



"TOGETHER, BUILDING TOWARD THE FUTURE"

As we begin our new Auxiliary year, let me say it is an honor and privilege to serve as your Department President. I announced at Department Convention that my theme this year would be "Together, Building Toward The Future."

I strongly believe this is what we need to do in order to maintain our organization. One thing that I would like to encourage each of you to do this year is to get out in your communities and make a difference. It is easier than you might think. Work toward signing up that new member, rejoin that member that has not been there for a while and look for that Junior to sign up.

We need to concentrate on getting and keeping our Juniors involved. They are the future of this organization as we all know. We need to promote our mission throughout our communities and our state. Let people know who we are and what we stand for. If we don't do this no one else is going to promote our mission.

My year started with attending the July 4th parade in Faith. This is always a great way to celebrate our country's birthday and it was an honor to represent the Department this year. From Faith I went to Littleton #425 for their celebration.

Ladies, please, if your unit has not done so please send in your \$7 Treasurers bond and your VA&R Fair Share which is \$2 X last years membership. Membership is always the unit priority.

National Convention is just around the corner. This is also a very special time of the year as members across the country gather to report and celebrate the success of the ALA programs. I hope you plan to attend.

Division meetings will begin in September. Please make every effort to attend. This is where you can meet your Department officers and Chairmen and learn about each Plan of Action for the year. These meetings are very important.

Following the Division meetings will be Fall Conference which will be October 23rd & 24th in Raleigh. Make your plans now to attend and be sure to visit the President's Project table to benefit our General Fund.

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