It was good to see so many members at our Dept. SOI in Ark City on August 23rd. As a member of our local historical society, we are always looking at old photographs and we don't have any idea (or have forgotten) when the picture was taken or who is in the picture. Some of the buildings that are in the pictures have been torn down - we're always questioning when that happened, who the owners of the building were or what business was in the building. Therefore it is extra necessary, if it can be done, to identify who is in the picture and a time frame.

We're looking forward to our National Auxiliary President Lois Callahan coming to Wichita on Friday, September 19 and leaving early Sunday morning, September 21st.

The present agenda is Lois arriving at the Wichita Eisenhower Airport on Friday, September 19 at 12:16 PM; Aisle of Honor for Lois in the lobby of DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport - 20985 Airport Road (wear official shirt if you're able); Let Lois catch her breath; Drive to the Wichita Memorials/ Keeper of the Plains; 4 PM Tour of the Great Plains Transportation (Train Museum) - 700 East Douglas - \$7.00/person; 6:30 PM Eat a Taco Bar supper at Wichita Post #3115 - 4801 W. Douglas Ave.;

Then for Saturday, September 20, leave Wichita at 7:30 AM for McPherson Post #2715 - 120 South Taft - for breakfast; Leave from McPherson around 11 AM; Lunch somewhere; Drive to Hutchinson - 1 PM Tour - Strataca Underground Salt Mine Museum - 3650 E Ave. G - \$25.00/person - arrive 15 minutes early; Then stop at Carriage Crossing in Yoder - 10002 S. Yoder Road- for afternoon dessert; Back to Hotel in Wichita; Let Lois freshen up; Steak Supper at Haysville Post #6957 - 7507 S. Broadway - and presentation(s). Dress is all casual except for supper at Haysville which is "business casual". We will need to have a head count to know how many are able to attend the activities, esp. The Strataca Underground Salt Mine Museum as we need to make a reservation for the tour and the Steak Supper at Haysville so, if we can, they'll know how many steaks to order for that meal!!! So, if you can communicate with me - Joyce Huddleston - by September 10th for a head count that would be great.

Lois' plane leaves on Sunday, Sept. 20th at 7:30 AM, so no plans for that early morning.

Remember to do your social media with pictures and try to identify the people in the pictures; continue to work on your scrapbooks/journals and your monthly/quarterly newsletters. And think about your Reels to be done - create a story.

I've received several reports by paper and that is fine, especially being able to see how much your local newspapers are supporting your programs by including your stories.

It's suggested when you post things on FaceBook to use the hashtag - #auxiliariesinaction That way National can see your posts and they might share them on their feed. And, remember that a Story lasts only 24 hours, but if posted on a Feed, then they're there until you remove them.

So, lets continue to Embrace the Waves of Change.

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