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MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of The American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.



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30	Military Brats Day

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANE HARDACRE



Spring is finally here! As we move towards the end of our Auxiliary year, let us not forget the reason we all joined. Supporting veterans and their families, and Service Not Self!! By now, all Units should have submitted their Year-End reports to the District Chairman. Thank you for reporting all

the hard work you have been doing this year! Okay, everyone would like to know who won the Girls State Fundraiser.....



Karen Johnson from Unit #10 in Kissimmee, is the lucky winner! I would like to personally thank all the members who supported our first fundraiser of this kind! A big shout out needs to go to all the hard-working members who PUSHED the fundraiser and never stopped selling. THANK YOU!!

Next on the visitation schedule was District 17. Units are very active at the State Nursing Homes, VA Medical Centers, and Domiciliary. They provide entertainment such as bingo, ice cream socials, snacks, and they even work with their Legions! They provide supplies to the National Guard to honor their service as well. All while wearing their Auxiliary branding!! Thank you for coloring our world!

We visited a couple of military museums, one in Deltona is their post home! Bingo, stuffing bears for Boggy Creek, and supporting transitional housing projects are some ways these members give back. They include their Juniors in their activities as well! While I was visiting, I had the honor of presenting The Good Deed Award to a local young lady. Thank you to the Unit member who

submitted her for this award.

District 3 was next with a visit to the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch where the Legion Family held a flag folding ceremony. This District may be small.... but their actions are LARGE! They packed back packs for homeless high school kids, supported local community charities, reached out to the Bombas sock company for sock donations, kept their Juniors engaged, and supported their Legions! One Unit made centerpieces for the District 3 picnic. When the Legion has a need, the ALA says #colormethere! They even took me out for a boat ride in the lake!! Thank you!

Then on to Palm Bay Unit 3117 for an Irish Murder Mystery fundraiser for the Gary Sinise Foundation of Central Florida Snowball Express! I was a participant who wanted to be a singing pop star. If you see my singing on Facebook, you will know what a perfect part this was for me. I think I am a much better singer than I really am! Thank you to Palm Bay and all the Units who are fundraising for the GSF Snowball Express! You are amazing! The next day the Unit held a brunch to honor Female Veterans & Gold Star Mothers. WOW!

Lastly, my travels took me to District 6. This is a large District that has a way of making you feel like family. We supported a local restaurant that was veteran-owned, we raised money for Girls State, supporting a purse auction for Snowball Express, visited a military history museum, celebrated St. Patrick's Day and my birthday with Corned Beef and Cabbage, cake, love, friendship, and FAMILY!

These Units do so much for our veterans, active military, communities, and children & youth. They work hard at letting the communities around them know who we are, what we do, and why we MATTER!

I want to thank all the Districts for coming out to meet with me. It may have not been on the most convenient day or time, but you came anyway. You all make me proud to be a member of the ALA Department of Florida!

#ColorMeThere

SECRETARY

MARY KELLY-PERKINS



The District Constitutional Conferences aka DCC are right around the corner and information will be sent to each Unit regarding voting strength.

At the DCC the members in attendance will be electing a District President and a delegate to National Convention. These elections are to be done by ballot if there is more than one (1) person nominated. I realize that it is customary in many Districts that the outgoing District President is the delegate to National Convention however if someone else is nominated you must have a ballot vote and the one with the highest number of votes is the delegate and the next highest is the alternate.

There seems to be some confusion about the expenses involved for a delegate to National Convention. All expenses associated with National Convention are the responsibility of the delegate; Department does not cover your expenses.

As a delegate to National Convention, you will receive a stipend of \$599.00 via ACH within two (2) weeks after the convention. In order to receive this stipend, you must attend all required meetings and must be in your seat at the given time. Failure to attend the required pre con meetings or arriving late to the actual convention will result in a forfeiture of some of the stipend .

If you are asked to be a Page at the National Convention you are responsible for all expenses and you will receive a stipend of \$500 via ACH within 2 weeks following the National Convention.

