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Happy New Year!

The Friendship Train is riding the rails, now enroute to Anaheim/Orange County, Orange, CA and the Department Executive Committee meeting! I hope to see many of our Children and Youth (CY) Conductors there, representing their Units and Districts.

A big thank you to the 21 District/Unit CY Conductors who submitted mid-year reports, and kudos to those few who actually took the time to write and submit supplementals and photos! The information provided really helped this Conductor with her own report.

Mid-year reporting is generally an indicator of what units and districts need to focus their attention and efforts on for the remainder of the year. For Children and Youth, you are encouraged to make a donation to Department (if you haven't already done so), and if possible, a donation to the Child Welfare Foundation. Every dollar helps! And please continue to serve the children in your communities by promoting patriotic programs, flag etiquette, the Poppy Poster Contest and the Americanism Essay Contest.

April is Children and Youth Month, and now is the time to begin planning a Unit/District activity or event to celebrate children. **April 15th is Purple Up! Day for Military Kids**, and is the perfect time to celebrate this very special group of children. Please visit the National Children and Youth Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALACHildrenandYouth/> for event planning ideas. Units and Districts located near a military base are encouraged to do something special for military kids.

Please keep track of your Children and Youth activities and report them in your year-end supplementals. Remember, volunteer hours and dollars spent or donated are reportable, as are individual member donations of volunteer time and money to organizations like Special Olympics, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network, youth sports programs, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4H and FFA Clubs, and children's organizations in your local area. Hopefully, your year-end reports will show positive activity for the Children and Youth Program.

"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." – Denis Waitley



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