

# BULLETIN – JANUARY 2024



## BARB SWEGER, CHAIRMAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Did you report in Youth Activities before December 31, 2023? If yes, Great Job! If no, there is still time to get reported. There are a couple of deadlines for programs coming up for the **GET EXCITED FOR THE RED WHITE AND BLUE** and for **Illustrating America**. The entries for both contests are due to the Auxiliary by March 31, 2024. Then the Auxiliary winner needs to be to me by April 15, 2024. You don't need to have a District Judging, as I only need the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for each grade group!

The **Get Excited** contest consists of a SOLO vocal performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" that has been recorded between July 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024. Did your friend's child sing the National Anthem at a school basketball program and did you/someone record it? Then that recording is eligible to be entered as long as the student did not win at the National Level and the parent/guardian approves it.

The performance must be submitted on a flash drive or uploaded to an online video platform, for example: YouTube or Vimeo – as long as it is shareable.

Preferred title for the recording should be:

**Illinois – First Name – School Name – Grade**  
Illinois – Barb – LaSalle Catholic – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Vocals can be either acappella or with backing tracks, or instruments. The arrangement can be sung in an arrangement or genre of the contestant's preference. **NO WORDS CAN BE CHANGED!** A completed contest entry form with Parent/Guardian signature is required.

As for the **Illustrating America**, artwork needs to be sized between 8"x10" and 18"x24" – not including the mat on either canvas or paper. Make sure to put the completed entry form with the parent/guardian signature on the back of the artwork so that it doesn't get lost.

You can scan and email the entry forms in to let me know they are coming but the originals need to be with the entry. If you have entries for both contests, you can send them in 1 package to save on shipping.

I look forward to this year's entries! We had a wonderful turn out last year and I would love to see if we can get a National winner this year!

Don't forget to do the puzzle for this bulletin. All members of the Department of IL Auxiliary can enter each bulletin puzzle 1 time for the drawing in June 2024.