CHAPLAIN

RUTH BURGESS



To all of our Colorful members of our American Legion Auxiliary family in Florida -

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

Our dearly departed Sisters who have passed from this world:

Tiffany Zicaro	1	Elizabeth Mantucci	6	Marge Travis	12
Charlotte Patrick	1	Margie Anderson	6	Cindy Grassel	13
Yvette Moore	1	Halen Van Hoeve	6	Bonita Mackiewicz	13
Angela S Owens	1	Carol Joan Hunt	6	Darlene Young	16
Charlotte Patrick	1	Darleen Ginther	8	Claire A Hansen	16
Voilet Botman	4	Nancy Wolfe	8	Jeanne D Kline	16
Stacy F Stepp	5	Irene K Breeden	8	Deborah McClure	16
Cheryl Labarge	5	Evelyn F Higlemane	8	Carol Davis	16
Ann D Mauro	6	Olivia Northern	11	Nan Johnson	16
Maryann Canterbury	6	Rachel Shacket	12		

And, please let us each say a prayer of comfort for our Dear Madame President Jane who lost her mother on New Year's Eve. Amen. May God continue to Bless us all...

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ROBIN BURK



Happy Spring! School will be out soon!

As in the past, I have suggested projects that were low-cost, so that they could be quickly implemented with the most participation from Units. I have another easy project that I think

you will enjoy and that will make an impact on Florida's Child & Youth.

Graduations are rapidly approaching. With respect to our military children, there may be some students that will not have their parents attending graduation ceremonies because the parent is deployed. We can help fill that void with a little recognition of these deserving students.

Whether it may be Pre-K, elementary school, middle school or high school, I suggest that the Units create a certificate of achievement and present it to children who are graduating this season. Employ your usual contacts to get the names of children of deployed servicemembers: USO, military base personnel, duty station personnel, Armory personnel, recruitment

officers, Post service officers, school counsellors, church members, Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders, JROTC leaders.

Next, create a certificate using the ALA emblem, encouraging words, patriotic/military icons and celebratory artwork. Or, use the standard certificate disc available from Emblem Sales. WORD has many samples and templates. If you keep the certificate generic, you will only have to fill in and change the student's name. Use cardstock paper for a quality presentation. It's available at the big box stores for a few dollars.

You may also have children and grandchildren of Post/Unit members that would appreciate such a gesture. Include these children when you are gathering names and preparing the certificates. Don't forget your scholarships recipients. I'm sure they will appreciate the recognition as well.

A graduation is a major milestone for our children and we should provide praise for their achievements and encourage them in their next level of education. This easy project can help us attain that goal.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

JUNIORS

DARA OLIVER



As of this writing, all Jr. Activities Chairman have already submitted your Year-End reports.

Did you have an exceptional ALA FL Junior? Did you assist or help a Junior complete a project or an event? Do you

know what they are doing, what they have done or what they have been working on? Remember this is our Future!!

The ALA FL Juniors have been busy and doing great work for our Veterans, Military & their Families,

Children & Youth and our Communities. Don't forget if you have a Junior that is deserving of ALA Junior Member of the Year Award, please submit their name, project or events they've worked on this year and submit them for this prestigious award.

Award details are on the website at alafl.org under the Juniors tab.

Don't forget about the Patch Program open to all Juniors as well as Young SAL members. If children (17 & younger) earn at least 2 patches this year, they will be eligible for the Color Wheel Certificate, sponsored by our Honorary Department Junior President: Jasmine Harris.

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So far we have a few Juniors that have earned patches

and on their way to receiving a Color Wheel Patch Challenge Certificate. The Junior Activities Committee cannot wait to present these at Department Convention on June 15-18, 2023 in Orlando at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista.

ALL ALA FL JUNIORS are invited to come to Convention this year. The Juniors will be having their own meeting on Saturday, June 17th; holding elections and finishing the donations for Snowball Express. On Sunday, the Honorary Junior Officers will be installed with the Senior members. All current & up to date paid Junior members are eligible to run for Honorary Department Jr. Officers. We appreciate your continued support for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida Juniors, the future of our organization.

UNIT 300

CAROL TUCCI, UNIT SECRETARY

Located in a small corner of Leesburg Florida, you can find unit 330 at Mid Florida Lakes Community. We may be on a country road but we sure do get around. A typical year for us includes visiting nursing homes and schools. Also, stepping up to the plate to take part in so many various activities we have committed ourselves to accomplishing.

Our unit has two card parties. One every Fall and in Winter. This is successful through the sale of tickets and donations of gift cards and theme baskets. These are remarkable money raising events. A bake sale is held in February when our community participates in the Annual Flea Market. This is open to the public. Our ladies always participate in Poppy Day in May.

The community has a fun party on July 4th with games and food. The Auxiliary holds a cake walk. Cakes are donated by members and people play a form of musical chairs by walking around a table. Tickets are sold to have a chance to walk and the music starts. When the music stops, someone wins the cake. The sale of tickets helps us to help our Veterans.

Of course, we participate in Legion observances of Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Every year we send a local high school girl to Tallahassee for Girl's State.

