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GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



Ladies, we are on the march to the top! Officers have been installed, and they are ready to begin their year of service, not self. Working together we will accomplish great things, so put on your best smile and get busy doing what we do best; supporting our veterans.

Kudos to our Leadership Committee for an excellent Boot Camp held August 17th.

The information that was provided will definitely help Chairmen with their section of the Plans of Action and District officers to better help their Units. We had a good turnout, but I wish more had been there.

One of our problems is the lack of education of elected officers and committee chairmen, and I hope this boot camp will be the first step in correcting this. We can't expect a member to take a position if she doesn't know how or what to do. For those that weren't able to be there, if you need help, call us and we will do our best to help you.

Fall Conferences will be here before you know it, so now is the time to urge members to attend. These meetings are another great way to learn and get ideas to take back to members. Have you heard "but we've always done it this way"? By repeating something over and over, you limit growth or improvement; change can be good. We have many talented and imaginative ladies in our Department, and are more than happy to share with us how they have succeeded or overcome problems. Will you be at your Area Conference? I hope so.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Homecoming for State Commander Angie Baughman and State President Rose Blanchard, Sept. 21, 6 p.m., Post 139, Bay St. Louis

I'm looking forward to a fun-filled, successful year and if we work as a TEAM it will be that and more.

Thank you for your dedication to our organization and your service to our veterans and active military.

For God and Country,

Rose Blanchard
Department President

1ST VICE PRESIDENT-PROGRAMS COORDINATOR



It is exciting to get to work with all the Department Chairmen this year.

We hope to make all the programs a lot easier to accomplish for all of your units. Your Plans of Action should be arriving soon. Please continue to use last year's plans until your new ones arrive. Just a

reminder to please keep up with your volunteer hours and what your unit is doing so it will be easier to do your Mid-year and Year-end reports.

It should be a good year for all of us to get out and help our Veterans, their families and our active service personnel as they arrive back state-side.

We need to stand strong for all of them. It was stated that

we have a million men and women coming back home, and we need to be available for them as they make their adjustments back into our lives.

I know that the Department of Mississippi is ready to do all it takes to accomplish those tasks.

Mary Barrett, 1st V. P.

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT-VA&R CHAIRMAN



I am so excited to get started as your Department 2nd Vice President/VA&R chairman. I look forward to working with the VA Reps and Deputies and visiting your facilities.

Let's work together and support our Veterans.

No Cruising the Coast this year at the Biloxi VA due to construction. Home-

less Stand Down is Oct 10th and Fall Carnival is Oct 19th at the Biloxi VA. Jo Tisbury (our VA Rep) says sweatshirts sizes for the Homeless Stand Down are medium to 3xxx. Units that wish to contribute should start collecting now. They are expecting about 300 Homeless to feed, clothe and etc. Monetary donations and volunteers are needed for both events.

Just a reminder- Department Reps and Deputies, if you have anything to report

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e-mail camatina@bellsouth.net.

Working together is how we succeed. Let's show President Rose and our veterans that—

WE DON'T MONKEY AROUND!!

For God and Country,

Anita McAllister 2nd Vice

FOR THE RECORD – DEPT. HISTORIAN EVA FORD



The excitement of our annual convention has gone and the excitement of our national convention is approaching. Those of us who will attend the national convention will be looking forward to hearing new ideas, and rejoicing over all the accomplishments that others have achieved in different places.

While we are seeking new information this will be a great time for you on the home front to reinforce the collection of new information for our "History" scrapbook, plan new activities to stimulate energy and share ideas on how we can "grow." I hope each unit historian will research their unit history and provide something new about your unit and/or some extraordinary news about someone in their unit for the president's scrapbook. Now is the time!!!

May 01, is the Deadline!!! If you want to be great, you can never be late!!! May 01 is the date, don't wait. Remember, a picture is better than a thousand words—get out the cameras please! We must not let President Rose down. We can do it. Yes We Can!!

We will need to get ready for Mid-Winter reports, followed by the spring conference. "No time for monkeying around."

Write me or call me any time.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER—DEPT. CHAPLAIN JACKIE BAUGHMAN



I've been busy these past few days sending cards and e-mails to several different members both state and National. We have several members who have recently survived stokes, and some have been diagnosed with cancer. We had six deaths reported: Gulfport 119's Audrey M. Walters and Mereithe W. Welch; fMeridian 125, the Unit president's husband, Dwight Barham, died in Feb.; and Unit 146's Petal Retha Williams, Beverley Poole, and Gwen French. Kathy Williams of Unit 24, Hattiesburg, says she doing good after

her chemo treatments. Please keep these members and families in your thoughts and prayers.

