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President's Message



Department President Marsha Mooney Unit 21, District 5

It is the end of a very strange year, and the beginning of a new year with high hopes to continue our service to the veterans. I will continue serving as the Department President for 2020-2021. I hope we will see the lessening of the coronavirus impact, and return to a "new" normal. Hopefully I will be able to continue my Unit and District visitations. I will put you on my calendar. We can always cancel if you are unable to hold the meeting.

This year all District Presidents must send their report to Department Secretary by the end of September. You may email or send by postal mail. It is vital that we have it by September 30. Department Chairmen, I would like for you to also send any information you have to share to Secretary Nancy. We would like this copy to be on file in the office. I realize that we usually distribute this information at Fall Conference, but we would like a backup plan for making sure this information is distributed.

I thank the officers and committee chairs for their work this year. It has not been easy with all the regulations, if we can meet or not. The Units and American Legion Posts have been struggling because of the circumstances. I think of you every day, and hope for a successful outcome for our American Legion Fam-

 $Membership \ is \ so \ important, \ now$ more than ever. We need people to continue our mission and our volunteering. We need our dues to support the work that we do. Fundraising for projects has been severely impacted by the coronavirus lock-down and social distancing. This is not the first time in our 100year history that we have faced hard times and situations, but we as an organization have prevailed. We are still taking care of our military, veterans and their families. I have included a portion of the Memorial Service in the Installations that I have done this past year:

"Many years ago, a group of women had a dream. They envisioned the formation of an organization that could render service to others - an organization to give a hand of love and comfort to the wife, the mother or the orphan of our deceased veterans, and to those in sickness. Those valiant women with the true spirit

New address

Please forward to:

and ambition of pioneers, surged forward to great heights and their dreams became a reality, The American Legion Auxiliary. This organiza-tion is founded on sacred principles that there is no rank among us; no distinction as to color, race or creed. but rather the wish, the desire and the firm determination to be of service to others."

Times have changed and the ALA has changed with them. We now have male spouses of veterans who belong to the ALA, and the remaining spouse may be the husband; however, our mission is the same. We are still building on the strong foundation that the original group of women laid.

Please keep all our members. loved ones, veterans, military, and their families in your thoughts and

PLEASE VOTE IN NOVEMBER!

MEMBERSHIP



"Keeping Our Promise, Past*Present*Future"

Victoria Ornelas **Department 1st Vice President**

Our American Legion Auxiliary mission still continues during the midst of crisis and challenge. Thank you for not giving up on helping our veterans and finding ways to help our communities, unit members and looking out for one another.

Let our feelings of anxiety, stress, anger and sadness go to the wayside. Let's have faith that we can survive this pandemic. It is just a matter of time to begin improving. Remember to SMILE, LAUGH, and take time to

Many Units are focusing their time and efforts on service not self by making masks, and visiting the elderly who might need our help. Remember, we can still volunteer from home.

We are a 100 years old. We will continue to grow and keep serving our veterans, the military, and their families. This is what we are all about. We will celebrate our centennial and the opportunity to be together again.

Let us pray over this awful pandemic and place it in God's hands. He will take our burdens and relieve

Let's focus on our membership. Everyone did such a good job during 2019-2020 year. I know we can do better this coming year. Stay healthy! Stay safe! See you all soon.

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History

Sheridan Mires, Department Historian

I am missing my American Legion Auxiliary Family and our many activities and events.

This year has certainly been a year to record in our history books. National has asked members, Units, Districts and Departments to record how the pandemic has affected ALA activities, what adjustments have been made to accomplish goals and objectives of the American Legion Auxiliary. Please forward this information to me so I can include it in our history and my reports to National.

I recently spent a few days at the Department Office. I found lots of history and interesting documents to read. I had the opportunity to catalog and prepare the charters of the recent units who have dissolved. It was interesting, but very sad to see the dates on the charter of some of Missouri's oldest Units. The oldest date was 1923 and the newest date was 1984. Oddly enough the reason stated for dissolving the Unit was the same. Members were either unable to continue working the Auxiliary programs, or there were no members interested in continuing the Unit.

