



Auxiliary Outreach



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Auxiliary Outreach is such a fun program. It can cover so many different activities that used to slip through the cracks of our regular programs. Your members have so many different interests and are active in so many different organizations it is fun for me to get to read all the reports. If you don't think you have anything to report just listen to your members talk.

- One may have volunteered at a food pantry last month but didn't think it fit anywhere because it wasn't all veterans.
- Someone else may volunteer at a local animal shelter but again, since it isn't working with veterans, they may not report it.

Make sure your members are aware of the Outreach program. Reading the reports already submitted was eye opening. Some members are really committed to other organizations. Working with animals is very popular. We had some Salvation Army bell ringers, others helped Harvesters. As long as it gets reported at a meeting and the hours are accepted in the minutes, those activities are reportable.

Winter presents a whole new range of volunteering.

- Is there a group in your area that clears driveways for the elderly?
- Does the library need extra volunteers to help when school is out or does the school need extra volunteers to come in and help with indoor recess on these cold days?
- Homeless shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens are really busy in this cold weather, do they need some extra hands?

Remember to wear something; a pin, hat, t-shirt or jacket that shows you are a member of the Auxiliary. When people in the community see you out partnering with other organizations, it can lead to questions about what we do, who we are and even membership.

So far, I have reports from 26 auxiliaries. I am grateful for those reports but would love to see some from the rest of you. As I said, listen to your members, ask what they have been doing. Sometime all you need to do is ask. During the meeting is there time to ask what members are doing outside of the Auxiliary? Everyone has some outside interests that we just need to take the time to find out about.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me

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