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I am so proud of this department, in the years that I have been working with the membership program I don't think that we have ever been this high on membership this early. We are at 84%+ in membership at the end of August. We need 718 members to be at 100%+ by the end of the year. The percentage of membership just keeps going up and the number of members that we need keeps going down. Keep up the good work everyone. There are only 4 Departments that are ahead of us on Membership so you should be elated at what we have accomplished.

There are ways that we can increase our membership and they are very simple things. The first thing is if you haven't sent out your first dues notice, now is the time to get it out. There are a few auxiliaries that I have noticed that don't have any of their annual members paid, well if they don't know its time to pay their dues, they won't send in their dues. If you have already sent out one notice, please send out another letter to your members that haven't paid yet. Remind them if your auxiliary is increasing your dues and let them know that National is stepping up the amount that we send to them. Also remind them that it is getting closer to the holidays, and it would be good to get your dues paid before November shows up.

Another thing that you can do is put together a calling committee and call your members that haven't paid. People like to hear from us, and they like to know what is going on with the auxiliary so call them and try to figure a way to get their dues taken care of.

In the fall and winter there are a lot of holiday bazaars and craft fairs, those would be good things to set up a table at and get new members for your auxiliary or even get out scholarship information. The people in your community need to know what we do to help veterans and their families, and this is a good way to let them know.

If you would like to have a membership booth sometime but want a little Department help, contact me at 541-701-0496 or email me at ortreasvfw@gmail.com and we will get someone to help you set up a table. But whatever we do, let's keep working on our membership to make Oregon shine this year.