A very interesting task was filing the minutes of the Department Conventions. This was a tremendous task as it included typed minutes for about 90 years that were typed on onion-skin paper that is very slippery and fragile. The main concern was to keep them in order and not tear or damage any of the pages.

I had the opportunity to look through the scrapbook Past National President Joanne Cronin's year of travel around the world. I was able to read the biography of Mrs. R.H. McCullough, the First President of Quentin Roosevelt Unit 1 and the second Department of Missouri President. I also found an American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri Americanism Manual compiled by Lutie Long Smith in 1937-1938. The manual includes information on Missouri history, state flag, Missouri governors, congressional and judicial districts in Missouri, information about the US Constitution, history of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, history of the American flag, and many

additional topics.

Last but certainly not least,
I began the tedious task of digitizing the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri's membership applications. I am anxious to find my original application submitted when I was a little girl.

It was almost overwhelming the amount of historical documents that are stored in our Department Office. These documents and other items are important to our organization and we need to continue caring for and properly storing them in order to secure our history so future generations can learn, "Who We Are," "What We Do" and "Why We Matter."

NOTICE!!!

Have you read the May, 2020 issue of the American Legion *Auxiliary* magazine on page 25? ALA National Headquarters assembled a core marketing team to review current strategies to enhance our presence to the public and open a new awareness about what we do. A new tagline "declaration" was created. It is printed on the inside front cover of this issue. There is also a video version that is available for sharing at your meetings. The new declaration — A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.

We are the American Legion Auxiliary.

We are called to serve.

We respect our country and the service of those who defend our freedoms.

We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to those who protect it. We are humbled by the courage of our veterans and their families

We are alone, yet we stand together. We are daughters, brothers, and sisters, mothers and fathers. We are

We are every color. We are of every faith.

We are of every age.

We are anyone and everyone. We are common and extraordinary.

We are citizens. We live in small towns.

We live in suburbs.

We live in cities.

We work in fields, in factories, arehouses, offices, at home.

We are a community. We help one another

We love our flag and all that it stands for.

We are many. We are one.

We are the American Legion Auxiliary. A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.

We commit ourselves to the ideal: Service Not Self.

Page 24 of this issue explains the concept - American Legion Auxiliary eUnits. This option provides members another way to become involved in the many programs. Please read to keep up with the latest trends and technology. You may also visit the ALAforVeterans website for more information.

Secretary's

Corner

Nancy Reeves,

HELPFUL HINT

EDUCATION is not how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It is being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't know. It is knowing where to go to find out. It is knowing how to use the information once you get it. Please attend Fall Conference in October to find out. Then you can use the information to continue working on the American Legion Auxiliary programs and fulfill our mission of serving our veterans, military and their families.

TENTION

HELP! CONTRIBUTE! DONATE!

The Missouri Girls State Trust Board had planned a Parade of Checks for Department Convention. Since that was canceled, we will sponsor this activity at Fall Conference in October. If you are unable to participate at this time, you may still **support** the activity with a gift at your convenience. Your financial support helps with the longevity of the program.

Your donation may be sent to the MGS Trust Treasurer.

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for MGS Trust Fund. Thank you in Please mark vour check advance for your generosity.

TODAY

Outside my window, a new day I see And only I can determine What kind of day it will be, It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay, Or boring and cold, unhappy and gray, My own state of mind is the determining key, For I am only the person I let myself be, I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help, Or be selfish and think just of myself, I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun, Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone, I can be patient with those who may not understand, Or belittle and hurt them as much as I can. But I have faith in myself, And believe what I say, And personally intend to make the best of each day.

(Author Unknown)

Department Secretary Hello from Department Office! We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. Not much is happening here since convention was canceled. We are taking this "down time" to do some cleaning and sorting while we pack the office getting ready for the new flooring. It is just as if we were moving. I give a special THANK YOU to Sheridan Mires and Catherine Auffert for spending a few days here helping with the packing and sorting. We plan to have an Open House during the Fall Conference. I will send more information closer to that time. Please check our website

Membership packets have been mailed to membership chairmen. If you have not received yours, please check with Department Office.

for before and after pictures.

Dues rates for 2021 have been locked with National ALA. If a change is needed, there will be a \$30 charge per change. First dues renewal notices are scheduled to be mailed September 1.

