

Finance Committee Report
 Linda Workman, Chairman
 January 19-21, 2024

Madame President and Members of this DEC

Teresa, Brenda and I would first like to thank those Units who have sent in donations to our programs. We are six months into our Auxiliary year and donations are only about a little over 40% from last year's totals.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Last year</i>	<i>As of 1/10/24</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>%</i>
Americanism	\$ 5,632.70	\$ 2,246.75	\$ 3,385.95	40%
Children & youth	\$ 5,816.28	\$ 2,813.29	\$ 3,002.99	48%
Education	\$ 6,825.82	\$ 3,040.50	\$ 3,785.32	45%
PPP	\$ 6,374.02	\$ 2,591.00	\$ 3,783.02	41%
Gift Shop /PR	\$ 9,528.25	\$ 4,219.00	\$ 5,309.25	44%
VA&R	\$ 15,528.41	\$ 5,481.00	\$ 10,047.41	35%
Total	\$ 49,705.48	\$ 20,391.54	\$ 29,313.94	40%

We thank those Units that have exceeded last year's donations, but we still have a long way to go to support our programs.

We also would like to remind the Department Chairman that if you are having a monetary fundraiser, you will need the approval of the Department President and this committee before you announce it. The committee and Department Treasurer will also need a statement of income and expense to accompany all fund that are turned into the Department Treasurer.

Teresa would also like to thank those Units who have turned in their tax forms to the Department. Those who have not done so, please get them into the office as soon as you can. If you have questions about them, please contact he committee for assistance.

We look forward to providing you with a healthy budget at convention and know that you will continue to support our mission statement and programs to accomplish that. Speaking of budgets, I want to apologize again for the absence of copies of budgets to all convention

delegates and please know that there will be a copy of the proposed budget in your book of reports at this upcoming convention. Please let your delegate who is appointed to the finance committee pre-con meeting note any changes that are made at that meeting to your District delegation caucus. This will make that reading go much smoother.

Now I would like to share a little story I heard that you can perhaps use to build up your own coffers, either in the Unit or your home.

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.00. He asked her about the contents.

"When we were to be married" she said, my grandmother told me the secret to a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll. The little old man was not moved; he had to fight back the tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She has only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and moving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey" he said "that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

Oh, she said that's the money I made from selling the dolls.

So girls, start crocheting and make your donations to support our veterans.

Madame President, this concludes my platform remarks.