



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
TEXAS CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM
PLANS OF WORK 2007 - 2008**



This is a **TEXAS ONLY** program since 1950. We continue to sponsor Research Fellowships for finding a cure for cancer by joining with the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston to assist post-graduate students in their research for finding a cure and to assist in their receiving their Doctorate Degree in Cancer Research. Each fellowship presented is \$5,000.00 and although we are not setting a specific goal we would like to make sure there are ample awards to these dedicated students who are working hard to find a cure for this disease that touches the lives of each and every one of us. This year we are asked to believe and in this program **WE BELIEVE there are cures, WE BELIEVE they can be found, WE BELIEVE there has been progress, and WE BELIEVE it can be eliminated.**

Our **C.R.A.S.H. (Cancer Research and the Auxiliary, Sending Hope) Team** has started their engines and is looking towards the finish line to make sure this program continues in a sound, financial state. There are lots of ways to have a race and let's make sure we are all winners by working together to be on the winning team and making a positive statement in the treatment and cure of cancer.

We ask each unit to donate 25 cents per member based on their 2007 membership or more. All donations go towards the research to find a cure.

Each month can be a race to win month by having various fundraisers to support the Cancer Research Program. Let's have some fun at unit meetings and social gatherings, etc., and don't forget to include the Legionnaires and Sons in this endeavor. They can also make donations to this program as well. This is a good way to spend some of that Bingo money.

Have a **FUN TAX** - a quarter for each piece of jewelry worn;
an amount for each pound that a handbag weighs;
a \$1.00 for each child, grandchild & also the great grandkids.
Collect everyone's loose change in purses and pockets

Have a **BIRTHDAY TAX** by donating some \$\$\$ to celebrate another year of life, yours and your friends - especially if they are cancer survivors.

Have a **NO BAKE BAKE SALE** where the cost of the cake, pie, cookies is donated rather than baking the items and then having a sale.

Have a **SIN TAX** - a quarter or even a dollar for each bad word or negative comment, especially in the lounge/bar areas.

You can also have a **REAL BAKE SALE**, spaghetti supper, **BROOM DANCE**, donation cans on the lounge counters, put some "**TRASH OR TREASURE**" items in lunch sacks and charge



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a \$1 or \$2. Be creative and find ways to have your own **Unit C.R.A.S.H. Team** and support the Texas ALA's special program!

As always we accept **MEMORIAL DONATIONS** to Cancer Research and acknowledge the donation to the family.

Know someone who has everything and needs nothing but you still would like or need to get them a gift? How about an **HONORARIUM** for this person? A donation in their name sent to Department Headquarters earmarked for Cancer Research is a wonderful way to show you care. This is a most thoughtful gift and could be the gift that saves their life or that of a loved one in the future. Birthdays, Christmas, and Anniversaries are just a few of the occasions for this honor. It's also a good way to tell someone Thank You for a service they have done for you. Again, an acknowledgement card will be sent to let them know of your thoughtfulness.

Many groups participate in the Susan C. Komen Race for a Cure Walks; the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and other fund-raising events as well as mail solicitations. This year **I challenge each Unit, individual, and group** participating in these events to keep up the good work but to also **MATCH** what you raise and donate to their program with a like (or better) donation to the **ALA Cancer Research Program**.

Your dedicated C.R.A.S.H. Team (Committee members) this year are:

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| Div. I - Lee Dugenski | no e-mail address |
| Div. II - Rosemary Carraher | RCarraher@aol.com |
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AWARDS

**Citation to Units, Districts, & Divisions making a donation of \$250 or more
Citation and Award for the largest donation by April 15, 2008**

There is NO Narrative Report so send lots and lots of cash!

ANNUAL REPORT FORM

Send to YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT BEFORE APRIL 15, 2008