Please make sure you are using the correct email address for the office:

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Forms in the membership packets contained the old email address. I will make sure they are corrected. The new forms will be available on our website.

Remember to call us with any questions. We are here to help you.



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Chaplain's Corner



Shanna Jelinek, Department Chaplain

"Do not worry about tomorrow! This is not a suggestion, but a command. I divided time into days and nights, so that you would have manageable portions of life to handle. My grace is sufficient for you, but its sufficiency is only one day at a time. When you worry about the future, you heap day upon day of troubles onto your flimsy frame. You stagger under this heavy load, which I never intended you to carry. Throw off this oppressive burden with one quick thrust of trust. Anxious thoughts meander about and crisscross in your brain, but trusting Me brings you directly into My Presence. As you thus affirm your faith, shackles of your fall off instantly. Enjoy My worry fall off instantly. Enjoy My Presence continually by trusting Me at all times.

- Matthew 6:34; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 62:8 (NKJV) (Taken from Jesus Calling by Sarah Young)

With all that has been going on these last few months, I know worry is a big part of our lives. We worry about our health, the health of our family and friends, our nation, and all those who have served and continue to serve for our protection. Take to heart the words above. Trust in the Lord that even though our lives are not free from worry, we have the assurance that He is always with us.

"Dear Father, help me to live one day at a time. Help me to not worry about tomorrow but instead focus on what you're doing in my life right now. I want to trust in your promise to take care of every one of my needs — financial, rational, physical, social, spiritual, and emotional. Help me to trust you more and worry less. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

It is my deepest honor to to serve as Department Chaplain for 2020-2021. I pray that President Marsha and everyone serving the ALA different offices and committees have a very successful year.

I again encourage everyone to submit prayers for President Marsha's prayer book. Please continue to add to your own prayer books.



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Gold Star Yearly Report

Jackie Sutor, Chairman

I received reports from Districts 4. 6 and 7. They remembered the Gold Star members by sending birthday and holiday cards, visiting, Walmart gift cards, boxes of chocolates and paying their dues. Sadly some have moved away and a few passed away.

One Gold Star member has her original Gold Star banner hanging in her window at home, slightly faded and tattered.

Certificate of Participation and \$5.00 is awarded to Shirlee Schroder, District 6 Chairman, for best District report. Certificate and \$5.00 is awarded to Kathy Lehigh-Bruener, Unit #305, for Best Unit



District 1

Linda Maddox, President

The First District consists of 11 Units which meet five times each year at various Posts throughout the District. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were only able to hold three meetings.

Department President Marsha Mooney and her personal page, Helen Hatz, attended our November meeting held in Paris with 22 members from seven Units.

The District surprised President Marsha with a birthday cake to celebrate her special day.

I installed officers at two Units and visited four others during the year. I was able to help revitalize Knox City Unit 358 and assist the new officers in renewing and adding to their membership. They attained 144.44 percent, the largest in the state! I am so proud of these ladies! As President, I attended all District meetings and Fall Conference. At the January meeting we endorsed Victoria Ornelas for American Legion Auxiliary Department President. I also served as a judge for the District Oratorical contest held that day.

The District had nine units reporting their service for veterans, including 4,456 hours with \$10,324 spent to assist 2,811 veterans. We have volunteered 635 hours, donating \$155,883 for 2,402 active military families. This includes clipping manufacture coupons for overseas bases. The units reported 25,914 miles driven to provide ALA services.

We have been active in our communities by volunteering 1,881 hours and spending \$5,741. We supported our children and youth by raising and providing funds to sponsor Girls State, helping/ teaching at Vacation Bible schools, providing pulpit speakers for their churches, sponsoring a Miss Poppy contest, the Poppy Poster, and Americanism Essay contest for elementary school students. Units have been busy educating our members and communities about the need to support veterans, activeduty military and their families. They report their ALA programs and services with photos in their local newspapers, on the radio, and participating in classroom reading programs. During Education Week, baskets of apples were delivered to teachers. Two units provided scholarships amounting to \$1,600. Units reported serving church and veteran funeral dinners, American Legionnaire dinners, and Honor Flights. They also displayed the American flag at special veterans services.

