Department usually does not have a January bulletin but below are a few messages from Chairmen that they wanted to share with you before Mid-Winter. Hope to see all of you there!

Stacey Cannizzaro  
Assist. Secretary

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

The Centennial Committee is looking for pictures, of the veteran you joined under. Please email a picture and short bio that says their name, years and branch of service, war and your name. Why? You may ask. We, as a department, are trying to pull together a display for Mid-Winter Conference. We are hoping to get involvement on all levels. Please reach out to fellow members, the office may not be able to contact. It is our intention to add to this display all year. It will be set up again at June convention and other possible centennial events in the planning. I am hoping that this will grow to an astronomical, overwhelming, gigantic, powerful tribute to that special veteran in our lives. PLEASE spread the word and PLEASE send in who you joined under. I thank you in advance for your participation.

WHO we honor - WHY we do what we do - working the ALA MISSION

Karen Degreenia  
President ALA Dept. of VT
January/February 2019 Corporate Treasurer’s Bulletin

If any of your Units have received a minimal amount of a check from Department, here is the reason why:

Before the end of the calendar year in December and again before the end of our fiscal year, in April, ALA VT Dept. sends out checks to Units who have dues adjustments. As such, in December 2017, ALA Dept. mailed out checks to the Units who had dues adjustments so we could clear out our books before the end of the year. These checks represented online dues repayments plus or minus any transmittal dues adjustments that are still pending which were forewarned by Marla’s (our Asst Treasurer’s) emails. Many of these checks were for a very small dollar amount (like $2.00) so if you’re Unit received an online/adjustment for a dues check, please have it deposited into your Units bank account promptly; it is legitimate!

I am hoping to see all of you in Burlington, at Mid-Winter. If there are any questions about any checks from ALA VT Department or any other matters, please let me or the office know. We are here to help and to continue our mission to be transparent. Let is continue for another 100 years, OUR MISSION IS WORTH THE CAUSE!

WHAT ARE WE DOING INDIVIDUALLY TO ADVANCE THE NEXT 100 YEARS??! !!!!

Let us go forward, not back……………………

Let us continue the LEGACY for the purpose of a hat was put in our laps: the legacy that we need to carry forth.

Let us thank all of for your continued efforts to continue our mission!

For God, Country, Our Veteran’s & Their Families,

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District # 2:

District 2 work shop will be February 9th at 9am at Unit 30 in Lyndonville... We will be having a junior workshop at the same time so if you have any juniors that would like to join us that would be great. See you at mid-winter and have a great week end.

A big shout out to all the units that have hit 75% or over. Hoo Raw to Hardwick 88.64%, Lyndon 75.91%, Orleans 75.00%. Coming up fast is Newport 68.47% Northland 67.78%, Jay Peak 64.41%. Giving District 2 70.84% for the District. Well done ladies.
Say a prayer nightly for our troops for their safe return home.

Gail Bonnell
District 2 President

District # 5:

Hello everyone,

I would like to thank you all for all the time and effort you have put in in working our programs. However, no one will know as our midyear reports were not even close to 100% reporting.
I was wrong too in not filling them all out so I am asking all Unit’s to please try to do better with the end of the year reports. I know paperwork is a pain in the neck but these reports truly are important! Thank you.

Josie Sheldon
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GREETINGS LADIES,

Hope the Holidays were safe and kind to you and your families.

Many thanks to those Units that sent in their mid-year reports very informative and impressive.

With the information from you and what I observe from visiting other Units including my own, really shows the devotion, respect and a whole lot of love in our hearts;

Dr. Carol Hassett (Eastern Division Americanism) was very impressed with the report I sent her.

We NAILED every criteria and then some re: Americanism. Everyone should be so proud of the selfless great work we do.

This is the first time I have taken a chairmanship like this and to put on paper all the efforts we all do for our organization I must say "ALA VERMONT ROCKS"

I am looking forward to our year end reports and for any unit that has not received there forms, you can find them on our website or let me know so we can make that happen.

We still have a long winter ahead so maybe a wellness check to our elderly neighbor or a veteran and or family.

Hope to see you at mid-winter.

AMERICAISM CHAIR

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EDUCATION

Often, when I watch the news on TV, I am reminded of the No. 1 challenge many of our children and youth face daily in school – bullying. Our youth should be focused on grades, friendships or sports. Instead, they are being bullied or acting as the bully. And as youth have access to cell phones and computers, cyber bullying is becoming more common. Technology has made it possible for children to send text messages and post comments online that are unkind, hurtful and threatening.

The American Legion Auxiliary has a strong dedication to supporting our nation’s youth and wants to see bullying stopped. To support our efforts and theirs, The American Legion has created an educational comic book, Bridging the Gap, to help middle school age children recognize, prevent and stop bullying.

"Bridging the Gap" features six main characters and includes two stories that are interwoven throughout the book. One story focuses on physical bullying and the other on cyber bullying. Each story focuses on how to:

- Define and recognize bullying behavior;
- Understand and protect the rights of others;
- Prevent and stop being bullied yourself;
- Prevent and stop bullying of others; and
- Stop cyber bullying

I strongly encourage Auxiliary Units and family members to raise awareness about bullying in their community by distributing copies of "Bridging the Gap" to local schools. I will be bring copies with me to Mid-Winter and will have Stacey place them on her table for you to review. See you at Mid-Winter!

Melodie Ashford, Education & Scholarship CH
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Finance

Thank you, to units and members buying “Posh Purse” raffle tickets. Be sure the unit number is marked on back of each ticket to be entered in the second phase. Remember as part of our Centennial Celebration, the second phase is a drawing for 70 percent of net proceeds going to a unit. You may recall department raffles support the general fund. Our Way & Means committee or table supports the National Convention fund.

Free membership through January, is the current promotion with Shaklee fundraising. Orders of $150.00 provide free shipping. There are a few products that also come with free shipping. The sustainable fundraising with Shaklee provides a free website to ALA VT. This is a $14.99 monthly savings. Shaklee announced this year, any new nonprofit partners will have to pay this fee.

Is your 2019 goal to lose weight? The 180 Turn Around Kit; provides 59 easy to carry meal replacements containing 20 grams of protein, amino acids, 23 vitamins and minerals, plus is low glycemic. The kit also comes with snack bars, energy tea, plus a month’s supply of metabolic boost tablets to help burn fat, but retain muscle. 180 program is clinically proven to lose and or maintain a healthy weight. Check out Shaklee.tv online.
Shaklee has a free health assessment developed by doctors and nutritionists. A five minute online questionnaire, to get your BMI, some health suggestions, all based on your answers. “Health Print” is taken in the privacy of your home, and can be printed out to take to your next doctor visit. Look for a green thumb print at: alavt.myshaklee.com

Remember I am here to answer your questions or concerns. Remember too, my promise (at last year mid-winter) to donate all proceeds I may receive, to ALA VT after expenses. My personal goal is to lose 40 pounds by end of June, using the 180 products and would love to share my experience with you and perhaps an incentive.

Grateful for your consideration and support.

Judy Cenate, finance chair 2018-2019
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UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION JANUARY 2019 BULLETIN

Happy New Year to all,

This month, and every month, let us always remember the opening words of our Mission Statement, “In the spirit of service, not self”.

Deb Tiernan
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