Got any talent?? St. Matthew 25: 14-30

We all have one, RIGHT? Sure, some of us have to look a little harder for it than others. Do I have a voice as sweet as some, can I stand before a group of 1 or 1,000 and speak, (intelligently) without notes, can I be a voice of reason, do I have the strength and Love in my heart as I should, do I have the fortitude of purpose, do I have the ability to make you comfortable in any situation, can I give you my honest opinion without hurting your feelings, do I possess grace and charm, can I give you

peace with a simple smile or word, can I lead you to great emotion by simply saying, "Isn't it great to be an American!!!!" , can I inspire you to become a leader in your heart and mind as so many of our Unit, District, and Department Officers? **NO!!!!**

My talent is simple. I'm a **member**, a blue cap, as my husband would say. I pay my dues; I attend unit, district, state, and occasionally national meetings. I voice my opinion, and **LISTEN** to others, I support my Legion Family, (Legion, Riders, Auxiliary, and Sons) when possible.

I give my time, energy, and love, do you?

NEWS FROM DEPT. CHAIRMEN AND MORE...

DEPARTMENT SUPPORT FUND

It's me again! This year we have to raise \$7,000 for the Department Support Fund—a fund that anchors our Department Budget for the year.

The Carnival Ball at Mid-Winter Conference in January will be one of our main sources of income. You, as a unit, have the opportunity to raise money in your own home town. We won't be depending on members only to support our fund.

Here's how it works: Each candidate for king and queen will raise as much money as they can along with their Post or Unit's help and with the help of friends from other Posts and Units. You can do what ever you want, and we are giving you opportunities such as getting ads for the Ball program (full page \$25 - 1/2 pg. \$15 - 1/4 pg. \$10 and Name only \$5) - Sell Ball tickets for \$5 each - Afghan Raffles \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5 - Poker run \$5 a hand - these can be done, and you can also do things just for you at home.

Some other suggestions for each of you can do to raise funds are Auctions - Cake Sale or Cake Walk - Dinners - Local Raffles - Game night at your post - Yard Sale - your own Poker Run - Wine & Cheese Party - or Talent Show. There are a lot of things you can do to raise money. You begin your Queen or King's fundraising campaign on September 14, and you must have your final collection of money postmarked on or before December 14 at the Department Office.

Enclosed in this newsletter (pages 8-9) is an application—if you need another on make a copy or ask, and I'll send another one.

I do not have any entry forms as yet. Remember we need **you** to make this a success. We need men for King and Dukes and women for Queen and Maids.

I can either e-mail or snail mail it to you the rules as soon as I get your application. Bring your best dress and suit to Mid-Winter Conference, because no one will know who wins except me.

Low Wilkerson
Dept. Support Fund

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Congratulation to all the new Department, District, and Unit officers who were elected at State Convention. I am sorry I could not attend, I believe it was a first for me.

Let us start our new Auxiliary year to recognize and reward the positive actions of today's children and youth by bringing community and peer recognition/affirmation through the Youth Hero Award and the Good Deed Award. A good way to find out about candidates for Youth Hero Award and Good Deed Award is to ask your newspaper editor, give them some information about the award and ask them to call you when they get word of heroic deeds. There will be other events during the year, I will keep you posted on these and their deadlines.

Please keep records of what you do at your meetings and report it to me when the time comes. Please call on me if you need any help.

For God and Country,

Rosemary Merriman, Chairman

NEWS FROM DEPT. CHAIRMEN AND MORE...

NATIONAL SECURITY



Hello ladies, I am Sarah Edwards, and I am serving as the National Security Chairman. I hope that you all have already started working on the programs and not wait until the Plans of Action are given out at the Fall Area Conferences. Please look at last year's Plan of Action for National Security and that will help you get started for this year. It is so important that we start working on the programs as soon as possible. If we wait until we receive this year's Plan of Action we will have missed out on so many opportunities.

