

Membership – The Key to Our Success Continues

1st Vice President Kathy Keizer

Last year we did increase our membership slightly – but only by 32 members. However, we did NOT renew 265 of our annual members from the year before – what a shame. We only increased because of the new members which were signed up. **WE NEED TO GET THOSE RENEWALS IN ORDER TO GROW!!**

I have gotten approval of the SEC for 2 Hospital donation contests which take place during the month of July. These contests are so we can get the Life member hospital donations into the Department Hospital fund early enough to help cover the Representatives first allotments. I had this contest last year and we had great participation so I have changed it up slightly. Be sure to read the details and note the Auxiliary strength (number of members) is based on your total membership as noted on the end of the year membership chart you received about June 1.

1. **Hospital donation contest** (locals with a Life member count of **21 and over**). This contest is for the D&R's submitted during the month of July only. The first 3 locals to send in their D&R with the correct amount for their total Life members will win the following: 1st received will win \$50, 2nd received will win \$40 and 3rd will win \$30. The remaining D&R's received by Nancy no later than July 31, will be put into a drawing with 5 winners to receive a consolation prize of \$15 each.
2. **Hospital donation contest** (locals with a Life member count of **20 and under**). This contest is for the D&R's submitted during the month of July only. The locals who submit their D&R's with the correct amount for their total Life members, received by Nancy no later than July 31, will be put into a drawing for 2 winners of \$15 each.

Helpful Hint – You do not need to write all of your Life member names on the D & R. Just write on one line the number of Life members you are submitting the donation for and write the check for the correct amount. (\$3.00 per Life member) Make the check out to: AMVETS Ladies Aux. Dept. of MI and send it to Nancy Middleton at: 1535 48th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49508.