

I hope you all had great holidays and having a great start to 2024 all are well and safe with you and yours.

After being without wifi, internet, computer for much time and then up and down, I'm hoping that all problems with my carrier are finally getting fixed and will be stable. I have found that much of the 8&40 news from partners is going into either the trash or spam folder and I'm trying hard to get those all cleared out also and fixed. Hope that my emails are being delivered. **Please reply just to me that you have received.** You don't need to reply to all and fill up everyone's in box. I just need to know that things are being delivered and working. So if you sent something and I didn't reply received, I may not have received or it may still be outstanding someplace. I think it is terrible that we are so reliant on these machines. Doesn't seem like anyone knows how to communicate any more. But I must say I was very happy to pick up the phone and talk with each of you, to hear your voices, talk about our/your goals, and hear your ideas. I hope many of them are working out for you. Also the items I sent each of you to use as part of a fund raiser has been a help and generated some funds for you division.

Donations appear to be down this year. I know I'm having trouble also collecting donations not like I have in the past. Smaller amounts are being given, with many asking for help and the cost of daily living. (Oh how I hate going to the grocery store.) I was finally able to get out of the house (snow and bitter cold) this past weekend to our midyear pouvoir and was reminded of a past chairman fund raiser. Reminder: Get an empty pop container (plastic liter) and fill with dimes (don't spend dimes but drop in the container.) Virginia mentioned she already has \$100.00 plus saved for the Nurses Scholarship fund. She actually doesn't spend any change, but converts to dimes so she is ahead of me. But even if you just collect your dimes, it adds up. I counted my dimes that I have saved since October 1, 2023 and I already have \$50.00+. Just think if our salon partners did this what we could collect. Check with your local restaurants if they would let you put up a donation can with an explanation of who we are and the goal of their donation. You might even get a member or two. Or make a picture of a nurses hat send it to ALL your partners with info. on our goal and ask for a donation. Or do a bake less bake sale, or a no dress up evening out, or a taxation (it is the tax season) that 10 cents a pair of shoes etc. adds up. I have copies of these if you need.

The very nice thank you that Sandra received from one of the scholarship recipients from last year really proves that our scholarship makes a difference.

Thank you for ALL you are doing. Keep it up!

I plan to be calling you in person soon again. You can call me anytime. And please encourage your salons to turn in their donations monthly so we have accurate information. If I can be of any assistance please let me know.

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