

ALA, Dept. of Arizona, District 11

Greetings from District 11 of Arizona,

It has been a privilege and an honor to represent the units of this district. I learned so much. I was very interested in the different ways each Unit celebrated Holidays, gave parties for children, raised funds, and worked together to accomplish so many needs for others. I enjoyed my official visits. Again, I love learning how each unit functions. We learn from each other. I am proud of the incredible teamwork and love for our Mission.

District 11 focus this year started with Membership. Our Membership chair, Kathy Amery, worked very hard to inspire units to raise their membership numbers. District 11 was assigned the Cars Movie for our membership race. She mapped out our road to follow and cities we needed to be at on a certain date. Each unit was given a book to record the goals reached. It was a lot of fun. She faithfully reported our progress every Monday.

There were many questions about units, laws, parliamentary procedures, committees, etc. Everyone was encouraged to go to as many Mission Trainings as possible. Units were given the menu to our website and information about National's website. Discussions were held about our guidebook. Members were challenged to read and investigate their questions before coming to someone. So now, we have more people to help educate others.

Some units did not have their governing laws or had not updated them. Units were educated on the importance of our Constitution, By Laws and the Standing Rules. Each Unit turned in their copies to me and to Department. My first year, most were completed. This year, it was not as successful. Our new president next year will take over this project.

It was surprising how many units do not turn in their end-of-year reports. Units were advised to read the bulletins each month. There is a lot of good information and great ideas to guide each chair throughout the year. From there, members were encouraged to be sure to log volunteer hours and personal money donations. The impact report was discussed many times. I am encouraged that our units are wanting to learn the proper way to lead their units and keep improving.

Regarding District 11's Impact Report, the following totals are given for each category:

Veterans, Military and Military families, including poppies:

Hours volunteered: 13,113.

Dollars Spent: \$53,351.00

Number of veterans, military and military families assisted: 9,634

In-Kind donations received: \$10,680.00

Service for Youth:

Hours volunteered: 2,755

Dollars spent: \$23,808.

Number of youth served: 2,407

Scholarships:

Number given: 5

Direct donations of units: \$9,000.

Donations to Dept fund: \$500.

Miscellaneous:

Hours volunteered: 3,629

Dollars spent: \$7382.

I expect these totals to be more next year as all units should be tracking volunteer hours consistently since our discussion of year end reports. Most were not aware that our reports are combined and a report goes to Congress. This is very important for all of us, especially our veterans.

My official visits this year consisted of a couple general meetings, an annual Post breakfast with Life Challenge, Ltd which is a family business providing services for persons with developmental disabilities and their families, three Children's Christmas parties, a pajama party to raise funds for Girls State , a judge for a talent show with Commander Barry, and stuffing goodie bags for children that attend the Phoenix Home and Garden show. All different. All meaningful.

Every meeting, each unit gives a report of their last 2 months. I enjoy hearing about all the events they do for their posts, etc. It is amazing how many ideas I have gained from these reports. I hope everyone can say that!

As my last year as District 11 President is coming to an end, I look forward to being Past President next year. District 11 has a dedicated and loyal group of members. I am looking forward to a great year.

For God and Country,

Donna Aronoff

President

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