

## **Book of Reports**

### **District 11 2024-2025**

District 11 had 8 strong units out of 10 attending meetings, giving reports, keeping track of volunteer hours, volunteering in many different events for our veterans, military, and our children, and raising funds for the President's Special Project. Unit 1 officers did not participate in District level meetings. Unit 12 in Wickenburg did not attend meetings due to the distance of the drive. However, they were busy with their events like the other units. District 11 President was invited to Unit 12 for an official visit. Unit 12 members talked about what they had accomplished, the plans for the rest of the year and the intent to try to come to some meetings at District 11 next year. District 11 President had an official visit with all units except Unit 1.

District 11 officers continued with education of units by continually reminding them of the resources available on the Department website. The monthly bulletins were brought up at every meeting as well as keeping track of volunteer hours and the importance of the Impact Report. Mission Training was promoted and happy to say that members were eager to attend. District 11 promoted sharing information on Band App, the various social medias and of course, Ring Your Bell. Legion College was discussed as well as ALA online classes.

The District President and the Vice President put together an event to improve meeting attendance, reach a goal of 100% membership, and to raise funds for the President's Special Project. The membership and the PSP events joined together. Each officer and Unit President were given a burlap bag for meetings. At least one Unit member and the bag had to attend a meeting to get a charm. If you remember, Marge Christenson had done something similar and had no problem with the idea being used again. The charm theme was for the PSP and consisted of dog items such as a paw, a doghouse, a dog bone, food dish, puppy, etc. This was fun. Some members pinned, glued or sewed their charms onto the bag. Each bag is different. The second part of the PSP was

adopting stuffed dogs. Vice President, Kathy Amery, prepared the dogs for adoption by preparing their adoption papers and putting a starter charm in their carriers. The carriers were made by the Unit 62 Juniors. The carriers made it easier to take dogs home and bring back to meetings. The dogs were kept together in a fenced yard until adoption. The adoption fees paid will be given to President Stacey. It was a lot of fun. Kathy also planned a contest of whoever could make the best story of the travels of their dog. These stories should be creative. The contest for Membership of 100% charms had to do with Department Vice President, Dolores Chavez, theme of membership being hot and rising. We had charms of flames, campfire flames, red hot peppers, and hot balloons to be earned if a certain % was met at each meeting. To top it off, all members were given "I love my soldier" charms and a sponsor's branch of service charm. District 11 was first to reach 100% and a dog tag necklace was given to each membership chairman that reached that goal.

District 11 beginning balance at the beginning of the year was \$ 2,540.00. At the last District meeting it was decided to split our excess funds on Girls State, President's Special Project and Veterans First. Our ending balance at the time of this report was \$2,034.00

District 11 flag needed replaced. Unit 105 graciously purchased a new flag.

Girls State Chairman, Nicki Cruz, organized the Arizona Girls State Orientation for District 11 at Unit 62. There was a great turn out. The special guest was the National Girls State President, Carmen Mirmelli. The girls were very attentive during her speech. Carmen is a member of Unit 62.

District 11 goals for next year are to continue to share knowledge and to improve parliamentary procedures and writing reports. We are going to improve record keeping of volunteer hours with more accurate , reporting and more narratives to be completed. Fund raising is also at the top of the list.

District 11 began the year with half of the units experiencing serious problems for one reason or another. District 11 is so very

appreciative for the leadership and mentoring by Ginger Cox. She did not hesitate to guide and mentor these units. District 11 is forever grateful to Ginger. The members assisted are helping others and are diligent about practicing what they learned.

In closing, the ALA Mission is clear. Goals are set. As with all ALA members, District 11 is dedicated to serving our Mission to the best of our ability. District 11 is dedicated to building stronger units and working as a team. I have enjoyed working with the Unit Presidents, Unit officers, and all members.

For God and Country,

Donna Aronoff

President

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