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It was wonderful to see all of you at the workshop in Clovis. If you were not there you missed a great training.

- The Goal for the Units and Districts are posted on the website.
- Each District received a packet at the Clovis workshop with Membership information. I have also emailed the packet to the District Chairman. If you did receive your packet that I emailed, let me know and I will get the information to you.

Let's talk goals

California did reach our 100% goal. NATIONAL! Congratulation! I would like to thank Maureen O'Brien Sacco for her leadership for the 2022-2023 year. She is the one who pushed us over goal. I have some big shoes to fill this year.

Keeping with Madam Presidents motto "California the Golden State" This year we will be panning for gold.

So, goal #1:

The Mother Load-(early bird citation) will be awarded to **Units** who equal or exceed the previous year's actual membership at the close of books (not goal) by postmark date of November 13, 2023 (and verified by ALAMIS).

The Goal Rush- (Ethel Flynn Award) citation will be awarded to the **Unit** with the greatest numerical gain over goal at the close of books May 6, 2024.

The Comstock-(Estella Hannell Memorial Award) citation will be awarded to the **District** with the largest numerical increase from the previous year at close of books May 6, 2024.

Per Department Code we will again offer the following Membership Awards:

- **The Josie Melgard Award-** a special lapel pin presented to each Unit President whose Unit attains the membership goal plus two members on or before the close of books May 6, 2024.
- **Edward Elks Memorial Award- (Formerly the Colleen Award, Marjorie McDonald).** A citation plus \$100 to be used to promote the program of the education. The rules for this award will be found in the **Department Code** under **Membership**.

National Awards:

75% Award to be presented to Departments reaching 75% of the 2024 Department membership goal by **Pearl Harbor Day- December 7, 2023**.

As I get ready to depart for Charlotte and National Convention, I will be bringing back lots of membership information to share with all of you. **Golden Nuggets.**

This year keeping with Madam President's theme, "United as One" and "California the Golden State," she has given all the programs legislative names. Membership will be known as Department of Human Resources. Membership is our GREATEST commodity. So, this year as we are panning for Gold, (members) what is more valuable than Gold? **YOU.**

If you are from the South, I look forward to seeing you at the Southern Workshop on September 9th in Chino.

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