**NEC Maureen Jackson Department of Michigan**

**January 2014**

**Greetings from the frozen Great Lakes State! We are happy to report that all of our auxiliaries are busy actively supporting our veterans and communities throughout the state. Under the leadership of our President Patricia Michalski, the members have been following her theme *"United in service for All" (USA).***

**Our First Vice President Allison Aldrich has been busy encouraging renewals and new memberships with her monthly membership drawings.**

**Our Second Vice Faye Richardson-Green has been encouraging members to help children in need. Our Department Child Welfare Project which is dear to Faye's heart is "Penrickton Center for Blind Children", a five day residential facility for children who are blind and have at least one other physical disability. They are funded strictly by donations and charge nothing to the families for their child to attend. Our members have logged in 146 projects with 146 volunteers, 1601 hours for a total evaluation of $49,405.**

**Our Third Vice Rosemary Perdue has "Paws for her Cause". Rosemary has been busy promoting our Department project *"Paws With a Cause"* throughout Michigan. She has been encouraging our members to be involved in their communities at every level. She reports our membership has had 266 volunteers, 460 projects, 4,502 hours for a total evaluation of $132,959.**

**Our Hospital Chairman Harriet Biela has reported that our members are busy making hospitals and nursing home visits, having bingos, picnics, making lap robes and ditty bags, escort services, distributing personal care items and serving coffee and water to the veterans at the VA. She has reported 647 projects, 151 volunteers, 7,315 hours and total evaluation of $220,272.**

**Our Americanism Chairman Bertha Lema has been promoting the Americanism Poster and Essay and Flag Drawing Program throughout Michigan. Her Project is the *Selfridge Air force Base Family Readiness program* which helps familiesof deployed and returning soldiers from Afghanistan and other locations. She reports that members are busy clipping and sending coupons and care packages to various military bases worldwide. Making helmet liners for deployed troops. She reports members have had 219 projects, 217 volunteers, 3,348 hours for a total evaluation of $113,427.**

**Our Scholarship Chairman Kathryn Schultz, is busy promoting our Scholarship program throughout Michigan. She reports members have been actively involved in Roundtable meetings to develop a program to fill the gaps in educaiton from High School through College. The members have also been promoting the use of Scholarship Memorial cards at funerals to help fund our Department Scholarship program. Holding raffles, bake sales, passing scholarship jars at meetings are just some of the other ways funds are being raised to help students. She reports 78 projects, 422 hours and 108 volunteers for a total evaluation of $11,487.**

**Michigan has been actively involved in all areas of Auxiliary programs. Our Fall Conference which was held October 1-3 was a huge success and was well attended by over 100 members. It was a great learning experience for all who attended. Instruction was given on all offices and the importance of reporting.**

**We are off to a good start of the year, and look forward to giving you our final report.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Maureen Jackson, NEC Michigan**