We have become partners with a group known as "The Loomers". Blankets are made for seniors and hats for students. Recently our Americanism Committee supplied 650 red, white and blue hats to elementary school

children at Spring Creek Charter School in Paisley.

Our Children and Youth Committee visited a school on "Make a Difference Day" and supplied the school with much needed items donated by our members.

Every year we make a considerable donation to S.A.D.L.E.S. Ranch. This is a ranch devoted to helping Veterans and First Responders suffering from PTSD. Many of our members have donated time and volunteered for events at the ranch.

Community service conducted a clothing swap at our hall. Residents were asked to donate clothing and accessory items and then they were invited to return later in the day to "shop". No charge. The important part came at the end of the day. All items left over were donated to a good cause. What a great way to get donations, in addition to making members of our community very happy.

Our VA&R Committee goes above and beyond. Our chair lady has an open door policy at her house for drop offs. Many of the donated items go to a shelter for battered women and also to the homeless.

Each year our membership is growing. So many ladies in our community are giving of their time and energy to make us successful. We are a true team. Our group is very proud of the difference we are making. You can certainly #COLORUSTHERE.

MEMBERSHIP

STACY CUSANO



CONGRATULATIONS

DEPARTMENT FLORIDA! As of 03/15/2023 we have reached our 100% membership goal. We are currently at 100.45% to be exact! Not only that but we have 88 units and 5 districts that have also reached their 100% membership goal. You all are working so hard to reach out to our existing

members and recruit new members. You are spreading the word about our organization and what it can do for our Veterans. Thank you, thank you, thank you for painting the town for our veterans!

Don't forget about to "10 Plus 3" award for 2023. You need to recruit 10 new senior members and 3 new junior members to qualify (see the Membership PAP for more details).

We have already reached Nationals 85%, 95% and 100% goal. The next goal is 102% 30 days prior to National Convention, I know we can make that goal as well! Our next goal for the Units in Florida is 95% Target by Poppy Day May 26, 2023.

Our National Membership Chairman, Linda Tome, shared 10 tips for enrolling new members by designing a flyer and posting:

1. Make up a flyer advertising who you are and that they could be eligible to be a member in multiple places! Facebook page, at your Post bar, a grocery store, a restaurant, your gym, a daycare, your church, your Sr. Citizen's meeting room! Anyplace that potential members can see! (Remember to ask the establishment before you post a flyer!)
2. Change the way you phrase your request of becoming a member. Maybe use something like - Sign up now and receive a FREE gift (maybe a Unit Handbook or a red/white/blue pen or how about a package of Thank You notes). Research shows that people are attracted to the idea of getting something for FREE!!
3. Add a testimonial! Interview a new member or a "seasoned" member and take a quote from them and put on the flyer along with a picture (with their permission of course!).
4. Advise that signing up is easy and that you can help them with the paperwork (DD214 missing? you should

all know where to get them from).

5. Let them know that a portion of their membership dues will be used for veterans.
6. Have pictures of what your unit has done in the past - so that they will see how much fun you have!
7. Be sure to include your telephone number and an email address so they can contact you with questions!
8. Evoke emotion!! Our emotions are much better than our intellect at getting us to act! Use language and pictures that will evoke an emotional response.
9. Make sure that you include your Facebook page on your flyer -- or state: LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: American Legion Auxiliary Unit #9999.

Provide Obvious Value - you have to provide something of obvious value to your audience. Something that speaks to their needs and feelings. Again, add a picture and a caption of how your unit has helped veterans (be sure to get an ok to use pictures).

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Poppies

As you gear up for Poppy distribution, please keep the following things in mind for next year regarding the Unit's supply of poppies:

- Poppy purchases are made through the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida Headquarters
- The poppy kits are assembled by Veterans
- Due to demand, poppy orders are first come, first serve
- Poppy orders must be received by Department no later than 90 days from your distribution date

Helpful Hints:

- Start planning your dates early in the year
- Your locations, etc. can be set later on
- Think about permanent dates for Unit distribution to help with timeframes
 - Approved dates are Poppy Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day
- Any non approved date(s) must be approved by the Department President by emailing president@alafl.org
- Poppy order forms can only include 1 distribution date on the order (Memorial Day and Veterans Day can not be combined on the same order)

New Information:

- Starting April 1, 2023 all poppy distributions must be on a poppy distribution request form, whether or not you are ordering poppies. There is a new form, which is located located on our website for distributions not requiring a purchase, called Poppy Distribution Form - Request Only

