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I am so proud of this department so far this year. The month of July you really started working your membership. By the end of the month we were at 80% on membership for the year!! So far we have two auxiliaries that have 100% membership and Auxiliary #10580 is already at 100%+ and the first auxiliary in their membership group to make it to that distinction. We still have other groups that are close so keep working your membership. We have less than 900 members to make it to 100%+ and we would like to make it there before December 31, 2023.

I will have the dues angels papers to fill out at the Academy and hopefully we can get it on the website so that you can pull the sheet off there. If you pay for a older member or someone that is having financial difficulties at the time, write their name down and your name and send them into me and we will be giving awards for this at Mid Winter and Department Convention. I just helped one of the members of my auxiliary to get her Life membership and she won't have to worry about her dues anymore. It really makes me feel good when I help our members to stay a member of this great organization.

At this time, we have 27 auxiliaries that don't have any dues paid for the current year. I am just wondering how many have not gotten their first dues notice out to their members. I have noticed in my years as a treasurer that the sooner you get those first notices out, the quicker the members start paying their dues and then you don't have to worry about them paying during the holidays. Getting your notices out that first week of July really helps get things rolling for the department so if you don't have them out yet, please get them out as soon as possible.

We have some incentives for this year that are a little different than years before and I hope that you enjoy the change.

* For recruiters, we are not giving pins for your first new member, instead we are giving the recruiter a \$5.00 gift card from the President.

* For 5 new or rejoined members you will receive the President's charm.

- * For 10 new or rejoined members you will receive a \$25.00 gift card.
- * For 20 new or rejoined members we will determine the prize later.
- * \$50.00 will be given to an auxiliary in each membership group that is the first Auxiliary to achieve 100%+. (We already have one auxiliary that has done this).
- * We are also having a contest for the most at large transfer to an auxiliary.
- * We are also having a contest for the most recruiting events that you have in your auxiliary.

There is also money and pin awards from National, but I talked about them in my last article. Please try to come to one of the Academies this month. There is a lot of new information that will be discussed at these meetings. You don't have to be an officer to come to these Academies so please come and visit with all of us.