PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

YOU LADIES ROCK!!! Talk about your busy bees! This has been the most amazing six months ever.

Mid-Winter Conference will have passed by the time this gets to you and I hope many of you were there to receive your certificates, awards, and recognition. You have all worked so very hard and deserve all the praise you received.

Congratulations to all the Districts that reached 91% in membership and all the Auxiliaries that reached 100% by December 31st. Great Job! Now on to 100% for the entire Department. And your support of the programs has been outstanding. We are *thisclose* to being 100% participated in all programs. You ladies are resetting the bar. You've come so far and I know you will make it all the way to the top this year. It will be my honor to represent you at the National Mid-Winter Conference in Hawaii in late February.

Remember. The dues per capita has gone up to $8.50 per member beginning January 1st. This was due to the $1.50 increase from National. We apologize for the inconvenience but dues not received in the office by December 31th had to be accompanied by the $8.50 rate. We could not go by the postmark date.

The 2012 Podium edition of our bylaws and ritual should be available very soon.

Our lovely National President will be visiting us very soon. Gwen Rankin is a very special lady and you won't want to miss a chance to meet her. There will be a reception in her honor April 13th at the Reynoldsburg VFW #9473, 1420 S. Waggoner Rd, Reynoldsburg. More details will be available soon. We will be escorting her through the aisle of flags, so please bring your flags and banners. Gwen is a very gracious lady, but admits she has something special in mind that she would like to purchase as a memento of her year. If you would like to give her something, a monetary gift would be very much appreciated.

And right on the heels of our National President's visit will be the Jr Girls Conference in Marietta, Ohio. Check out the information in this bulletin packet.

Ladies, the Line officers and I are gonna keep making those phone calls. This is our opportunity to answer questions you may have and help you "Bee the Best You Can Be". We appreciate your input.

That's all for now, and always remember,

GOD BLESS YOU & GOD BLESS AMERICA

Ruth Fint, 2011/2012 Department President