Our service men and women are risking their lives for us and we need to make sure that they know that we are doing all we can to reassure them that while they are gone their families will be taken care of. The little simple things that we may do will mean so much to the wives, husbands, and children left behind. While it is important to take care of the families of our active service men and women, we also need to remember the veterans who have already made a sacrifice for us, so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have here in the United States. Make sure that you also help out those veterans and their families as well. Keep a record of everything you do so your unit can send in a Mid-Year report and an end of the year report. Mary Barrett, 1st Vice President and Programs Coordinator, will let us know when and where to send our reports.

I will let you know of important events and information that you will be able to use in the National Security program. Thank you for your help and volunteering in the past.. I would like to thank each unit for participating in all the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sarah Edwards, Chairman

LEGISLATIVE



Hello Ladies!! This is a brand new and exciting new year, but the program objectives remain the same, to keep our veteran's issues in front of our legislators, which not only strengthens our mission to serve veterans, but also their families.

Our Objective is to influence the legislative offices on Capitol Hill and in our State Capitol. We need to write letters, send emails, and make phone calls to share our point of view with the elected officials.

I hope to be passing on specific reasons to contact the legislators at least twice a year. I know that most of our Units are small and do not have a legislative chairman, but I want to encourage our Auxiliary members to sign up for the ALA Spirit of America Newsletter, the Dispatch, and for the Auxiliary Legislative e-news and report back to your Unit at your monthly meeting.

Legislative is not a hard program, but we need to let our legislators know how we as volunteers feel about the needs of our veterans.

Beverly Cottom, Chairman

LEADERSHIP

Your Leadership Team is **HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY!** We had a great turn-out of our department leaders at our first-ever Boot Camp in Jackson last month. We hope we got our Dept. Officers, Chairmen and District Officers off to a good start.

Special thanks goes to National Chairman Kathy Dungan for her presentation on proper platform reporting. We appreciate her joining us and giving these leaders some great tools to use at our meetings.

We are heading to District 3 on Sept. 28 for a District-wide Workshop. District 3 President Lynette Criss will keep you all informed. Want to see lots of District 3 members there!

Remember to continue working on Leadership Correspondence Courses. Never to late to take the test!

Angela Kilcrease and Nancy Sanders, Co-Chairmen

AMERICANISM

The "Boot Camp" was a success and everyone learned something about programs or officer positions.

Each unit start now recording your unit's work for our Veterans, therefore it's not so hard to "recall" when mid-year and yearly reports are due. I would like to challenge all units, let's see which program chairman can and will get the most Unit Reports for 2013-2014!!!!

Remember to answer trivia questions each month. 2012-2013 top 3 winners were Lynette Criss, Ada Armstrong, and Carolyn Bennett, which represented three different districts. I will accept snail mail, email and phone calls. My address is 3609 AR #2237, Ethel, MS 39067, email is flowersandpups@aol.com and my phone number is 662-674-5708. Thanks for all entries and persons who participated last year.

Trivia questions for September: Which of our USA states was named for the President? What was Nov 11th known as in the early 1950's?

*****Remember our Veterans on Patriots Day, Sept 11th, POW/MIA Day, Sept 20th, and birth of US Air Force on Sept 18th!!!

Wendy Walters, Chairman

M.E.M.B.E.R.S.H.I.P.

Hello all, just got back from a successful National Convention. Enjoyed the trip, the fellowship with other members from across this great country and the camaraderie with our department delegation. However, I was glad to get home! We have much to do in the upcoming weeks and months for MEMBERSHIP!

HERE'S A CHALLENGE: I received an email from Jackie Baughman, Dept. Chaplain and member of our new Bay Springs unit. She has laid down the gauntlet for membership by issuing a challenge to all Mississippi units and is offering a whopping \$100 to the first unit to reach 100% membership! Ain't that something?? So who is going to collect that prize??? Are there any other units out there wanting to issue challenges?

Another success story came to light at our Department Leaders' Boot Camp came from Fulton Unit 51. Mary Barrett showed us a nice tote bag the unit had made for new members. In it, they put materials about the Auxiliary—you know, a New Member Packet. She brought them to their meeting last month and were so popular, that she collected 16 renewals that night!! She decided that she would give these renewing members a bag for being early birds!

Well, now I understand that Hovious-Grayson is going to make bags as an incentive for their members to renew and sign up new members. Ah, life is GOOD! Who else wants to use this idea to entice our members to renew??? Let me know!

