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Valuable Tool

We are nearing the end of our current Auxiliary leadership year, so it is time to get down to the successful completion of the Mentoring for Leadership program. Have you as the mentor visited our national website. Did you click on Mentoring for Leadership. Next did you take the opportunity to peruse the bullet points to achieve a better understanding of the Mentoring for Leadership program? The information found there can assist you and your Auxiliary members to conduct a quality program at the local level. Have you checked our Department Program Guide Sheet? Have you reported everything that your Auxiliary Achieved in the Mentoring for Leadership program?

Delegate Packets

Letters with valuable information are being received by each Auxiliary this month containing Delegate forms for District, Department and National. Please assist the Secretary to see that all information is filled in correctly and then forwarded to the corresponding person or place in a timely manner.

Election Time

Has your Auxiliary discussed the upcoming election process? Elections are held at the first business meeting in April. All the Auxiliary officer chair positions need to be filled. A Trustee can be elected that also holds another elected position if it is not the President, Treasurer or Secretary. The reason behind this is to keep the integrity of the check and balance system that is in place to assure no possible impropriety occurs. Hopefully as the Auxiliary Mentoring for Leadership Chairman, you have trained members of your Auxiliary some of the necessary tools that they will need to possess to fulfill the open elected positions and that you continue to make yourself available as their questions arise in the future.

Taking on Responsibilities

The goal that each Department chairman accepts is to encourage all members to become educated and well versed in our organization. Carefully watching as each new year unfolds. Checking to see if there were changes that we need to recognize and share with all members. These small simple changes may be made to improve and expand the organization. That's when the seasoned member comes into play with noticing the changes and then getting all members on the same page going forward.

Respectfully yours, Sandi Onstwedder' Mentoring for Leadership Chairman

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Did you as the Auxiliary Mentoring for Leadership Chairman successfully encourage other members? Did you take every opportunity to share information when other members had questions about our organization? Do you feel that you successfully completed a year of mentoring?

The very moment you agreed to this chairmanship, you became a lifelong "Sharer of Auxiliary Information." Those members that you have already aided in their understanding will continue to lean on you, way into the future, whether you are holding the title of Mentoring for Leadership Chairman or not. To me, that would be an amazing concept. To have not only helped, but also to know your input was valuable to some other Auxiliary member.

Thank you for modeling a behavior within your Auxiliary meeting that exhibited the ability to make it stronger and more successful. Officers along with chairman and all active members, set the tone for whether the Auxiliary will be productive or not. Whether you modeled it by your infectious positive enthusiasm, your deliberate well-thought-out instructions, or by a willingness to approach things differently than how they have always been done, I thank you for caring enough about every member of the Auxiliary and the potential for that success to become common.

Being a **successful mentor** is not a one year, and I have given it my best, and now I am done. Mentoring is the continuous and constant efforts of one, or many, to achieve the best outcome for the Auxiliary! I know that our Mentoring for Leadership program is needed, and one of the best assets that an Auxiliary can have. Thank you for an amazing year of reporting and supporting your members!

Respectfully,

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