



## **Department President's Message** **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Thank you to those who attended our Schools of Instruction in Spokane or Seattle. It was great to see you! The Chairmen did a wonderful job presenting their Programs, and a lot of materials were handed out. The District Presidents should get everything to the Auxiliary Presidents ASAP, at their District School of Instruction. Auxiliary presidents need to show up at District or send a Representative. The distribution of materials only works if everyone participates! I am so grateful to Michelle Madonna in Spokane for the 100+ sandwiches and Patsy Moon for the 200+ cookies. And in Seattle – Cheryl Scheeler was a whirlwind, setting up for our classes downstairs. Her crew from Aux 9430 also turned-out hundreds of sandwiches and yummy cookies for us to enjoy.

Our Council Meeting on 8/20 was handled efficiently and was followed by a terrific dinner of chicken-fried steak prepared by Jerry Herker, Dept. Chief of Staff. Thank you to Emma Hassebroek for managing this event and finding places for all of us!

National President Jean Hamil will be here the weekend of Sept. 24 & 25. She is flying into Wenatchee Airport. See the enclosed information sheet for her schedule, and plan to join us on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> for Breakfast and the Leavenworth Parade; line up at 11:00. The float will be there if you want to ride in the parade. Please wear your Official Uniform or something Red, White, and Blue. The line-up for the Aisle of Flags will be at 5:45, at the American Legion in Cashmere, followed by the Banquet at 7:00 pm, also at the Legion #64, 401 Sunset Hwy, Cashmere, WA.

I have begun my official visits to the Districts; having been to District 3 in Puyallup on 8-29, and to District 4 in Port Orchard on 9-12. It was great to see those who turned out.

On 9-11 I attended the ceremony at Skyway #9430 at 9:00 am. Videos of the attack on the World Trade Center brought tears to my eyes. Wreaths were laid at the Post, and also at the Fire Station House, at base of their statue. Back at the Post, the Firemen cooked up a wonderful pancake breakfast. Later that night, the Auxiliary put on their pork roast dinner, preceded by a 9/11 speech from Judy Leu. A Day to Remember, and to appreciate what we have.