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We are starting our year at the “Magical School of Missouri Membership”! Our “students” (our members) will leave Platform 9 ¾ on the Missouri Express, and have fun competing monthly to be in the lead and win a Golden Snitch. The team with the most Golden Snitches at the end of the year, will win the treasured “Quidditch Cup”. Our professors, and their House teams are as follows:

Ravenclaw – Professor Lori Suter and Districts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7

Hufflepuff – Helen Heise and Districts 2, 14, 15, 18

Gryffindor – Georgia Welte and Districts 8, 9, 12, 17

Slytherin – Jackie Davis and At Large members

Led by school head mistress, Professor Minerva McGonagle (aka Anita Crowell)

And, Judy Northcutt as our beloved Hagrid

Start your “Magical” journey by having a Membership Plan! Your Auxiliary should come **together** to decide on your **Membership Plan** for the Year! Your membership chairman should have **a team** in place and ready!! Further information on your Membership Committee, see Sec 810A on page 74 of the 2022 Bylaws and Ritual. The Team needs to include:

- Contact current members about **annual Dues** (Dues Notice)
- Reach out to former members about **rejoining**
- Set dates for **recruitment events** (try to have four)
- Set some **Mentors** within you Auxiliary (active members)
- Have a MALTA training (include how to pay Dues in the training)
- Clean up rosters (deceased members and bad addresses)
- Hold a **Membership Training Session**

Membership Training Sessions should include:

- **Eligibility** information
- **Investigating Committee** (explanation of expectations)
- How to complete a **Membership Application**
- **Recruiter Tips**
- **Membership Engagement Form** (explanation)
- **Rejoin members** should provide **previous membership number**

Help your “House” win their first Golden Snitch and get those dues notices out now! You do not have to wait for July 1st to send them.

- Offer an **early bird incentive**. This shows that you care about your members. Everyone likes a good deal! Consider offering \$5-\$10 off for those who renew their dues by October 1. Or hold a drawing or two for a **Life Membership**.
- Be sure to include the **VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel** with each membership application. Print the eligibility wheel on the back of your membership applications for ready reference.
- **“Adopt A Member”** Life happens and a member could be struggling with finances don’t let them lapse! Pay their dues! We don’t want to lose a member because they had to choose between medication and membership. Your **relief fund** is for helping your Veterans and their families.
- One of our year end awards is \$50 and a citation to the Auxiliary member who recruits the most new members from July 1, 2022 through April 15, 2023. Members must recruit a minimum of five (5) new members to be eligible for this award. There is no form to submit this year because all information will be obtained from MALTA.

Retention of our members is the key to our success! Life Membership is a great way to Invest in your Auxiliaries future. **Go Life and SAVE!**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES Life Membership fees are not refundable. * Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

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| Through 20 \$253* | 46-50 \$196* | 76-80 \$109 * |
| 21-25 \$242* | 51-55 \$184* | 81-85 \$86* |
| 26-30 \$230* | 56-60 \$173* | 86-90 \$69* |
| 31-35 \$219* | 61-65 \$161* | 91 and over \$58* |
| 36-40 \$213* | 66-70 \$150 * | |
| 41-45 \$201* | 71-75 \$132* | |

As you begin your year, print the 2022-2023 Membership Year End Report to use as your guide for planning. We will be working hard on social media this year.

- Awards will be given for 1st place (\$40 and a citation) and 2nd place (\$25 and a citation) to the Auxiliary in each Membership Group (1 - 4) that produces the best self-made short informational video on social media that promotes Auxiliary membership and eligibility to join.
- The video will be posted on YouTube. The link for viewing and judging the video must be sent to me before April 15, 2023.

No better time than now to begin working on your video!

** Membership awards for auxiliaries and departments will be based on the paid total listed on the CMR-paid, canceled and deceased report in MALTA*

Membership awards and drawings will be communicated after Department and National Conventions.

I am so excited about the new year! We will have fun working towards our Membership Goals! It will be exciting to see which House wins the Quidditch Cup! So, grab your wands and let's make the "Magical School of Missouri Membership" a program like no other!

Remember – I am here for YOU! I am just a phone call or text away!



Using our "Wisdom to Support our Veterans" to create "Hands that Serve and Hearts that Care."