And most importantly.....we DISTRIBUTE poppies,
not sell poppies

ALA Florida Juniors



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Department of
Florida
2022-2023
Honorary Dept.
Jr. President:
Jasmine Harris

Color Wheel Patch Challenge

All Juniors are challenged to earn 2
patches this year to win a Certificate

Contact Chairman: Dara Oliver for more information

OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

DISTRICT 4



District 4 - Unit 284 Bellevue participated in the District 4 Soap Sack project. A number of members crocheted/ knitted 165 soap sacks which have been filled by Unit 284 with packaged bars of soap to be donated in their Christmas stocking National Security project and to a number of other locations around their Bellevue area. Those submitting completed soap sacks were Sharon Leard, Virginia Higgenbotham, Diana Harris, Kathy Rodgers, Joan Herman, Margarita Sablan, and Mary Delaney.



District 4 - Unit 16 Gainesville collected food items from Aldi's and delivered them to VetSpace in Gainesville on March 10. The short person in the picture is Debbie Stalbaum, Unit 16 member.

DISTRICT 17



District 17 - American Legion Unit 270, Port Orange held a Good Deed Award Celebration Brunch for Venerina Castanza (recent Miss Port Orange). She received the award recognizing her achievements helping children that lost their precious possessions during the recent hurricanes.

Picture left to right. Duncan DeMarsh, Legislative Aid to Florida Representative Chase Tramont who presented Venerina a tribute for her work with Hope Squad, center Venerina and ALA State President Jane Hardacre who presented the Good Deed Award to Venerina. Afterwards a brunch was served to those in attendance.

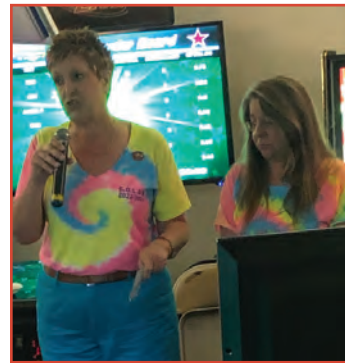


District 17 - Unit 267 Ormond Beach welcomed President Jane with an ice cream social and a generous check for her charity at Jane's visit to the Post in District 17. Pictured with unit members and enjoying a scoop or two on a hot afternoon

DISTRICT 17



District 17 - A visit to unit 6 Deland was proven to be a happy surprise for all. A wonderful fish fry was served to President Jane as she sang her heart out. She is pictured with Unit President Donna, Vice President Lynn and District President Eleanor. Thank you for the enjoyable company with members, great time and wonderful gifts.



District 17 - The family of Post/unit 120 is all in for lunch and celebration of President Jane's visit. But tears of joy were had by all when Jane was presented with gifts for her charity Snowball Express. Thank you for the most generous gifts. Lots of Tacos is correct!

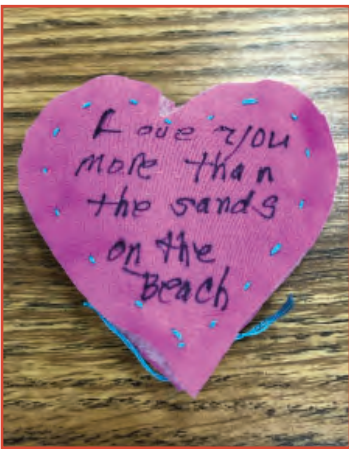
District 17 - Bashful President Jane was to come up and sing karaoke at Post 17, but to her surprise Unit President Chris Remington presented her a check for her charity Snowball Express. She then spoke about Gary foundation and all he does for our military kids she put the canteen in tears and they dug deep into their pockets and purses and she received additional funds from the patrons. Thank you New Smyrna Beach



District 17 - Greeted by Vice President Helen and Sue of Unit 255 in Deltona at the beautiful Veterans Museum and memorial park. A continental breakfast was served and much discussion about the future post to be built on the property by Cmdr Loren King who was present. Thanks for the wonderful hospitality

OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

DISTRICT 17



District 17 - Instructions given to us from Unit 45 Palatka 1st Vice President Esme, stuffing handed out by President Jane and the excitement has started. We are about to make 45 bears for the children at Camp Boggey Creek. A delicious breakfast was served and we surely needed the food for the energy. These bears had

a heart. Yup stuffed inside with a message from each of us. From the young to the old, we were busy but Jane was the first to complete the first bear. The challenge was met. We stuffed 45 bears the number of the Unit. Junior members and local volunteers were here to help



District 17 - BINGO!!! N44 and President Jane is in charge of bingo with Unit 259 Debary along with Unit President Carol to assist. After a lunch, Jane was ready to do what she lives to do. Help the members with their projects. WOW what a great machine. Look at the beautiful corsage that President received from Carol and the unit. COLOR me there! The group wanted to take a picture. BTW Jane didn't want to leave. She completely the whole day calling with a huge smile.

