Daniels Post 29
326 Railroad Avenue, Elkins WV

**Social Hour 6 pm: Dinner 7 pm
Followed by Cin's Karaoke til ???**

Menu

Baked Steak or Ham
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy; Green Beans, Corn
Tossed Salad
Roll
Desserts
Coffee, Tea, Water and Soft Drinks

Tickets \$20.00

(May be ordered by calling 304-823-3251

Or mailing check to Clarence Booth, 2031 River Road, Belington, WV
26250)

Hope to see you there!!

State Newsletter "Auxiliary SPIRIT"

MAIL TO:
The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155

Purchase/Renew Your

Make check payable to:
Dept. Treasurer, ALA

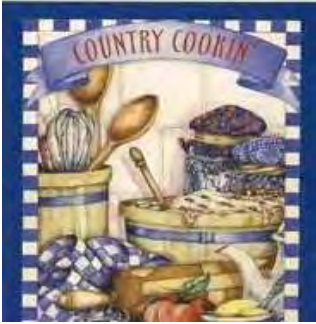
NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX:-----

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (FREE ISSUE) _____

WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to **All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.



Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True!

I want to purchase ___ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to the recipients! ___ Cookbooks X \$15.00 = \$ _____ + appropriate postage (see below) \$ _____ = total of \$ _____ enclosed

I want ___ Cookbooks mailed to me ! (1 cookbook = \$5.00 postage. 2 to 6 cookbooks = \$11.00 total postage ___ Cookbooks X \$15.00 = \$ _____ + appropriate postage (see above) \$ _____ = total of \$ _____ enclosed

Make checks payable to:

Department Treasurer, ALA 1251 Doolin Run Road, New Martinsville WV 26155

Questions? Contact Department Headquarters 1-888-604-2242 or email alawvsec@frontier.com

Ordered by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ **Email** _____



FALL MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, September 12, 2014—

1:00 pm— Finance Meeting
5:00 pm— Rhododendron Girls State Ex. Board Meeting
7:00 pm— Membership Team Meeting (Pres/Dept Vices/District Vices)

Saturday, September 13, 2014—

8:00-9:00 am— Registration (Seniors & Juniors)
9:00 am— Opening Ceremony

Hand Salute to Colors in Place
Prayer—Ramona Westfall, Chaplain
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance—Patricia Moore, Americanism Chairman
National Anthem—Kitty Kelly Smoot, Music Chairman
Preamble—Jetty Roe, Constitution & Dylewa Chairman

9:15 am— President's Welcome & Special Project—Operation Comfort Warriors

9:25 am— Membership Program—Sharon Glassford, Membership Chairman
Membership Team
Membership Rally

(District Challenges to be written and turned in to Paulette Anderson)

****Juniors Break for their Workshop****

10:00 am— Leadership Habits—Ann Buchanan, Leadership Chairman
10:10 am— Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) Updates—Mary Bess, AEF Chairman
10:20 am— Legislative Needs—Feggy Swartz, Legislative Chairman
10:30 am— Manuals, forms, brochures—Paulette Anderson, Dept. Sec'y/Treas.
10:45 am-11:15 pm— 2014-2015 Centennial Strategic Plan—CSP Committee

11:15 am-12:45 pm— ****Lunch Break****

12:45 pm— Round Table 'Greet and Meet' with Department Officers/Chairmen
(See Table Breakdown on back)

2:45 pm— Purse Auction—Beth Kigore, Auctioneer
3:45 pm— Announcements—Paulette Anderson
(Including 50-50 Winner)

4:00 pm— Adjournment

6:00 pm— Fall Executive Board Meeting

ROUND TABLE BREAKDOWN

TABLE 1:	Americanism—Patricia Moore Poppy—Margaret Yost National Security—Carla Wilfang
TABLE 2:	Children & Youth—Beth Kilgore Community Service—Nancy Sundstrom Music—Kitty Kelly Smoot
TABLE 3:	Education—Roxie Nicholson Public Relations—Lisa Cadwallader
TABLE 4:	VA&R—Mary Waybright VA Gift Shops—Representatives WV Veterans Home—Peggy Roberson
TABLE 5:	Department Chaplain—Ramona Westfall Department Historian—Rhonda Best
TABLE 6:	Girls State—Lynda Lancaster Juniors—Laura Kilgore

DISTRICT PRESIDENT/DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT TABLE	Paulette Anderson Ann Buchanan Sharon Glassford
UNIT PRESIDENT/SECRETARY/TREASURER TABLE	Irene Weber Paulette Anderson