Angela Kilcrease, Chairman

POPPY USAGE CONTEST is a way of expressing your creativity by using official American Legion Auxiliary poppies in wreaths, centerpieces, corsages, tray favors, etc. will be at the discretion of the individual Units. A deadline for photo submissions should be established. Units should post 8 x 10 photos of the submissions within the Units, and members can pay \$1.00 for as many tickets as you want to purchases. The tickets will be counted for selection of winner for the poppy usage. Members are encouraged to vote numerous times. The submissions should be anonymous until a decision is made on which submission will be sent to the Department Poppy Chair.

The winning submission at the Unit level must be received by the Department Poppy Chair at the deadline just prior to the Department Mid Winter Conference in January 2014. With the submission, please include the member name and address, Unit name and number, and Department name. You should also advise the Department Poppy Chair how much money the contest generated within your Unit and how much the winning submission photo generated. All money generated from the contest should be sent to the Department noting the Poppy Usage Contest.

The Department will send the one picture that collected the most votes/money from the Units and will then write one check to the National Creative Arts Festival. The Department should also advise the National Poppy Chair the total dollars from those Unit submissions for comparison to other Departments, as National will not be keeping track of Department submissions. Ultimately, the picture submission that brought in the most money from each Division will be highlighted in National communications and the National Poppy Chair will announce the Department with the highest amount of money collected. *Shirley Turner, Chairman*

NEWS FROM PROGRAM CHAIRMEN AND MORE...

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Greetings! My name is Charlotte Williams of Unit 210 in Laurel. I am honored as the Public Relations Chairman for 2013-2014. The goal of Public Relation is to promote, publicize, and re-educate the general public and our members about our core program values of serving Veterans and their families. I would like to thank President Rose Blanchard for her confidence in my ability to get the job done.

At the State Convention, there will be a Press Book Contest. I am asking each unit to participate in the Press Book Contest. The Press Book consists of newspaper articles, samples of unit newsletters and other articles on your units for the entire year. Also, I encourage each unit to present their own unit Press Book at the Convention. The Department would like to increase the number of articles submitted by the Units for the Department Press Book. During the year, send me copies of your newspaper articles, a sample of your unit newsletter, and any other article, and I will include them in the Department Press Book.

Again, this committee is to promote, publicize, and re-educate the general public and our members about our core program values of serving Veterans and their families.

We don't monkey around!

Charlotte Williams, Chairman
cgibbs63@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service by dedicated and committed volunteers who know and understand the needs of their own communities (while initiating projects to provide for the betterment of the its citizens) is a vital component to the survival of every community. We should be the backbone of our communities. Some objectives are to participate in and contribute to local community efforts and events that have established presence and partnerships for service and to support any and all local community support for our troops.

Holidays are coming as well. Partner with other local organizations in your community and offer volunteer services for events. These organizations, in turn, could help you with your future projects.

Melissa Seward, Chairman

President's Special Project

We just got back from National Convention, and, upon approval of the Department Executive Committee, it was decided that 75% of funds raised for Special Projects would stay in Mississippi and 25% would go to National for the ALA Veterans Support Fund. Grants from the National fund will be available to departments and units with the special needs of veterans and their families. However, we are very excited about keeping 75% of the funds raised for our Mississippi Veterans and active duty military which will stay in our Camp Shelby Chaplain's fund.

We will be having a lot of fundraisers, and we need your support. We took a lot of pictures in Houston for the Mississippi Legion Family Calendar that is in the works as one of our special fundraisers. If you have any pictures that you would like to submit for the calendar, please email them to junebuglaws@yahoo.com. We would like to have as many Units and Post represented as possible. We hope to have them ready for the fall conferences.

Also don't forget about our \$1.00 a month—we are asking every Auxiliary member, Sal, Legion Rider and Legion Member to please donate \$1.00 a month for this great project. Remember 75% of this month will stay in Mississippi for our own veterans.

Send your photo donations to ALA, P.O. Box, 3182 Bay St Louis, MS 39521. All monetary donations should go to the Department Office, annotated for the Special Project.

June Laws, Chairman



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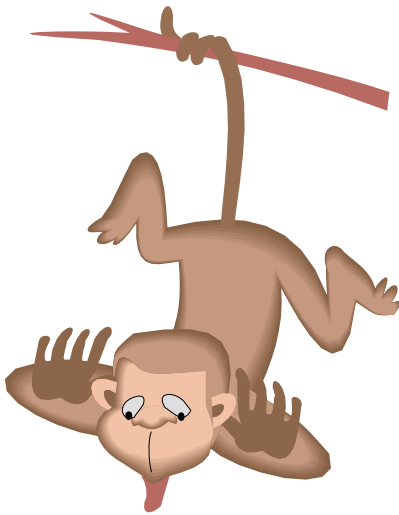
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FROM THE DEPT. SECRETARY



Greetings from the Department!