Our Junior members have been active in promoting and distributing poppies, helping with distribution of 4th of July and Christmas gifts to veterans, dispersing stuffed animals to organizations for displaced children and working on projects to earn Junior patches.

Other activities reported were donations to local food banks, sending gifts and volunteering time at the Mexico Veterans Home for the Christmas Gift Shop, sending money for Wreaths Across America at the Jacksonville State Cemetery, Warriors, Wounded Special Olympics, and Seg's For Vets. Unit 578 donated \$4,000 toward a Meals on Wheels van for its community.

held draping charter ceremonies and memorial services for our deceased members and included their families. One unit presented their Gold Star Mother with a certificate Several units promoted the Oratorical Contest with four participants going to the zone level. The first-place winner won at the Department level. Units sent letters or certificates of recognition to unit members for various achievements.

Our district purchased 1,700 poppies and distributed some of them during holidays and raised \$2,906 to better serve our veterans and active military. We had firstplace winners in the Poppy Poster and Americanism Essay contests. They were sent to Department for further judging. Thank you for your

the crowd or maudlin flag-waving.

charity toward all and malice toward none.

those who toil in field or shop or marketplace.

distress, and extend sympathy when they are stricken.

District 7

Melissa Beal, 1st Vice President

District 7 will meet September 13 at Post 478 at 2:00 p.m. The 2020-2021 officers will be installed. For your safety please be appropriately masked, etc. All units, please have a representative present since the District Directory will be distributed.

Our District suffered the loss of our 2019 President, Carolyn Sanford. We are beginning to get organized again and moving Unfortunately, we forward. probably will lose Unit 273's charter since the members are aging. Perhaps might lose Unit 623 if they move from District 7. However, we will remain at 15 units strong and getting stronger.

We had a successful District Essay Contest and anxiously await the results. The Poppy Poster Contest is next! We hope to discuss a new opportunity for units in their respective counties to have some type of gathering with Blue Star Wives, Mothers, families and celebrate Gold Star Mothers in September.

Please go to the Department and National ALA websites for more information. This would be a great time for the Legion Family to recruit new members, and rejoin current members to keep us growing into the future.

District 13

Roselee Buatte, President

District meetings are held quarterly at various Posts in the District. The Legionnaires meet at the same time and a meal is served following the meetings. I visited seven units and did installation of officers at three.

The 13th District consists of nine units with eight reporting that their service to veterans included 8,252 hours with \$5,915 spent to assist 1,282 veterans. The units have volunteered 379 hours and spent \$944 to assist 383 active military Units were active in their communities by volunteering 8,677 hours and spending \$3,575

representing the ALA.
Units 39, 150, 281 and 554 have reached 100 percent or more in membership. Ŝeveral units are very close to goal with the District total currently at 93.81 percent.

Units have reported participating in parades and Veterans Day programs, hosting Halloween and Christmas parties, sponsoring bingos and providing Thanksgiving and holiday meals for veterans. Units held raffles and buncos and made felt poppies, as well as having memorial services for deceased Several units serve the veterans by volunteering and donating to gift shops and coffee hours at veterans homes, as well as donations to Camp Hope, the USO and Fisher House. Scholarships awarded, members helped with blood drives and participated in various other community programs. Members assisted with Head Start, food pantries and nursing homes. Units participated in the Americanism Essay Contest, Poppy Poster and County Government Day. Other activities reported were Special Olympics, Toys for Tots, Children's Miracle Network, and making personal care bags for

veterans, and backpack programs. Monetary donations were also made to the American Legion Legacy Fund, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, and the Department President's Project.

The Missouri National Veterans several units participated in events held during the year. This memorial was my District President's Project and \$150 was donated as a result.

Unit 133 Perryville had a Poppy Poster winner in Class III, Sybina Nations, grade six. Her poster has been forwarded to National for further judging.

Unfortunately with the COVID-19 restrictions, units had to cancel many events and planned activities and were unable to have meetings for several months. We are anxious to get back to our regular activities supporting our veterans and our

Patriotism isn't a flash of fireworks one day of the year, and then submerging

one's emotions the rest of the year. Patriotism isn't found in the whooping of

Patriotism is the sum of three cardinal virtues, faith, hope, and charity...

