

Hope you all are doing well amid the crisis that we are enduring.

Be aware of the health and wellness of our Auxiliary members, Legion, their families and our communities. To keep in touch, the Legion does "Buddy Checks" and the Auxiliary does "Caring and Sharing". Think about improvising by doing phone or virtual meetings to stay in touch. Keep the Mission!

Thank you for your patience for us to gather and present accurate information to you.

Notification:

➤ **State Department Convention – Cancelled**

- TAL Department Commander Ron Gott.
 - ✓ "Our Legion Members and their families health is the Legions upmost and highest priority. Until it's deemed safe by our scientists and medical professionals, we feel it's necessary to announce the following:

The Oklahoma American Legion State Commander Ronald Gott announced today that **all** events to include State Convention, District Conferences, Boys State, Junior Shooting and any other Legion events are now cancelled through June 2020. This applies throughout all 77 counties. District and Post Commanders are encouraged to use multi-media if needed to conduct any meetings. We will re-evaluate the situation sometime before 1 July 2020."

- In our ALA Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules:
 1. *"The date and place of the Oklahoma Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary shall conform to that of The Oklahoma American Legion."*
- therefore, our American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma Convention, in June 2020, is **cancelled**. The American Legion will re-evaluate the situation before 1, July 2020.

Notification:

➤ **Girls State – Cancelled**

- ALA OK Girls State Director and Committee announcement, as per the official cancellation notification from OU, that the ALA OK 2020 Girls State is **cancelled**. Girls State sent notification to Units and delegates.

I appreciate so much Girls State Director Jennifer Shaw and committee for working with me in contemplating options for Girls State and for concluding on this matter. Sad for this opportunity to be gone for these delegates. However, they may still have an opportunity to apply for the Samsung Scholarship. For more up to date information go to OK Girls State website www.okgirlsstate.com.

Since potential losses to the Department may occur, by Girls State cancellation, I asked our Department Finance Chairman and committee to come up with possible recommendations to help us get through this rough time.

Way Units and members may help with this unique situation:

- Donate any amount to:
 - ALA Department Headquarters
P.O. Box 14562
Oklahoma City, OK 73113

 - Donate \$25 to the Department President's Project:
 - With donation of \$25 per ticket # you will be put in the weekly drawings.
 - Fundraiser started at Mid-Winter Conference in January 2020. So far there are winning ticket #'s that haven't been bought yet! By donating and getting a ticket # you may already be a winner!
 - Check with your Unit to see if they have Department President's Project fundraiser tickets or contact me, Jody Chisolm for tickets ala_jw@yahoo.com
 - Or send name, address, phone, email with donation check of \$25 per ticket # to:
 - ALA Department President's Project
c/o Jody Chisolm
P.O. Box 457
Wilburton, OK 74578
- [Specify for which drawing(s): January-June or July-December ticket #. Ticket # calendar(s) will be mailed to you]*

Constitution: If you have suggestions or resolutions to the ALA constitution contact Department HQ auxdeptok@sbcglobal.net and Department Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules Chairman Patsy Chinn patsyvarnell@aol.com.

On a good note, National President Nicole Clapp called me Saturday March 28, 2020. She still plans to visit Oklahoma August 4-9, 2020. And as of today, the 2020 National American Legion Family Convention is still on.

"We Can Do It!" "Together We Can!"

Respectfully,
OK ALA Dept Pres. 2019-2020 Jody Chisolm