DISTRICT 17



District 17 - Visiting veterans, transitional housing, touring museums and breaking bread with our members and of course Bucees- JANE thank you for joining us on this journey around District 17. It truly was a pleasure.

UNIT 62



Unit 62 - Unit 62 held their annual Hooters Follies on March 4. Legionnaires dress in drag to raise money for a great cause. This year the funds were raised for the Gary Sinise Snowball Express foundation. The theme was Disney Princess. Everyone that participated and attended had an extremely fun afternoon raising \$3,600

OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

UNIT 138



Unit 138 - On Saturday, February 25th, Unit 138 in Port Tampa hosted its third annual Postarilla Pirate Invasion. Kicked off by a boat invasion that arrived from across Old Tampa Bay, the Post tried to defend itself by firing volleys of cannon fire at the mischievous marauders. Alas, the defenses fell, and the pirates were able to make landfall and take the Post key away from our commander, Drew Davis. But all was not lost as the pirates brought bountiful merriment to the Post family that lasted well into the evening. During the event we also welcomed our family from across the bay, Post 305, who arrive via bus just in time for the festivities. This annual event is Unit 138's way of supporting the Post home with proceeds being

donated to the Post's building fund, with this year's proceeds going towards new tables for the deck. Next time you're in the area, stop by and check us out! Also, for a video clip of the invasion, visit the Hugh Gilbert Strickland American Legion Post 138 Facebook page. #colormethere #138postarilla

UNIT 194



Unit 194 - Hello for Unit 194 we would like to report and include pictures for the Canvas that on February 18, 2023, we had members attend the 1st Annual Blue and White Community Scholarship & Black History Banquet where member, Cynthia and 1st black woman City Commissioner, Cynthia Garris was honored and spoke. On February 19th, 2023 our post held a Mardi Gras party where members and friends of the community attended, and on March 10th, 2023 Unit 194 led by Mr Greg White was part of a Commemorative Walk on behalf of the military to Benfield to benefit the children of The Kids Safe Zone, where he was presented with \$2,000 in donations.

UNIT 283



Unit 283 - On March 10, ladies from Auxiliary Unit 283 served approximately 35 adults and 50 children a no dough dinner at the Mayport USO. The adults were served lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The children depending on age were served spaghetti and meatballs, corn, garlic bread, salad and dessert. A few adults requested spaghetti and meatballs. The desserts provided by the USO, were donated by local stores and a bakery. Our ladies made the sauce and layered the lasagna 2 days before the event and we baked it at the USO as well as making the spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and meatballs using the kitchen at the USO.

We had a great time serving the food and talking to each of the adults and children. During slow times, we went into the dining area and spoke with everyone. At the desk where they signed in, we had a flyer about our Children's Easter egg hunt. Each of the children attending was personally invited to the upcoming Easter egg hunt and party at Jim J. Gilleo Post 283. While we talked to the children we ask if they were enjoying the meal and what they liked best. One Mom told us that her very picky daughter said it was the best spaghetti and meatballs she had eaten. YAY!! One point for our fabulous cooks.

There was a very bad storm that night and the volunteers at the USO thought that was the reason for 13 families who had signed up that did not attend. Everyone was very pleased with the results of the no dough dinner and invited us back to do it again.

The pictures show our ladies Yvette Moore, Unit President, Nancy Paterson, National Security Chairman, Patty Trauthwein, and Suella Reynolds working and cleaning. Many other Unit members helped at the Post starting with shopping for supplies, preparing the lasagna and homemade sauce. We couldn't have completed this wonderful event for our military and their families without the help of everyone.

OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

UNIT 291



Unit 291 - On March 5, 2023 State President Jane Hardacre visited Unit 291 of Steinhatchee. We used the time to visit and make decorations for our 50/60 Party and our District Picnic. While visiting and making the decorations a light lunch was provided for all those that attended. It was a great turn out and a lot of fun for the entire group. Thank you President Jane Hardacre for taking the time to spend time with our Unit.

