

Department Clovis Workshop August 17-18, 2024

Hello everyone I want to thank Lady Liberty, aka Madam President Linda, for giving me this opportunity, to hopefully, make the 2024-2025 Department Convention an enjoyable experience for all. I think the term for this chairmanship is the Laborers is very appropriate after all the hard work I saw being done at last year's convention.

This will be the first time that I am a Convention Chairman, I have been the DEC Chairman before so I have a little experience. I have asked last year's Chairman Past Department President Dee Ann Graham to be my mentor. So I hopefully will make her and Lady Liberty proud.

I want to thank the 15th District for stepping up to do the District raffle baskets and to the 16th District that will be available to help in any capacity needed. I welcome any other Districts that would like to help. It takes a village to pull off something this big.

I have already been in contact with Dee Ann Graham, last year's Chairman, for some much needed advice.

We have come up with a few things I want to bring to your attention, I'm sure there will be more but here's a couple.

- 1. We will provide chairs in each District for their delegate strength ONLY. We will have chairs in the back of the room designated for the alternates and guests. This will eliminate the need to move chairs around.
- 2. We will have a pole decorating contest. Each District will be responsible for decorating their pole before opening on Saturday. We will be awarding prizes for several different categories. We will have a few extra kits on hand to help out.
- 3. If you are planning to bring your flags, which we hope everyone will, bring you flag stands with you. We will not be providing the wooden flag holders this year.
- 4. We will need all the help we can get to provide items for the goodie bags. If you prefer we shop for items for you, your Unit or District just send us a donation and we will be glad to do so.

I am planning, with Madam President, AKA Lady Liberty, to have a short meeting at this workshop and will be planning zoom calls as needed. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer please contact me.

Thank you in advance for all your support to help us have the best Convention possible for our members and Madam President.

Respectfully Submitted-Linda Fercho - Convention Chairman