



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016

### Caring & Commitment in Action

A Chapter of NATIONAL ASSISTANCE LEAGUE®

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Diana Koch, Editor



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I just want all of you to know that I truly look forward to our meetings. A few days before that 4th Monday of the month, I start laying out my agenda and organizing all my notes, because I know that we have a lot of important business to cover in every meeting. I'm always hopeful, however, that we can have a little "extra" time to just have some laughs and enjoy each other's company. The meeting this month was filled with important information: Operation School Bell, Fashion Preview, road construction, and this particular month we focused on our own safety.

This is an important issue that needs some revision because of changing times and changing circumstances. As president, my main concern is not safeguarding our inventory at the Bargain Box. It is protecting our

members. I won't go into all the details, because it's a complicated issue, but I hope to put everything on paper for future Building Managers to reference and for any member to review as needed.

We've got so many important dates coming up, I want to review them:

#### Operation School Bell®

September 12 to 16 3:15 till 6:30 Monday thru Thursday; 2:00 till 5:30 on Friday. If you are scheduled to work, please be there at least 15 minutes before the start time.

Flu shots - September 19 at meeting

Red Basket Days at Bargain Box - September 13 for next 3 weeks.

Clear out store – Saturday, October 1 @ 9:00

Change-Over – October 3 @ 9:00

Make A Difference - October (dates to be determined)

Fashion Preview (It's not really that far off!)  
December 3

My oldest grandchild left for college last week. I know you're probably wondering what that has to do with you or with Assistance League. Well, let me tell you....

When Abby was in grade school, she would come to visit us every time her school had a break. I was in the Auxiliary then and often she would come to the Service Center with me and help me with various projects - Baby's Book Bags, health kits, and Own-Your-Own books. She liked to go to the OSB room when we did on-site dressing and help me stock the shelves with health kits and books. She asked a hundred questions and loved the feeling she got from helping underprivileged kids.

I like to think that those experiences helped to shape her into the person she now is. She has already travelled to Haiti more than once to serve those children, and has travelled to other depressed areas here in the states whenever she has a break from school. Her major is currently Special Education (I know it can change ten times before she graduates) and I feel that what we do here in Assistance League left an impression on her that will impact her for the rest of her life.

If that doesn't make you realize how important you are, and how important our work is, then I don't think anything will. Whether Abby realizes it or not, she has chosen to follow in your footsteps.

P.S. Rose Marchbanks new address is: 5612 Diamond Summit Ct, Charlotte, NC 28278

*"No one stands as tall as one who kneels to help a child."*

President  
Linda McEwan

## **OPERATION SCHOOL BELL**

Operation School Bell (OSB) will begin in less than one month. September 12 to 16 are the dates Assistance League of Pueblo (ALP) to join Kmart, to provide school clothing for

Pueblo County children in need. The sessions will be Monday through Thursday from 3:15 PM TO 6:30 PM and Friday, from 2:00 PM TO 5:30. ALP volunteers should plan to arrive at Kmart 15 TO 20 minutes early before each session. Members who would like to help with this project and have not signed up, should contact Wendy Thornton as soon as possible.

Dawn and Wendy would like to thank everyone who has supported and volunteered for OSB 2016.

Dawn M. Miller  
OSB Chairman

## **CARES AND CONCERNS**

Loving thoughts and sympathy to Bonnie Rice and family; Bonnie's beloved husband recently passed away.

## **SERVICE HOURS**

Each hour volunteered is worth \$25.68. Please turn them in monthly, or each quarter, so we can get credit for everyone's hours. Plus, Lorraine is more pleasant when we do. Please leave your service hours in slot at Bargain Box or email them to me.

Lorraine Kohrs  
Service Hours

## **SPECIAL THANK-YOU**

Thank you to Kathie Marcum who opened her home for members to enjoy a barbeque at her house on July 11. Kathie, thank you for your hospitality and kindness; all that attended had a grand time.

## **REMINDERS**

Board Meeting: September 19, 2016 @ 10:30  
Regular Meeting: September 26, 2016 @ 10:30  
All meetings at Service Center

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