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Madame President, District Officers, and Chairman,

Well, here we are again in a new year for the Education program but with a little change! We have 2 Chairmen for Education, me and Holly Darsch from Unit 41. Should be a really great year.

There are several things that your Unit can do to work the Education program. You can donate School supplies, scan Box Tops, download app on your phone, buy Poppy Seals, donate to District and Department Education Program, and most importantly give Scholarships. You don't have to do everything! Do what your unit can afford and is capable of.

Our President Rebecca Glenny sent us an exciting bit of news that happened at the National Convention. The ALA Spirit of Youth Scholarship will now award 52 Department Scholarships of \$1,000 each! Previously, department winners did not receive funds; only the five division winners were awarded \$5,000 Scholarships.

I have made packets for each Unit of our primary Scholarships that we utilize in our District. I tried to add the Spirit of Youth and Junior applications but unfortunately National has not updated applications. All other applications can be found on calegionaux.org. I developed a contact sheet template for each unit to use when you take Scholarship application packets to your schools. Make copies and put in procedure books for the future. Hope this is helpful.

Now on Scholarship fundraiser: Chef Kona Jerry, chef Mark, and Michael Ward for Music are all in for the event. Already working with past donors too. Event is scheduled for February 17th Saturday 2024. Time: Noon to 4 p.m. at AL Post 694.

I will revamp a donation letter template for your units to help defray costs of donating desserts, gift cards, and baskets. New flyer will be in next meeting packets for distribution too.

Yours in Service,

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