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Holiday Greetings to each of you!

District Education Chairmen should be in the process of writing their mid-year reports for this Chairman, who is looking forward to learning about the many wonderful ways Auxiliary members across the State are working this program despite COVID. Remember, your District reports are due to me by **December 15**, either by email or snail mail.

Some things to mention in your report include:

- Any **"Give 10 to Education"** activities or donations made;
- Any promotion of, or participation in the **Veterans in the School** program;
- Any **American Education Week** activities reported by units;
- Any promotion of **ALA Scholarships** at all levels, including National, Department, District, and Unit;
- Any observances held on December 7 to commemorate **Pearl Harbor Day**;
- Any aid given to schools to help students in need.

Now is the time to promote ALA scholarships. You are encouraged to use social media and Unit/District websites to promote all National and Department scholarships. National scholarship applications can now be completed online, then downloaded and printed for submission to Unit presidents by March 1, 2021. All other application forms must still be downloaded first, then completed by the student.

National Education Chair Debra Albers has advised that National has waived the SAT/ACT requirement for 2021 ALA scholarship applications. Students who are not able to take the test need to include a notation in the application that they were unable to take the test due to COVID-19 restrictions. Since the ALA Department of California follows National scholarship rules, this Chairman is also waiving the SAT/ACT score requirement for 2021 only, as long as the application contains the notation as it appears above, as directed by the National Education Chairman.

In closing, may you find peace in the quiet beauty of the holiday season.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

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