Faith is the principles of our government, hope in the future of our country,

Patriotism is that spirit that makes us help our neighbors when they are in

Patriotism is the tugging at our heart-strings and a sincere kinship with

Finance Report

Claudia Goodin, Chairman Linda Maddox and Martha Yancey, Members

The year 2020 will certainly go down in history as a difficult one and "a new normal." The COVID-19 virus has affected us in various ways. Social distancing and fear of spreading the virus has caused many changes in our Auxiliary world. The cancellation of Missouri Girls State, Department Convention and National Convention have certainly been shocking news and a disappointment.

This report will let you know about our financial situation. I thank the committee members Linda Maddox and Martha Yancey, for their help this year. I also thank our Department Secretary, Nancy, for her help in gathering information and maintaining our financial records for the committee and the Department.

Financially we have saved money because we did not have a Department or National Convention. On the down side we did not have revenue from registration or income from a fundraiser. I believe we will be okay for the 2019-2020 year because of this. So what does that mean? We either need to have a dues increase or more members along with some <u>ambitious fundraising</u>. Our future is in your hands. We have done a few things around the office to save money. One example is that we switched telephone and internet services to a lower monthly rate. One positive note is we get to celebrate our 100th Anniversary for another year.

Evers & Company performed the 2018-2019 audit. There are new guidelines and procedures for auditing nonprofit organizations this year. As a result, the audit took a bit longer to complete. I was not able to report about it at Fall Conference last October. I feel we receive a thorough and detailed audit with Evers & Company. We will share the audit if anyone would like a copy of the report. Please contact Secretary Nancy with your request. There were a few corrections that had to be made to our books and suggestions to improve our procedures. We have already put those suggestions into practice. The bottom line, however, was in the red slightly for that fiscal period. Membership is the life blood of our organization in many ways. Let us renew our efforts to sign new members and get those renewals up to date!

We sent several letters to auditing firms to do our audit for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. We had only one bid returned. It was from Evers & Company. The audit will be a substantial amount more than previous years due to the new auditing procedures for nonprofit organizations as previously stated.

Our insurance policies and other services have stayed about the same. The Executive Committee voted to replace the flooring in our Auxiliary Office. The carpet was quite old and had become a tripping hazard. We need our Department Office maintained to hold its value. We ask that the units have a special fundraiser or send donations to help cover this

expense. The committee thanks you for any additional support.

County Government Day

Joan Vanfossan, Chairman

County Government Day in 2019-2020 was "all in the timing." The three districts reporting to me were Districts 2, 4 and 13.

District 2 held its CGD on November 2 with 31 students and three schools in attendance.

Nodaway County in District 4 held its CGD on March 11 with 217 students from seven schools attending.

District 13, Post and Unit 133 met on March 2 with 29 students from two

schools attending. Then COVID-19 hit hard. It was like dominoes toppling with schools

closing and the CGDs that were scheduled had to be canceled. Three counties in District 4 had scheduled events canceled. I was sad for them because I know how much planning and advance work happens before the CGD event. I was doubly sad for Holt County that had to cancel for the second consecutive year in its long 50- plus-year history of successful County Government Days. It was dealing with flooding in 2018-2019.

As we all know almost everything in our lives has been altered by this virus. ALA and the CGD program will adjust and regroup for the future.

My congratulations to those who were able to have the scheduled CGD in 2019-2020. My thanks for your good reporting. I received outstanding reports from Districts 2 and 13. When we meet again, we will have Certificates of Appreciation for them.

The winning essayist was Kayla Larkin from Norborne High School in

District 2. Congratulations, Kayla.

Thanks you to all who have the CGD program as part of your ALA work. I know your efforts plant seeds of Americanism, citizenship and patriotism in our future.

Parliamentary Procedure Highlights

First, what is parliamentary procedure? The answer is that it is a set of rules for conducting meetings. Parliamentary procedure has a long history. It was originated in the early English Parliaments in discussing public affairs. Then it came to America with the very first settlers. In 1876 it became uniform when Henry M. Robert published his manual on parliamentary law. Robert's Rules of **Order** is how we know this procedure today.