National Convention was very rewarding; however, this secretary is GLAD to be home and back into a routine. The Post Office box was crammed with membership (I hope). Upon returning to the Department office, there was a box of awards received from National Convention leaning against the office door. Hovious-Grayson Unit 112 received the award for the Unit collecting the most money for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) in the Nation!

Our Leadership Team received the Distinguished Division Award for having the highest overall percentage of members who have successfully passed all levels of the Senior Leadership Course. Congratulations!

Mississippi had a winner in the National Poppy Poster Contest. Haleigh Sartalamacchia was the Best Poppy Poster in Class III in the Southern Division. Hovious-Grayson Unit 112 received an Honorable Mention in Poppy Usage for the "Poppy Doll," and the following Units received Innovative Public Relations Awards (Units that submitted online public relations activity in the Southern Division): Doyle Kervin Unit 102, Glen Crosby Unit 165, Daniel W Bird Unit 26, Fred Wasson Unit 44, Heidelberg 1997, Hovious-Grayson Unit 112, Cooper Yerger Unit 28, and Ramsey-Loper Unit 152. These awards will be presented at Fall Conferences so be there!!!

We can now enter the new 2014 members into the IMIS membership program since it's after September 1. The deadline has now passed to change who the membership will be mailed to in each unit. If you have not sent your new officers and chairmen in to the Department, the ones from last year will be who we will contact and send newsletters to. This is a very busy time of the year for your staff with the annual audit in a week, catch-up on membership, putting the Plans of Action together, our Department President's homecoming and Fall conferences on the horizon. However, we always have time to answer your questions and requests, so don't hesitate to contact us if the need arises.

Finally, the Assessments are going to be mailed separately this year and will be in your mailbox in the next week. Don't forget that you voted at State Convention to increase two of these mandatory assessment items. It's not a lot, but it will at last adequately cover our position bond and education awards.

For God and Country,

Nancy Sanders, Dept. Secretary/Treasurer

Don't Monkey Around!

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



My name is Penny D. Press from Itawamba Unit 51 in Fulton. I am your new Department Junior Activities Chairman for 2013-14. I am thrilled at the support I am already receiving for the Junior's Program.

First of all, I would like for each of you to "Like" the new American Legion Auxiliary Department of Mississippi Junior Activities Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/DeptOfMSJuniorActivities>. Keep an eye on this page for events, projects and programs.

Starting in September, I will be implementing the Junior Activities Patch Program for all units with and without an active Junior Activities program. If you have any girls (daughters, granddaughters) ages birth – 18, please get them involved through this Facebook page. Units without a Junior Activities program can have their Junior girls work remotely with me to earn patches and become involved with activities and events. Please give the girls the information so they may join this Facebook page and introduce themselves to get started.

If your unit is planning an event for the Auxiliary that involves the Junior Girls, please consider sharing it on this page. Let's get the word out to these girls that we in Mississippi have an active program that can be fun and rewarding for them.

I would really love to see the Junior Auxiliary program grow this year. BUT, I will need everyone's help in getting the word out to all the ALA Units and to the girls!! Let's all work together to make sure we have future leaders in the Auxiliary!!

Until next month,

Penny Press, Chairman

S.O.S.

A VETERAN NEEDS OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT NOW!

We received a request from the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, regarding financial assistance for a veteran there who plans to participate in the Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Reno, Nevada, in October. He needs help with travel expenses, estimated around \$2,000.

The Veterans Creative Arts Festival is almost completely sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary nationally, but coordinated through the VA. The Department of Mississippi supports this program each year with a minimum of \$1,000 in donation to support its production each year in a selected city.

Mississippi has not had a representative thus far at this festival, so wouldn't it be great if we could help this artist fulfill his dream?

Can your unit send a donation to help veteran artist Wolf Keissling?

Please send whatever you can personally or from your unit to the Department Office today, noting on your check *Keissling Donation-VCAF*.

Let's do what we can to support his veteran artist's dream, please!

