



"WILD WEST SHOWS"

WHAT ARE THEY!!!

First I want to clarify:

- Department President sponsored workshops, this year these are called the "Wild West Shows", pertain to the current years information, theme, programs, etc.
- Leadership Training Workshops are to train you to become a Certified Leadership Instructor. These can be held by any Department Certified Leadership instructor. They are six hours in length and must include or six major programs and other specific information.

That being said, this year I am planning to have six "Wild West Shows" in lieu of the Department two day Program Orientation & Training which is usually held in September in the north and the one day Program Orientation held in the south. Although these have always been informative I believe that they have not addressed the needs of all of our members. So this year we will be "On The Road Again" taking the information to our the members regarding our Department Chairman/Officers plans for this year as well as providing all members with training in some areas that we hope will be of interest to everyone.

There are flyers in your packets about five of the six "Wild West Shows". The information regarding the sixth one, which will be held in Area 1, which includes District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, will be available shortly on our website.

Department Chairman/Officers: You will NOT be required to attend all of the "Wild West Shows". You will only be called into the one in your Area. But, you as well as all members, are invited to attend as many shows as you wish to. Each of you are being asked to turn in to the Department Office by July 15th a "Plan of Action" (a sample is attached) for your Chairmanship/Office (if applicable) or information that you would like put in the Orientation Booklet. This is not necessarily to be your first bulletin unless it is about what you would like the Units/District Chairman or Officers to do this year. It is to be a maximum of two pages. Our Department office will have these available at each Wild West Show" for everyone in attendance. The intent is so that the members can at any given time during the year look up a program and see what the Department Chairman is planning.

Training: The majority of the training portion will be done by our Past Department Presidents as well as other qualified auxiliary members. Some of the subjects that they will be covering are: 1) Okay, now I am a Chairman what do I do and how do I make my Chairmanship a success at all levels? 2) Parliamentary Procedures, 3) Duties of Officers, Presidents, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents at all levels, 5) Finance - Budgets, Donations, preparations of tax returns, etc., 6) Report writing.

So dust off your cowboy boots, put on your comfy jeans, jump in the saddle and get your tickets to the best "Wild West Shows" you have ever been to.