

Thank you Madam President Loretta for appointing me to this position. I love your theme “Super Heros” and I’m sure your Leadership Chairman will bring their best “Bling” to their workshops. I have mentioned in my first bulletin that our Super Mascot is Dinosaurs so they need to be on the look out for “Dino Notes” this year.

Per your direction I have asked the District Presidents to get in touch with me so that I can bring a workshop, if possible, to their District so that we can certify the Dinosaurs in their District.

So far in addition to the workshops being held Sept 9th in Rio Linda – District 6 and the one being held in Oceanside on September 30th, I have scheduled one in the 16th District in Camarillo on Sunday, September 17, District 27 on September 23rd and District 18 on October 22. I am working with Junior Activities Chairman Liz Doidge and Junior Conference Director Mindy Sinclair to try and have as many of these workshops include our Juniors as possible.

I am going over the list of those that need to recertify and am going to be getting in touch with those District Presidents to see what can do to get them certified again.

I encourage every Unit to hold mini workshops at every meeting. You might try to troubleshoot something that’s not going right in your meetings in regards to protocol, the Constitution & Bylaws, Standing Rules, servility etc. and spend 5-10 minutes talking about it. Beforehand pin point the problem or issue and then think of ways to resolve it. Watch for “Dino Notes” for subjects to bring up in your meetings.

In a recent article in the Auxiliary Magazine written by Jeri Brooks Greenwell the current National Leadership Chairman said that listening is one of the most important leadership skills. Our relationship with our members should be centered around interactions where thoughts and feelings are mutually, exchange She went on to say that a leader’s success is predicated upon her ability to listen and understand the viewpoints of others. If we fail to listen, we will fail our responsibility as leaders. Please check out the rest of her article it is very good.

At the close of every workshop I always remind everyone of the:

Six most important words:	“I admit I made a mistake”
Five most important words:	“you did a good job”
Four most important words:	“What is your opinion?”
Three most important words:	“If you please”
Two most important words:	“Thank you”
The one most important words:	“We”
The least most important word:	“I”

In closing ladies remember to “Lead by example NOT position”.

Thank you,

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