UNIT 318



Unit 318 - Greetings from Unit 318, Port St Lucie FL, our St Patrick's Day extravaganza was fun for all and brought a "Pot of Gold" to our charity funds totaling \$5,245. A few years ago, we began a Super 50/50 progressive raffle, tickets go on sale in January and continue until our drawing on St Patrick's Day. Winners need not be present, so members are encouraged to sell tickets to their friends and family. This year our sales reached a whopping \$8,460 netting our charity fund \$4,230 after half the proceeds were given as prizes. In addition to the money raffle, we also raffled off baskets donated by the members, this added \$1,015. The progressive idea has caught on and continued to grow making this one of our biggest fund raisers and allowing

us to do more than ever for our Veteran's and our community. We would encourage other Units to give it a try, with a minimal investment in tickets, overtime this could be a winner for them as well.



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DEPARTMENT Children & Youth Picnic Fund Raiser

April 15, 2023

11 am - 5 pm

American Legion Post 323

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Questions or Concerns: Dianne Boland (561) 315-0679



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DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

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LEGION FAMILY

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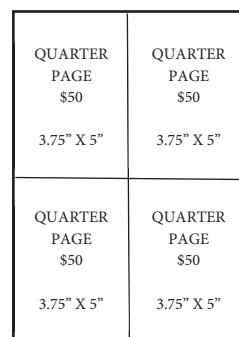
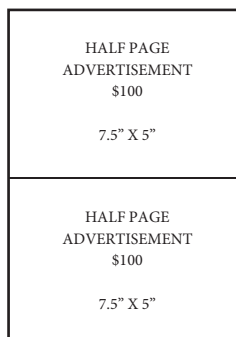
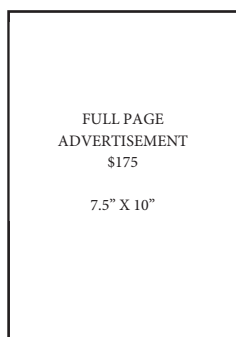
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MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

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DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	212	0	207	207	97.64%
0193	Pensacola	77	14	53	67	87.01%
0221	Niceville	126	2	139	141	111.90%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	130	4	131	135	103.85%
0240	Pensacola	253	6	229	235	92.89%
0296	Destin	73	2	77	79	108.22%
0340	Pensacola	337	6	303	309	91.69%
0356	Lynn Haven	135	1	132	133	98.52%
0375	Southport	54	0	41	41	75.93%
0378	Gulf Breeze	43	0	50	50	116.28%
0382	Navarre	170	4	172	176	103.53%
0392	Panama City	174	3	180	183	105.17%
0402	Panama City Beach	40	0	44	44	110.00%
TOTALS		1824	42	1758	1800	98.68%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	77	1	68	69	89.61%
0082	Lanark	66	2	69	71	107.58%
0084	Havana	29	11	12	23	79.31%
0100	Marianna	31	4	28	32	103.23%
0217	Quincy	49	3	33	36	73.47%
0241	Sneads	71	18	50	68	95.77%
TOTALS		323	39	260	299	92.57%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	33	33	122.22%
0057	Lake City	222	6	216	222	100.00%
0107	Live Oak	54	1	65	66	122.22%
0215	Jasper	34	1	19	20	58.82%
0224	Madison	49	0	48	48	97.96%
0291	Steinhatchee	199	3	204	207	104.02%
0383	Old Town	133	3	127	130	97.74%
TOTALS		718	14	712	726	101.11%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	25	0	31	31	124.00%
0027	Ocala	19	1	14	15	78.95%
0058	Dunnellon	28	0	24	24	85.71%
0077	Inverness	67	1	72	73	108.96%
0149	Newberry	30	3	21	24	80.00%
0155	Crystal River	343	5	389	394	114.87%
0166	Homosassa Springs	145	2	155	157	108.28%
0210	Ocala	11	0	10	10	90.91%
0230	Hawthorne	31	4	28	32	103.23%
0236	Bronson	46	0	39	39	84.78%
0237	Beverly Hills	201	0	202	202	100.50%
0284	Bellevue	76	2	76	78	102.63%
TOTALS		1022	18	1061	1079	105.58%

DISTRICT 5						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	67	3	50	53	79.10%
0054	Fernandina Beach	165	4	198	202	122.42%
0088	Jacksonville	76	1	79	80	105.26%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	358	11	344	355	99.16%
0137	Jacksonville	423	17	406	423	100.00%
0194	St Augustine	68	5	52	57	83.82%
0197	Jacksonville	43	6	39	45	104.65%
0202	Keystone Heights	72	1	82	83	115.28%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	175	31	129	160	91.43%
0244	Jacksonville	32	1	32	33	103.13%
0250	Middleburg	309	23	255	278	89.97%
0283	Jacksonville	459	9	441	450	98.04%
0316	Atlantic Beach	369	42	311	353	95.66%
0372	Mandarin	28	1	30	31	110.71%
0373	Orange Park	31	5	24	29	93.55%
0401	Hilliard	48	3	38	41	85.42%
TOTALS		2723	163	2510	2673	98.16%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	77	0	73	73	94.81%
0004	Lakeland	62	3	44	47	75.81%
0008	Winter Haven	600	7	602	609	101.50%
0015	Dade City	21	0	9	9	42.86%
0034	Haines City	77	0	88	88	114.29%
0071	Lake Wales	47	0	33	33	70.21%
0072	Mulberry	165	5	134	139	84.24%
0201	Florence Villa	24	1	21	22	91.67%
TOTALS		1073	16	1004	1020	95.06%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	205	0	176	176	85.85%
0018	Wildwood	20	0	16	16	80.00%
0019	Orlando	108	4	90	94	87.04%
0035	Mount Dora	146	1	123	124	84.93%
0041	Eustis	13	0	10	10	76.92%
0055	Clermont	214	6	236	242	113.08%
0063	Winter Garden	34	0	21	21	61.76%
0080	Saint Cloud	263	16	248	264	100.38%
0101	Bushnell	111	1	106	107	96.40%
0109	Ocoee	12	2	10	12	100.00%
0112	Winter Park	25	2	25	27	108.00%
0183	Fern Park	120	1	110	111	92.50%
0219	Fruitland Park	205	2	227	229	111.71%
0239	Groveland	10	0	10	10	100.00%
0242	Orlando	108	8	91	99	91.67%
0286	Orlando	170	7	145	152	89.41%
0330	Leesburg	68	6	56	62	91.18%
0331	Orlando	13	0	18	18	138.46%
0347	Lady Lake	2562	10	2457	2467	96.29%
0412	Orlando	13	2	6	8	61.54%
TOTALS		4420	68	4181	4249	96.13%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	35	9	32	41	117.14%
0024	Bradenton	332	11	287	298	89.76%
0025	Lake Placid	394	2	424	426	108.12%
0030	Sarasota	81	8	66	74	91.36%
0069	Avon Park	719	14	695	709	98.61%
0074	Sebring	131	0	123	123	93.89%
0113	Rotonda West	307	2	301	303	98.70%
0159	Venice	710	3	628	631	88.87%
0254	North Port	118	3	138	141	119.49%
0266	Fruitville	158	2	142	144	91.14%
0309	Palmetto	176	2	183	185	105.11%
0312	Oneco	198	2	170	172	86.87%
0325	Ellenton	199	0	196	196	98.49%
TOTALS		3558	58	3385	3443	96.77%

DISTRICT 9						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	37	1	28	29	78.38%
0092	Hollywood	97	1	71	72	74.23%
0142	Pompano Beach	185	6	162	168	90.81%
0157	Margate	170	8	154	162	95.29%
0162	Deerfield Beach	171	15	149	164	95.91%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	111	0	80	80	72.07%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	12	12	70.59%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	27	8	19	27	100.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	31	0	36	36	116.13%
0287	Deerfield Beach	16	0	15	15	93.75%
0304	Dania	51	1	61	62	121.57%
0310	Hallandale	24	1	28	29	120.83%
0321	Cooper City	229	18	184	202	88.21%
0365	Sunrise	13	2	14	16	123.08%
Total		1179	61	1013	1074	91.09%

DISTRICT 12						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	276	12	226	238	86.23%
0022	Cocoa	105	0	71	71	67.62%
0039	Vero Beach	206	5	184	189	91.75%
0040	Fort Pierce	184	3	188	191	103.80%
0081	Melbourne	171	5	196	201	117.54%
0117	Palm Bay	513	14	515	529	103.12%
0126	Jensen Beach	194	1	157	158	81.44%
0163	Eau Gallie	219	6	216	222	101.37%
0171	Fort Pierce	15	0	14	14	93.33%
0189	Sebastian	158	0	184	184	116.46%
0191	Melbourne	80	8	57	65	81.25%
0200	Satellite Beach	170	9	160	169	99.41%
0318	Port St Lucie	1153	3	1278	1281	111.10%
0344	Merritt Island	46	8	31	39	84.78%
0348	Cape Canaveral	210	3	205	208	99.05%
0358	White City	68	0	68	68	100.00%
0359	Port St John	357	5	333	338	94.68%
0366	Barefoot Bay	68	13	47	60	88.24%
0394	Palm Bay	207	7	219	226	109.18%
0410	Viera	12	0	6	6	50.00%
TOTALS		4412	102	4355	4457	101.02%