Second, why is parliamentary procedure important? Following parliamentary procedure assists in having democratic rule, flexibility, protection of rights, a fair aring for everyone and it can be adapted to fit the needs of the organization Here is a typical example of an agenda.

- Call to order The chair says, "The meeting will please come to
- Ouorum The chair notes if a quorum is present.
- *Minutes* The secretary reads a record of the last meeting. Officers' reports — Often limited to a report from the treasurer but others may report at this time.
- Committee reports First come reports from standing (permanent) committees then from special (temporary) committees
- Special orders Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
- Unfinished business Business left over from the previous meeting.
- New Business Introduction of new topics. Announcements — Informing the assembly of other subjects and
- events. Adjournment — The meeting ends by a voted by general consent or

the chair's decision of time of adjournment was prearranged by vote. (Taken from National Constitution & ByLaws newsletter January 2002.)

Faith Hope and Charity Patriotism is the emotion that makes a lump rise in our throat when some intrepid spirit strives to achieve something that no human being ever before **Patriotism** isn't marching behind the band and puffing out your chest.

> Patriotism is to be unashamed at the moisture that comes welling up into our eyes with the passing of some great and noble soul, who unselfishly devoted his life to the cause of mankind.

> Patriotism is loving one's country, respecting its traditions, and honoring the people, high or low, rich or poor.

> Patriotism is standing firm and unselfish for the right, for the common good, for the peace and well-being of all; sacrificing self, if need be, and standing

tall and unafraid against all opposition. $(Author\ Unknown)$

AROUND THE STATE

Parnell Festival and Duck Day was held July 22, 2020, with members of Unit #528, District 4 serving as parade marshal.

Seated: Isabelle Cibrian, Caroline Keever and Kindell Keever.

Standing: Dakota Auffert, (SAL member) and driver, Hayden Emery, Linda Jenkins, Amanda Anderson, Natisha Burns, Catherine Auffert, Dalanie Auffert, Sara Cibrian, Lynette Auffert and Austin Welch, (SAL member) and driver.





Due Date for SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER Legionette

Information and articles about the American Legion Auxiliary programs are due September 20 for the September/October issue. Remember Chairmen, it is up to you to share information about your program and be creative with your ideas. Focus on your program to make it successful for the year. We still need to carry out our mission in these troubled times and continue our service.

Please remember to type dou-

ble-spaced. Thank you for your efforts.

THANK YOU! Virginia Schnurbusch, Editor



Unit #199, District 4 recently hosted a lunch for the American Legion members who participated in the memorial service at the local cemeteries.

Post Commander Tim Morehouse and Unit President Linda Payton showed the patriotic cake that was served to the guests attending the ALA 100th Anniversary celebration.



June 14 Unit #5, District 8 performed a 2-bell ceremony honoring Post #5 members. The Post then its annual flag retirement ceremony.

L to R: Chaplain Mary Ann Walters, Past Unit President Christie Schepers, and Unit President Dorothy Goodin.

Strength and Courage

It takes strength to be certain, It takes courage to have doubts.

It takes strength to fit in, It takes courage to stand out.

It takes strength to share a friend's pain, It takes courage to feel your own pain.

It takes strength to hide your own pain, It takes courage to show it and deal with it.

It takes strength to stand guard, It takes courage to let down your guard.

> It takes strength to conquer, It takes courage to surrender.

> > Name

District Unit

It takes strength to endure abuses, It takes courage to stop them.

It takes strength to stand alone, It takes courage to lean on a friend.

It takes strength to love, It takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive,

It takes courage to live.

May you find strength and courage in everything you do, And may your life be filled with Friendship and Love.

Location

(Author Unknown)

Don't Break the Elastic

By Maya Angelou

When I was in my younger days, I weighed a few pounds less, I needn't hold my tummy in to wear a belted dress. But now that I am older,

Fut now that I am older,
I've set my body free;
There's comfort of elastic
Where once my waist would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes My feet have not forgiven; I have to wear a nine now, But used to wear a seven.
And how about those pantyhose-They're sized by weight you see, So how come when I put them on They come only at my knee?

