



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO

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Soooo, here we are in November already!! **HUGE REMINDER**, if you are an **Auxiliary Officer or Chairman, and your dues are not paid by 12/31/24, you will be removed, as you will no longer a member in good standing! If you cannot afford to pay your dues, please see if your Auxiliary can do Angel Dues for you. If they cannot, please reach out to me, and I will, discreetly, see what we can do to get you Angel Dues.**

Now is a PERFECT time to upgrade your membership to Life, if you are able. If not, maybe your Auxiliary can have a fund raiser to help active members pay for their life membership!!

Sisters and Brothers, this is the time to reach out to your unpaid members and see if they need Angel Dues. Do you have a member in your Auxiliary that is active, and still hasn't paid, have you asked them if they need financial help? Do you have a member that used to be active, and now isn't; are they going through some kind of a crisis? Do they need moral, emotional or financial help?

In our 2024 Podium Edition in the Ritual Section, Page 81 under the Junior Vice-President's instruction, second line it states:

"To care for the members in distress and for those who depend upon them is part of the work of this organization- "

Ensuring a member who wishes to remain a member, can pay their dues would fall under this instruction. Again, an Auxiliary can have a fund raiser, or all members pitch in a little bit, to help with Angels Dues.

We need to continue to grow, we need all the help we can get to keep doing the great work of our organization. This isn't just about supporting our amazing President Renee, or a chairman, or even the Department, this is about getting and retaining the helping hands to assist in the great need to help veterans, each other and the families that don't even know we have the

resources through our programs to help them! I have complete faith in each and everyone of you to be able to recruit at least one person, or help pay at least one person's dues! You are all amazing people, let's get it done New Mexico!!

If you need help with recruiting, retaining or ideas, you have myself, any line officer, Past Department President's, District Officers, and a plethora of absolutely fantastic members that are willing and ready to help, many that are not in the so called, limelight, however, they are the backbones of our organization-if you need resources, please just reach out!
Our roots, leaves and trees, are getting stronger because of each of you!!!! Keep on planting, fertilizing and growing!!!

Don't forget Dino the Dynamic Dinosaur, he is all about not going extinct!!!!

A special shout out to:

105.19%: 8703 - Carlsbad

100%: 1131 – Mora

100% 1389 - Elephant Butte

90% or above:

97.73%: 3280 – Clovis

96.59%: 9515 - Portales

94.66%: 7686 – Alamogordo; 8703

93.31%: District 4

90.70% 3370 – Estancia Valley, (Moriarity) WELCOME TO THE 90% CLUB!!

85% or above

87.95%: 4384 - Anthony

87.90%: 614 – Aztec

89.06%: District 7

86.58% District 3 WELCOME TO THE 85% CLUB!!

85.89% 6917 – Las Cruces WELCOME TO THE 85% CLUB!!

85.81% 3317 – Williamsburg WELCOME TO THE 85% CLUB!!

87.22%: Department of New Mexico

It is so fun watching the numbers of our Auxiliaries grow!! I know every Auxiliary cares about their membership and programs, and the continual growth shows how much!

I Pray each of you and yours are blessed with love and laughter.

Kelly Fouse
Membership Chairman
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