DISTRICT 11						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	39	2	46	48	123.08%
0047	Lake Worth	74	3	91	94	127.03%
0062	Stuart	547	6	597	603	110.24%
0064	Okeechobee	115	1	109	110	95.65%
0065	Delray Beach	57	6	51	57	100.00%
0141	West Palm Beach	72	5	61	66	91.67%
0164	Boynton Beach	149	13	137	150	100.67%
0199	W Palm Beach	37	0	45	45	121.62%
0268	Riviera Beach	84	1	54	55	65.48%
0271	Tequesta	157	9	162	171	108.92%
0277	Boca Raton	110	2	108	110	100.00%
0288	Boynton Beach	21	5	10	15	71.43%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	27	4	29	33	122.22%
TOTALS		1489	57	1500	1557	104.57%

DISTRICT 13						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	36	2	37	39	108.33%
0090	Cape Coral	286	8	288	296	103.50%
0103	Punta Gorda	648	4	687	691	106.64%
0110	Port Charlotte	634	8	543	551	86.91%
0123	Sanibel	40	2	63	65	162.50%
0130	Labelle	151	0	133	133	88.08%
0135	Naples	366	0	365	365	99.73%
0136	Saint James City	515	10	594	604	117.28%
0192	Fort Myers	20	1	18	19	95.00%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	543	2	640	642	118.23%
0303	Bonita Springs	424	18	469	487	114.86%
0323	Lehigh Acres	408	34	382	416	101.96%
0336	N Ft Myers	439	2	467	469	106.83%
0351	Fort Myers	103	3	80	83	80.58%
TOTALS		4613	94	4766	4860	105.35%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	56	0	51	51	91.07%
0031	South Miami	170	5	150	155	91.18%
0043	Homestead	56	0	28	28	50.00%
0067	North Miami	41	2	33	35	85.37%
0098	Coral Gables	15	0	14	14	93.33%
0133	Miami	62	10	56	66	106.45%
0154	Marathon	145	0	127	127	87.59%
0168	Key West	22	0	16	16	72.73%
0333	Key Largo	77	0	68	68	88.31%
0346	Miami	18	0	13	13	72.22%
0374	Key Biscayne	41	0	31	31	75.61%
TOTALS		703	17	587	604	85.92%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	248	0	235	235	94.76%
0014	St Petersburg	116	2	101	103	88.79%
0079	New Port Richey	457	43	416	459	100.44%
0104	Pinellas Park	254	6	272	278	109.45%
0119	Largo	359	18	317	335	93.31%
0125	St Petersburg	296	13	248	261	88.18%
0158	Treasure Island	255	0	303	303	118.82%
0173	Holiday	258	4	247	251	97.29%
0238	Safety Harbor	313	11	326	337	107.67%
0252	Seminole	1064	10	1103	1113	104.61%
0273	Madeira Beach	3427	5	3501	3506	102.31%
0275	Dunedin	980	6	985	991	101.12%
0305	St Pete Beach	149	0	132	132	88.59%
0335	Hudson	95	6	81	87	91.58%
TOTALS		8271	124	8267	8391	101.45%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	37	1	26	27	72.97%
0099	Brooksville	20	1	20	21	105.00%
0111	Tampa	53	0	47	47	88.68%
0138	Tampa	482	5	533	538	111.62%
0139	Tampa	57	0	84	84	147.37%
0147	Odessa	43	0	43	43	100.00%
0148	Riverview	208	5	191	196	94.23%
0152	Tampa	249	9	231	240	96.39%
0167	Tampa	15	1	14	15	100.00%
0186	Brooksville	368	1	308	309	83.97%
0248	West Tampa	14	1	11	12	85.71%
TOTALS		1546	24	1508	1532	99.09%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	103	0	127	127	123.30%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	211	1	192	193	91.47%
0045	Palatka	30	3	33	36	120.00%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	44	44	112.82%
0120	Holly Hill	215	1	200	201	93.49%
0127	Lake Helen	23	2	15	17	73.91%
0255	Deltona	24	6	24	30	125.00%
0259	Debary	27	4	26	30	111.11%
0267	Ormond Beach	228	2	206	208	91.23%
0270	Port Orange	174	2	179	181	104.02%
0285	Edgewater	124	1	128	129	104.03%
0361	S Daytona	225	8	207	215	95.56%
TOTALS		1423	30	1381	1411	99.16%



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