

Book of Reports
Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

2025-2026

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Our Leadership team donated many hours to travel throughout the state and facilitate ten Mission Trainings. Nine out of ten districts attended with 40% of our members. Forty-five per cent of our units reported this year. Instructors were “Mission Driven and Family Focused” having a positive impact on our members. Those handling the training this year were: Rose Ficklin and Stacey Mayberry with assistance from Shannon Mead, President Dolores Chavez, Rae Hopf and Yolanda Bonilla.

Two of the trainings were Level 202. In level 202, the unit/district is asked to choose three or four areas of concern therefore instructors will focus deeper on those topics. Our Leadership team has done as a minimum ten trainings a year so we look forward to more Level 202 and possibly a third level while offering as many basic trainings as possible.

All Leadership awards are promoted and are listed on the department website as well as monthly bulletins. This year we had three entries for the LaVan Erickson Plaque awarded to the unit with most members attending a training. The Vickey Zwall Mentor of the Year Award goes to a member with most activities the current year. We had three entries. The Unit Member of the Year had nine entries. This award has six criteria that must be followed in order to qualify. Winner will have paid trip to the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and will be recognized on the National stage as well as Department Convention. This year our committee offered an “Academy Award” for member or unit taking most Academy courses available on the National website. We had three entries for this award. Thank you to all who sent entries.

Thank you to all who participated and volunteered in the Leadership program this year. Members wrote: information flowed clearly, I like learning this stuff, clear, concise and entertaining, good time control with time for questions, stayed engaged on topic, clarified areas of concern and so much more than I expected. Knowledge is a good thing!