

1st Vice President – Membership Bulletin

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Happy October, Everyone! The leaves will soon be off the trees but for now their colors are beautiful. The cooler temperatures and going outside to rake up those leaves should serve as a reminder to all of us that it's the end of the 2018 membership year. We should also be raking in membership renewals and working very hard to achieve 100%.

You have recently received your National Roster, along with new auxiliary membership brochures and information about early bird drawings as well as other membership awards. This bulletin is going to sound like a broken record but in case you've missed my previous discussions on the topic, I'm going to cover it again this month. If so doing reminds more ladies of the advantages of early renewal, it's worth the extra reminder.

- **Early Bird:** If you renew before October 31st, you may qualify for a cash award if your name is drawn at the 2019 Department Convention. Your 1st Vice President will make sure that your renewal is postmarked by November 5th so that your name is included.
- **Fall Conference 2019:** All renewals postmarked by December 31st will be included in this drawing. At the 2019 Department Convention, your name could be drawn for a free night's lodging at the 2019 Fall Conference. Get your renewal in early so your 1st Vice President can get it in the mail by December 31st.
- **Chairman's Award:** If you renew your membership timely and your 1st Vice President gets renewals postmarked by December 31st, your name may be drawn for a certificate and monetary award from me. I would love to have a huge basketful of names of potential winners and that one of them is yours.

Another benefit by renewing before the deadline? Dues will be increasing in January. Your auxiliary should soon be receiving notice from our Parliamentarian regarding the associated by-law changes that impact the amount of the increases. Until that happens, please be sure that your members understand the importance of renewing by December 31st. After the renewal deadline, they will be considered new members, must reestablish their eligibility and pay the higher membership costs. Encouraging early renewals at your local auxiliary meetings is greatly appreciated.

You are always encouraged to contact me to share information and/or ask any membership-related questions. If you are holding a local membership project or event, let me know. Your ideas could benefit others! If you have a membership topic that you would like me to discuss, pass it along! I can be reached by email at lema81@wowway.com or by phone at 586.214.1019.