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Well, another calendar year has come and gone, and we are starting another, it just seems like the time is flying by. It just seems like yesterday that we were planning the academies and here it is time to get ready for another year. Here we are planning the trip to the National Convention again.

I know I am not the Scholarship chairman, but I would really like to thank all of the auxiliaries that stepped up at the last and sent money for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen program. I was so upset about the amount of money that we had for those students, I mean they are the future, and we need to support them as much as we can. We have gotten a little "seed" money for next year and we will not have to push so hard next year. I am very proud of our department for what we have achieved with this program.

Just remember if you have some more money that you haven't spent or you really want to spend some of your auxiliaries money on an Auxiliary program, we still need some money for the VFW Patriotic Art program or the Oregon Scholarship program. We are short on these two programs, and we would like money for them at convention time. We have only had a few auxiliaries that have contributed to either of these programs this year so please at your next meeting think about giving some money to our programs and help our students.

I know that I have mentioned this before and I am starting to sound like a broken record, but before you send an application into the Department Treasurer, please make sure that it is completely filled out. I have gotten a couple lately without birthdates or even the auxiliary number. If a member is joining non-affiliated, you must fill in the campaign medals, how long the person they are signing up under was in military service and where they were. If those applications are going to National because they are credit cards, they will come back immediately if any of that is not filled out. Also, if you are the recruiter of a potential member, you cannot be on the investigating committee for them. I have had to call Treasurers and recruiters on these applications and that is not part of my job. So please start looking at your forms very well before you send them in.