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Thank you to those that attended the Fall Workshop in Carrington on August 25. We covered a lot of information in a relatively short amount of time. There were great questions and very good discussion. As I mentioned in my previous promotional material: questions create discussion=communication=interest=involvement=participation. Hopefully we will schedule additional mini-training sessions at our Mid-Winter Conference in Bismarck on January 11 and 12, there is so much to share; please send your suggestions for training sessions to our Department President Wendy.

**Year End Report**

<http://vfwnd.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=14289>

Year end report forms will be shared in our General Mailing and on our website (provided above). Please pay attention to what you will need to report on, “begin with the end in mind” and please answer the questions with more than a yes or no, you need to toot your horn.

**National Chief of Staff/Extension: Mentoring**

Our National Chief of Staff, Carole Betro, reminds us of the importance of mentoring. Mentoring our members is an excellent way to build a stronger membership. It is important for mentors to be patient and knowledgeable and understand that mentoring takes time. We have three very integral areas to mentor - which includes our new members, weak or failing auxiliaries or districts, and all around mentoring – support in general.

**Mid-Winter Conference Contest**

**Reminder - New Member Welcome Bag/Tool Box** - I am running a contest from now until our Mid-Winter Conference. I am asking that the President of each auxiliary submit their “**Welcome Bag/New Member Tool Box**” entry by bringing it to our Mid-Winter Conference where it will be judged. No limitations on what you can do or what it will look like – other than to be informative and creative – something you believe a new auxiliary member would appreciate receiving. The **Welcome Bag/Tool Box** does not have to be created by the Auxiliary President alone – she is the responsible person on behalf of her auxiliary. ***This is on your year end report.*** If you are unable to attend the Mid-Winter Conference you can send your entry with someone that is attending and it will be judged with the others.

**Online Auxiliary Academy**

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/online-auxiliary-academy/>

Have you watched all of the webinars that are available “online” on various topics? I would encourage you to share them at your auxiliary and district meetings and then follow-up with some quality time for Q & A. Great time for communication and learning at the same time.

**Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit and Good Job Award** <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>

At the Fall Workshop I distributed “Tool Box” folders to District and Auxiliary Presidents. My hope is that this information will be shared, if not, please ask your president about the tool kit. The sample agenda that National provides/suggests as a tool is actually the document I created while serving as National Chief of Staff several years ago - a simple form and yet the perfect tool; and, another important tool is the checklist – do you know what you need to “build” a solid foundation? The Member Questionnaire can provide valuable information and increase your “building” power – please use it and let us know how it worked for you.



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I presented a Good Job Award Certificate to our Department President Wendy at the Fall Workshop. This simple gesture of gratitude and recognition is appreciated and so easy for you to award – an excellent way to say thank you! Another awesome tool. Please keep track of the number of Good Job Award Certificates that you present, and, a list of who you presented them to. ***This is on your year end report.***

Thank you!

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***Believe! You CAN do it!***

***“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress  
and working together is success.” ~ Henry Ford***