

SECRETARY'S BULLETIN - September 2020

Writing a bulletin as the Department Secretary is a little difficult because I am not sure what I should be saying to our local Auxiliaries. Most of my duties involve working with Officers who are doing their own bulletins. I don't want to step on their toes by reporting things which are actually one of their duties.

So, after some thought, I decided to write about some of the strange and unusual things coming to me so far this year.

DID YOU KNOW.....:

.....you cannot sign up someone to your Auxiliary who is a member of another Auxiliary? Well, you can't! They need to transfer, not sign up as a new member (even if they belong to an Auxiliary in another State.) Or, they can let their membership expire and then sign up as a new member after establishing their eligibility.

..... if a member of your Auxiliary passed away, there is a 90% chance that our Dept. 1st Vice and I are not aware of it until we receive the deceased member form - either by mail or by e-mail. There is a 100% chance National doesn't know this person passed away until I mail them a copy of the deceased member form which you need to send to me.

..... I do not have a list of all your local Auxiliary's past Presidents from the beginning of time.

.....I do not want or need a copy of a new member's application.

..... I do not have (or want) a copy of your local by-laws. If you want to know if something is in there, you can probably get a copy from your local

President or Parliamentarian. If not, you need to contact the Dept. Parliamentarian.

..... If a name is spelled wrong on a D&R, there is a very good chance the membership card will also be spelled wrong - and stay that way until a Name Change form is sent in.

..... If an Auxiliary changes Officers any time during the Auxiliary year, a revised revalidation forms needs to be sent to our Dept. Parliamentarian who should be sending me a copy.

.....If I e-mail you because of a problem, it would be a great help if you would respond.

..... I cannot process a D&R because something is missing (forms, check). I will e-mail the local 1st Vice. If I hear nothing for 10 to 14 days, I will e-mail again. If I still don't hear anything within the next 10-14 days, I will send the D&R back. It is not necessary to call and chew me out because you don't have the membership cards yet!

..... I look forward to (1) going out to lunch with my friends; (2) the end of the pandemics so I can go to the store without a mask; (3) meeting everyone at convention, SEC meetings and/or Fall Conference (especially Fall Conference because it's always fun!); (4) Auxiliary functions; (5) going on the PAWS & Penrickton tours; (6) traveling to National Convention; (7) but mostly I look forward to not seeing all those political ads and receiving all those @#%! election robocalls!!!!

Nancy Middleton
Secretary