Welfare Fund	Balance	5/1/14	\$18,833.16		
	INCOME			EXPENSES	
Cheer Parties	\$	840.00		Cheer Parties	\$ 1,215.00
Gift Shop	\$	230.00		Creative Arts	\$ 110.00
Poppy Orders	\$	254.10		Poppy Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
10% Poppy Proceeds	\$	653.45			
Veterans First Fund	\$	592.30			
Creative Arts	\$	110.00			
Welfare Donation	\$	119.60			
Dept Fundraiser 75%	\$	1,605.95			
Cookbooks	\$	165.00			
Poppy Donation	\$	266.00			
Interest	\$	21.90			
	\$	<u>4,658.30</u>			\$ <u>2,325.00</u>
	Balance	7/31/14	\$21,166.46		

Rhododendron Girls State	B/F	5/1/2014	\$71,100.90		
	INCOME			EXPENSES	
Country Store	\$	6,843.58		Country Store	\$ 1,176.49
Bad Check Reissued	\$	51.50		Awards	\$ 1,406.95
Community Projects	\$	1,200.00		Operation Comfort Warriors	\$ 1,200.00
Girls State Donations	\$	2,082.25		Badges	\$ 343.45
Registration	\$	37,250.00		Office Supplies	\$ 463.26
Pictures	\$	1,992.00		Photographer	\$ 1,600.00
T-Shirts	\$	3,660.00		Insurance	\$ 1,227.93
Starter Money	\$	2,680.00		Starter Money	\$ 2,700.00
Interest	\$	39.81		Meals Wheeling Jesuit	\$ 40,946.50
Banking at GS Refund	\$	35.00		Meals	\$ 331.86
Zanfolio Photo Sales	\$	702.17		Inc. Meeting Travel	\$ 357.24
				Storage Rental	\$ 330.00
				RN for Week	\$ 500.00
				Storage Handling	\$ 200.00
				T-Shirts	\$ 11,118.50
				Printing	\$ 1,883.66
				Gifts	\$ 380.50
				Binders	\$ 784.00
				Refunds	\$ 400.00
				Lodging	\$ 36,193.00
				Travel for Girls State Week	\$ 2,082.20
				National Meetings Travel	\$ 136.25
				Candles	\$ 85.98
				Linens	\$ 191.75
	\$	<u>58,536.31</u>			\$ <u>108,039.52</u>
	Balance	7/31/14	\$21,597.69		

General Fund	Balance 5/1/14	\$58,389.09	
	INCOME	EXPENSES	
Bonding	\$ 110.00		
Donations:		Contributions	
AEF	\$ 50.00	AEF	\$ 979.99
CMN	\$ 150.00	CMN	\$ 150.00
Dept. Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,822.50	Dept. Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,571.25
Dept. President's Project	\$ 1,070.00	Dept. President's Project	\$ 4,347.00
Girls State Project	\$ 731.25	Girls State Project	\$ 1,757.25
Charter Application Fee	\$ 30.00		
Junior Account	\$ 521.00	Junior Activities	\$ 119.38
Conference and Conventions:		Virus Protection	\$ 79.49
NDLC	\$ 529.38		
State Convention		State Convention	
Registration	\$ 1,400.00		
Starter Money	\$ 250.00	Starter Money	\$ 300.00
Raffles	\$ 482.00	Raffles	\$ 241.00
Luncheon	\$ 901.00	Luncheon	\$ 1,155.06
Refunds		Refunds	
941 Reports	\$ 37.55		
Supplies	\$ 283.45	Supplies	\$ 128.85
Department Convention	\$ 10.00	Department Convention	\$ 30.00
Spirit Subscriptions	\$ 308.50		
Dues		Dues	
Senior	\$ 3,871.45	Senior	\$ 4,532.37
Junior	\$ 20.00	Junior	\$ 40.00
Back Dues	\$ 86.50	Back Dues	\$ 252.00
Fundraisers		Prizes & Awards	\$ 205.00
Dept. 25%	\$ 535.31	Phone: Office/Internet	\$ 397.55
		Toll Free #	\$ 117.06
Interest	\$ 422.77		
National Convention	\$ 90.00	National Convention	
		Travel	\$ 1,368.40
		Banquet	\$ 270.00
		Registration	\$ 425.00
		Flowers	\$ 29.00
		Audit	\$ 300.00
		Copier Lease	\$ 988.00
		Service Contract	\$ 134.40
		Overage	\$ 8.57
		Recorder	\$ 600.00
		Gifts and Guests	
		National	\$ 193.34
		Past President's Pin	\$ 359.00
		Flowers	\$ 63.80
		Salaries	\$ 2,494.50
		Office Assisatant	\$ 255.00
		Officers Compensation	\$ 234.67
		Payroll Expenses—Taxes	\$ 875.40
		Utilities	\$ 90.00
		Postage Office	\$ 94.40
		Finance Chrm.	\$ 3.01
		Travel Dept. Conv.	\$ 4,155.20
	<u>\$ 14,412.68</u>		<u>\$ 29,320.94</u>
Balance	7/31/2014	\$ 43,460.81	