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Extensions & Revitalization

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“You can’t stop the wind, but you can steer the broom!!”

I can’t believe that we are on the downhill side of our year!! It has been a very successful year for us. I am looking forward to seeing you at Winter Conference of Administration meeting. Let’s hope the weather cooperates!!

EXTENSION

We have instituted two new Auxiliaries and have at least four more that have shown interest in starting a new Auxiliary! It’s not too late for any of my District Presidents to contact your Unaffiliated Posts and see why they DON’T have an Auxiliary. It could be as simple as they don’t know how to start an Auxiliary. I did a District visit to District 14. The District President, Betty Rinck informed me that there were two Unaffiliated Post that had contacted her and expressed an interest in starting an Auxiliary and wanted to know what they needed to do. Betty put together a folder for these Post with information she got from our website and MALTA. They were amazing!! It had our membership wheel, so they know who is eligible to join, membership applications, Top 10 Reasons to Have an Auxiliary, etc. I am going to ask Betty to make a folder for me, and then I will use it next year!! It is something every District President should have.

REVITALIZATION

My National Ambassador had an excellent blog with some very good questions we need to ask ourselves about our own Auxiliary. Does your Auxiliary need some “TLC”? Does it need some Revitalization? To revitalize an Auxiliary, it takes change. If revitalization is needed it means that members are feeling negative about things happening in their Auxiliary. Is it attendance at meetings, not getting new members or

lack of interest in the Programs? How about the same three or four members doing all the work all the time? If any of these sounds familiar, then it's time to start a plan to revitalize. I know that I have talked to many members about attendance, lack of participation, and the same people doing all the work. These seem to be very common problems! Things will not improve, if we don't address these issues and think "outside" the box. There are great tools on MALTA. Start with the **Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit**. I also recommend our Department Membership Engagement form. We need to be creative!! If we don't try, things will not change and we become stagnant!! If you need help, please don't hesitate to contact me!! I'm **VERY** good at thinking outside the box!!

MENTORING

As I have traveled across the state, the one thing that I have preached all year is to be **KIND** and **RESPECTFUL!!!** I have seen what happens within an Auxiliary when the members are not kind and respectful to one another. Cliques form and you can feel the tension and negativity within the Auxiliary. Nothing will tear an Auxiliary apart faster than this! I have said you don't have to like everyone, but you do have to be kind and respectful. Treat others the way you want others to treat you! As my Ambassador said, "EACH OF YOU ARE A MENTOR." Who are the mentors in your Auxiliary? Are they kinder, patient and soft-spoken or are they gruff, noisy, fast talkers? You're right, it's the first one! Be careful how you carry yourself in public. You want to project a positive image. As a mentor you are most effective when you praise in public and correct in private!

I hope everyone stays safe and warm! I'm a phone call away if you need anything!

Respect and Love,

Janet.



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