

Ways and Means Committee

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What is it? The Ways and Means Committee is not by any means “something new that we are going to try.” The Ways and Means Committee has been around for many years and has been quite successful in many auxiliaries and other departments. In North Dakota this committee has been somewhat inactive until the past several years.

The Ways and Means Committee is responsible for fund-raising events and coordinates ways to supplement Department finances. Fundraising/Ways and Means oversees fundraising and social activities. Any member can suggest a fundraiser or social activity to the Ways and Means Committee for coordination with the VFWA calendar.

The events will require participation from **Auxiliary and Post members**, and require having a little fun! We need to step out of our comfort zone and try some fun, fund-raising events! If you attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Grand Forks – you know what I am talking about.

Events can be as simple as bidding-on-a-basket, raffle tickets, style/style-less show, guessing games, pie throwing contest, baby photo contest, balloon raffle, ugly tie contest, mystery grab bags, etc., the list goes on and on. We need to make a commitment to participate, have fun and try something different.



Let's make our Department meetings/events something to look forward to, and increase our attendance at our meetings – we can accomplish our mission, get our work done, **and**, have fun, **and**, look forward to the next time we get together!



Line officers you are expected to participate and be involved. Dollars raised can benefit you also, on your way to becoming our Department President.

Don't be surprised to see several “events” taking place when you attend future Department meetings. Bring your change, your cash, your checkbook and let's make this a joint effort.

Ways and Means Committee members include - Vivian Bernotas, Wendy Schumacher, Rebecca Seehaver and current Department line officers. The Committee is planning - “to be involved, to be heard and to be seen” having fun promoting the Department fund-raisers.



Post members will be challenged to take an active part in our “fun-raising” while we fund raise for a good cause!

On your mark, get set, go!