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**April Children & Youth Month**

April 1 Final Girls State Registration if quota is not filled

April 15 Deadline for Reports to District Presidents  
Division Conventions Begin

**May Division Conventions Continue**

May 1 Activity Chairman should have received all reports from District Presidents.

May 1 The deadline for Girls State Citizens to have Medical, Waiver, Travel Cards and Internet permission into Department Headquarters.

May 11 Mother's Day

May 26 Memorial Day – Department Headquarters closed

**June Junior Activities Month**

June 14 Flag Day – Properly dispose of old, worn and soiled flags and replace with new ones. PAUSE for the PLEDGE

June 17-24 Girls State in Session at TLU in Seguin

June 17 Close of Department Membership books. Transmittals MUST BE IN DEPARTMENT by this date.

June 27-29 Department Convention in Corpus Christi  
Pre-Registration is \$20  
On-Site Registration will be \$30

June 30 **Department Office closed**

**July**

July 4 Independence Day – Department headquarters closed

July 12-13 New District & Division President's School in Austin  
Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Red Lion)

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- The Department Convention Bulletin will be mailed very soon. Be on the lookout for it! It will contain most of the necessary information regarding the convention in Corpus Christi. Some information is already available on the website, [www.alatexas.org](http://www.alatexas.org). When you receive the Department Convention Bulletin, please check the Table of Contents to be sure none of the information is missing. Please contact Department Headquarters immediately for any replacement pages. We will send the missing items to you.
- **GIRLS STATE QUOTA:** As of this writing we have not filled our quota of slots for Girls State. We will be starting the 4th registration period on April 1, 2008.
- **GIRLS STATE CHAIRMEN:** Please keep in close contact with your girls to be sure all requirements are met and so you know for sure they will be going. APPLICATION CARDS NEED TO BE INTO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- **UNIT ELECTIONS** – As soon as you have held your election, please send Certification of new Officers into Department. This certification **MUST** to be sent even if you have the same officers as last year. This information is VERY IMPORTANT. We must have it in order to send out your 2009 Membership Cards and also to compile the roster for next year. (The form is in this bulletin and also posted to the website)
- **AEF PLANS OF WORK REMINDER:** Although our reports will have already been submitted, National will continue to accept donations to the AEF program until **May 31, 2008** in order to qualify for a recognition citation. To qualify, Department will accept these unit and individual contributions and submit to National the names of those who donated \$100 or more before the deadline. Along with their contribution, units/individuals must provide the full (legal) name they wish on the citation.
- Please call the non renewing members in your unit. Urge them to send in their dues. The target date for 100% is May 27th. The race is almost over and everyone needs to have their race cars down to the finish line and the checkered flag for President Charlie.

***A Prayer Because We Care*** All addresses are available in the blue book and will not be posted on the website.

June Morris, Americanism Chairman and Le Chapeau Departmentale lost her son unexpectedly.

Georgia Rivard, C&B Committee representative lost her mother.

Laurey Oxley, Department Chaplain, had corrective surgery on her foot as a result of a fall in September that did not heal properly. Laurey will be housebound for 6 to 8 weeks with no weight on that foot till it has healed correctly.

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***Our Friends Say Thank You***

Thanks to everyone for your phone calls, e-mails, cards and prayers during my chemo treatments. PDP Gayle Simpson

Just thought I would let everyone know that I lived through the first of the knee replacements with flying colors. I want to thank each and every one of you who sent cards and remembered me in their thoughts and prayers--I know that these have a lot to do with my healing process and so far speedy recovery. I wouldn't win a race with a turtle at this point but am pleased (along with everyone else) with the progress. Thank each of you so much. This means a lot and will always be remembered. Gelinda Clark, Leadership Chairman

**ROSTER CHANGES AND ADDITIONS WILL NOT BE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE.  
See printed bulletin for this information. There are changes for the following:**

Center Point Unit 583

3rd Division President Janyce Musgrove

Zapata Unit 486

Port Isabel Unit 498

**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT CHARLIE**

I would first like to thank Gelinda Clark and the Leadership Committee for a very successful MidWinter Conference. I was so pleased with the program and the number of members that were in attendance.

Barbara Kundert, VA & R Chairman and I have completed all of the "Official" tours of the VA Hospitals within this great state. It is amazing what all the volunteers have and will accomplish within the hospitals and clinics. We owe them a debt of gratitude. SAL Commander Joe McPeters and his wife Robin, and Commander Paul have been able to attend almost all of the tours. It has been fantastic working with them this year. It is so rewarding to work together as a true "family".

Spring is in the air, even though we had some real winter weather the first of March. It was nice! The snow was on the grass, trees and houses, but not really on the streets. If it would be that way all the time, I would love it

I am looking forward to attending as many District Conventions this spring as possible. For those Districts that I have not been able to attend your conventions, I would love to attend any functions that you may have coming up. Please give me a call or email, and I will be there if at all possible.

District Conventions have already started. I had the opportunity to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Convention hosted by Troup Unit #418, which was wonderful! The convention was a huge success.

Saturday, March 8, my traveling companion, PDP Nina Swink and I attended the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 5<sup>th</sup> District Prayer Breakfast held at Lovefield Unit 453. The breakfast was delicious and the prayer service was beautiful. After the services concluded, we hopped into the car and traveled to Fort Worth to meet up with their Membership Tour. We made three stops with them. They picked up a lot of members. They were working to reach #1

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District in the Department. It was so good to see all of the members that were in attendance.

I am so proud of the Units! You all are working the programs and especially membership. Texas has reached every goal set by our National organization. We must work on renewals. This should be our #1 priority.

Girls State registration is in progress. This promises to be an exceptional year for this great program. Please get your registration into Department before the deadline. If your Unit is having difficulties raising the funds to send citizens to Girls State, ask other organizations within your communities to assist. I know of many Units that do this, and sometimes they can send as many as 11 citizens.

Remember Unit Presidents: Your reports are due to your District Presidents by April 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you will report everything that your Unit has done this year.

Since I will not be able to attend all of the Spring District Conventions, please let me know if you have any Unit or District functions that you would like for me to attend. I would love to attend as many of this functions as possible before I leave office in June.

For God, Country and Veterans,

Charlie Dew