

President's Bulletin - October 2024

Greetings Auxiliary Members

The last couple months have been busy bees! Last month I wrote about National Convention. It was a great learning experience. I have been going to these conventions for the past few years and really enjoy them. This year was in Illinois and next year it will be in Greensboro, North Carolina.

September was our Fall Conference in Grand Rapids. It was early this year, which limited to time to prepare, but our Chairman Nancy Middleton came through. There were six separate classes: Membership with PDP Kathy Keizer, Reporting with PDP Nancy Middleton, Chaplain with current Chaplain Karen Krumm, Sgt-at-Arms with current Sgt-at-Arms Jennifer Zelony, Long Range Planning with PDP Bert Lema and the final class "This and That" with Nancy and Kathy covering a bunch of subjects. The Department helped with much of the cost of rooms and even paid for lunch at a local restaurant, Pizza Ranch. Saturday night featured a Quarter Auction which was fun and something we haven't done for quite a while. I was worn out doing the running to pick up chips, but as Nancy likes to say, "You were elected to serve". Yes, I was but no one told me about this part!! (but I did enjoy it) I hope more members will come to the next Fall Conference. I think you would like it.

The month of October looks like it will "bee busy" too. I have been invited to the Perry Post 4064 on October 5 for their festival. We also have a tour of Paws With a Cause on October 17th at 1pm. Contact Maureen Jackson if you would like to participate. There are a couple other things possibly in the works. The month will end with a four-day Texas Hold'em for the Department. Again, "I am elected to "serve" and will 'bee' working the late shift (9pm to 2am) on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

So far it has been busy, but I am so proud of the work our Auxiliaries are doing. Don't forget midyear reports are due, postmarked by November 5. I can hardly wait to hear how things are going on the local level which is where it all begins.

Bees in service

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