Rules of the Mid-Winter Conference Carnival Ball

You will begin your run September 14, 2013 and end December 14, 2013. All turn-ins of money must be postmarked on or before December 14, 2013

All candidates must be members of the Legion Family, American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Legion Riders.

You must be 18 years or older, No Juniors or young SAL.

If a couple wants to run they cannot win together as a team. They each need their own account. They will have to divide the money they raise if they decide to raise the money together. Men and women have to run separately and they may not place in the same place one could win and the other end up in the Court.

The woman who raises the most money over all will be our Queen.

The man who raises the most money over all will be our King.

The other contestants will be members of the court (Maids & Dukes) and will be lined up and presented in order according to how much money they raised.

All contestants should come to the ball prepared to participate. You might be the Queen or King. So be sure the ladies have long dresses or cocktail dresses and men have a suit and tie or a tux.

During the contest **DO NOT HOLD CHECKS** send them to me and I will deposit them and give your account credit each entrant will have their own account. All money must be sent to me I will post your sales to the proper account then send money to Nancy. No one will know who turned money in accept me and you. I will send you an accounting sheet for what you turn in. It's up to you to verify the amount. We all know that mistakes can be made but you need to let me know if you think there is a mistake so we can correct it before the deadline.

You **do not** have to send the other money you raise ahead of time to me. You can hold it until the contest is over and send it all at one time or you can send it and it will be posted and a copy of your sheet will be sent to you.

Everything I get from the contestants will be confidential and not available to anyone but the contestant that sends it in.

Every contestant needs to mail in an entry form before they start raising money. If someone from your hometown wants to know if you are working for the Auxiliary and the Veterans I can show them your application. If I don't have your application I will tell them no.

You, your unit & post, friends and family need to form a team and start raising money. I will be making suggestions here and as we go along.

Anyone eligible can run, form a team and go for it. It is not confined to one from a unit the more the merrier.

The winners will not be announced until right before the Ball starts when its time to line up.

It will be a total surprise to everyone. I will have account sheets of every candidate and you can have a copy if you wish.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEAM FUNDRAISERS

These are some of the things we are doing to help you raise money.

- 1) The tickets to the Ball will be \$5 s person and you can sell them in advance and get credit for their sale.
- 2) We will be raffling an afghan and the tickets sell for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 we will send you as many as you can sell.
- 3) There will be a Poker Run at Mid-Winter Conference, and the hands sell for \$5 each. You can also sell pre-sell hands (collect \$5, place in a plain white envelop with the name and phone number of the purchaser and Name & unit # of the seller. Our committee members will draw the hands and staple the envelopes together). They will be opened with the rest of the hands at Mid-Winter Conference.
- 4) This is the biggest money maker. You can sell ads to be placed in the ball's program. Sell them to your friends, hometown merchants, Doctors Lawyers and other professional people. Most of all don't forget your local politicians you support them and they can help you now. We set the prices low to help you get the ads. Full page is \$25 ----- ½ page is \$15 ----- ¼ page is \$10 and for only \$5 their name can appear on the Booster List. The book will be 7" X 8 1/2" ad should measure 6" X 7 ½". When you sell an ad get exactly what they want the ad to say. Send money with ad so it can be verified.

More on the next page...

Now we have some suggestions that will help. These are things our teams did for our ball in Bay St. Louis.

Cake Sales OR Cake walk

Dinners – Gumbo, Spaghetti & Meatballs or chicken

Local raffles – with drawing held at the unit (Not by Dept.)

Po-boy sales. Take orders about a week before. Make the po-boys the day of the sale and deliver them to workplaces and offices.

Game night Bunco, cards or other games.

Yard Sale

Unit Poker Run

Wine and Cheese Party

Talent show

Auction



Use your imagination and just have fun while you raise money for a great cause. The sky is your limit and you have our permission to **Monkey Around** and have fun.

The money from the Ball will be divided 1/3 will go to Special Project and 2/3 will go to Support Fund the reason is because the Support Fund has to raise twice as much as the Special Project. Our committees have decided to work together on this one big project.

If you have any questions call Lou 228-493-2582 or e-mail mawmaw5x@aol.com

Name _____ Unit name & # _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Signature _____

Mail to: LOU WILKERSON – 201 BAY OAKS DR – BAY ST. LOUIS, MS. 39520

Please mail as soon as possible!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

***GOOD LUCK TO ALL
AND
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL***