Greetings All,

Closer and closer we draw to our next goal; I realize you are tired, we are tired, spent, beat..(you fill in the word) trust me I understand as well, I am in the same boat with you all. You think to yourself. What more can we do? We have done everything, we've made calls, sent emails, postcards, held events to bring in members both current and attract new ones....Well know this...from a long time quote..."Don't give up, the light is still on" as I read that quote I too think of the 'Ad astra per aspera" quote and we will continue to the stars through all the difficulties and challenges.

Through it all...remember the entire team, remember you as the Membership Chair or President you are not in this alone; lean on everyone.

Keep in mind the 85% Department goal is only one of the requirements to receive the National President's Medallion Award: please be sure to pay close attention to all the criteria.



Joining the 85% Achieved Club this week includes the following Departments: Department of Alaska Department of Colorado Department of Puerto Rico Department of Virginia Department of Iowa...this is more of a penciling you in for next week needing only (1) - You got this!!!

85% Alumnae Departments achieved prior to this report date

Department of Arizona Department of California Department of Delaware Department of Florida Department of Hawaii Department of Maryland Department of Michigan Department of New Hampshire Department of New Jersey Department of New York Department of Ohio Department of Wisconsin

As we celebrate Departments attaining 85% and higher, we as a whole are still challenged - coming in much lower **984** than where we were at this time last year.

Please take the time to review the comparison report closely; in each Department, ask yourselves what worked the previous years, find out what didn't work...review older reports, talk to previous chairs....l've stated several times before, it's a team effort. A quote from Ralph Marston, "What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."

Western Division - 86.39% up from 84.56%
Division Chair Maureen O'Brien Sacco
Southern Division - 85.68% up from 84.12%
Division Chair Teresa Simmons Copeland
Eastern Division - 85.43% up from 83.33%
Division Chair Karyl Horn
Central Division - 85.12% up from 83.81%
Division Chair April Kollmorgen
Northwestern Division - 82.52% up from 81.43%
Division Chair Lisa Moore

Dates coming on the horizon: 85% Department Award Deadline – March 15, 2025 95% Department Award Deadline – May 23, 2025 Recruit/Rejoin 10 Award Deadline – June 1, 2025 100% Department Award Deadline – July 4, 2025 102% Department Award Deadline – July 26, 2025

Have a beautiful safe rest of your week!

Blessings to all!

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