



Well, the year is finally over and what an experience it has been. Although we were trashed most of the year by the Legion, I feel we succeeded in having a very good year. Although we didn't make 100%, three districts reached over 90% with District 6 at 99.54% and five districts made over 80%.

We also gained 133 new members. So, we need to spend more time trying to retain the members we already have. Kristal set our goals somewhat lower for this next year, so with a little more effort maybe we can make 100%.

I was able to visit all District Meetings in the fall and all but one in the spring. I really enjoyed meeting and visiting with so many of you and getting to meet so many I did not know. Forty years ago, when I was your Department President, I seemed to know everybody. But over the years, I haven't done as much traveling with the Auxiliary so there were lots of new faces.

My President's Project took in \$3,286. Cascade gave the largest donation and District Nine won for the Districts.

Since the Legion ended up with money problems, I decided to have the State Department Convention and my own Post volunteered to hold it. With very little time to prepared they did an excellent job.

***THANK YOU!***

I was thrilled with the turnout as we had almost double the participation from last year. Let's hope we can double it again next July.

A highlight of the Department Convention was the visit from our Western Division National Vice-President, Jan Cushing from Arizona. NEC Kristal took her from the airport to the prison where the inmates showed her all of their projects. They even gave us a refurbished bicycle they retrieved from a land fill. It will be a great money maker for this next year, so have your money out when you see us coming.

I want to thank all my chairmen for the successful year and most of you for sticking with me for another year. We ended with a high note and I sincerely hope we can continue, so we care proud of our accomplishments at the end of our 2024-2025 year.

Carol Dalton  
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