I need to wear these glasses

As the print's been getting smaller; And it wasn't very long ago I knew that I was taller. Though my hair has turned to gray and my skin no longer fits, On the inside, I'm the same old me, It's the outside's changed a bit.

But, on a positive note...

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/ she handles three things: rainy day, lost luggage,and tangled Christmas lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life"

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have

pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch

someone.

People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Itearn.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Deceased Members MAY-JUNE

1	55	Dorothy L. Mahaffey	Fort Madison, IA
1	578	Carol Hinshaw	Lewiston, MO
1	578	Joanne Hines	Hannibal, MO
2	7	Vicki Spence	Brunswick, MO
2	34	Elizabeth Lewis	Newtown, MO
2	57	Marilyn Williams	Bucklin, MO
$\frac{2}{3}$	538	Luzella Bradley	Linneus, MO
3	257	Betty Skroh	Cainsville, MO
4	464	Edna Rhodes	Lenexa, KS
4	464	Beth Leonardo	Weslaco, TX
4	464	Eulalia M. Schwebach	Stanberry, MO
5	21	Betty Tillotson	Kansas City, MO
5	21	Dorothy Curtis	Lone Jack, MO
5	21	Edna Lotts	Independence, MO
5	21	Dee Underwood	Lake Winnebago, MO
6	2	Mary A. Wilson	Nevada, MO
6	488	Ernestine Powell	Excelsior Springs, MO
6	498	Alice Campbell	Belton, MO
7	223	Mary Brueggenjohann	Higginsville, MO
7	223	Ruth Meyer	Council Bluffs, IA
7	305	Loretta M. Hare	Sedalia, MO
7	305	Lillian A. Rehmer	Smithton, MO
7	642	Betty M. Beaman	Sedalia, MO
8	52	Joan Burchett	Boonville, MO
8	624	Beverly J. Brumm	Sunrise Beach, MO
8	624	Rosemary E. Stoltz	Gravois Mills, MO
9	218	Betty Neier	Washington, MO
9	312	Sharon M. Rahn	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Ursula M. Heitmann	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Doris M. McDermott	Saint Charles, MO
9	312	Dorothy Schlueter	Wright City, MO
9	323	Barbara L. Eggert	Wentzville, MO
9	347	Jenny M Kennedy	Robertsville, MO
11	186	Ruth Renz	Saint Louis, MO
11	404	Juanita Anderson	Saint Louis, MO
13	39	Novie Arlene Canada	Park Hills, MO
13	416	Leora B. Giessing	Farmington, MO
13	416	Minnie L. Norem	Farmington, MO
14	153	Moudine Sentell	Poplar Blue, MO
14	158	Bonnie Smith	Jackson, MO
14	595	Fredi F. Holyfield	Sikeston, MO
15	163	Barbara Walker	Neosho, MO
15	289	Lorene Hardy	Liberal, MO
15	372	Cheryl Sage	Greenfield, MO
0	1000	Etta McClain	Saint Louis, MO

SINCERE APOLOGY

Margaret Taylor, Unit 240, District 16, was incorrectly submitted as deceased in the May/June Legionette. She is still an active members. We regret the error.

Leadership Thoughts

- 1. Asking a dumb question is easier than correcting dumb mistakes.
- 2. There is no such thing as instant experience.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 4. Things so right so they can go wrong.
- 5. If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 6. If an hour has been spent amending a sentence, someone will move to delete the paragraph.
- 7. If you can consult enough experts, you can confirm any opinion.8. Anything that can be changed will be changed until
- there is no time left to change anything.

 9. No matter what goes wrong, there is always somebody
- who knew it would.

 10. No one is usually listening until you make a mistake.
- 11. Whatever happens, look as if it were intended.
- 12. If you file it, you'll know where it is, but never find it; if you don't file it, you'll need it but never know where it is.
- 13. When working toward the solution of a problem, it always helps to know the answer.
- 14. The secret of success is sincerity; once you feel that, you've got it made.
- 15. Never open a can of worms unless you plan to go fishing.
- Being a leader need not be a burden, but a source of enjoyment!

(Author Unknown)



