

BULLETIN – JULY 2023



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Welcome Back to Youth Activities!

Our National Ambassador Joyce Caldwell of Oklahoma has chosen Patriotism Thru Literacy as her focus this year! Her thoughts are that focusing our attention on the youth beginning at an early age is important for them to appreciate both our history and the sacrifices that our Veterans made to keep our freedoms. If you as an Auxiliary reach out to the youth when they are young, we will help mold the leaders, soldiers, teachers, doctors, even our future Auxiliary members of tomorrow. Education is the key to helping the youth become who they are destined to be.

You can help this by promoting patriotism through reading! Starting with our PreK, Kindergartners, first-, and second-grade students, the love of reading can become instilled in them. Reading books on how important our Flag is, how our country became the United States of America, who the founding fathers were and their role in our country is priceless. I remember loving it when as a student at my grade school we would visit our local library! I loved the smell of the library and enjoyed learning new things there. There are many ways to participate in this project ~ Volunteer to read historical fiction to youth at the local library or a local school (after you get permission to appear); Donate a historical fiction book to the local school library, community library, or shelters; Host a read-a-thon and give out prizes for the number of books read ~ prizes could be a book for them to read, pencils, coloring books, stickers, etc. You should be able to find a list of examples of books to donate/read after the National Convention under Malta/Member Resources/Youth Activities. There is a suggested list of books for 2022-2023 on Malta at the moment.

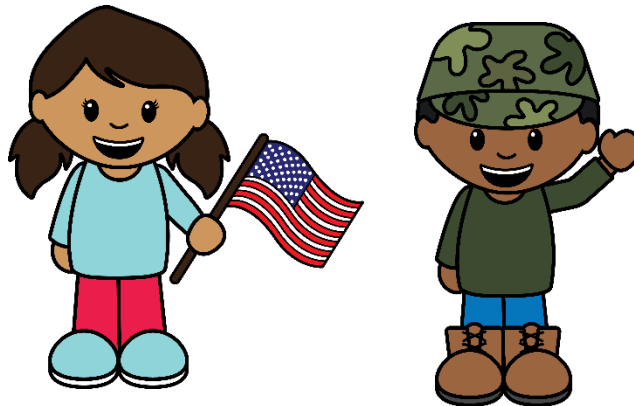
Did you know that International Youth Day will be Saturday, August 12, 2023 – perhaps your Auxiliary can plan something to mark this day? The USA along with several other countries celebrates this day to raise awareness of the potential our youth have for bringing peace and change to the world. The first Youth Day was held in Austria in 1991. It was officially endorsed by the United Nations in 1999 with the 1st observation being in 2000. If your community has a Youth Day event, plan to participate or host your own event. Here are some examples: A group of youths in Texas helped to clean and decorate a school; New York City youth participated in 2008 in a chess tournament, roundtable discussion, and an international fashion show. The August celebration is perfect for our students in America since many may still be on summer vacation. Let me know if you plan to attend/have an event for International Youth Day!

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You will see a word search puzzle for Youth Activities. I will be adding some sort of word puzzle to each bulletin for the year. If you find all the words and return the sheets to me with your info on the bottom, I will enter your name in a drawing to be held at the 2024 convention. Each sheet I receive will be an entry, but there is only 1 entry per bulletin.

Looking forward to a great new year for the Department of IL Youth Activities Program!



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