



WAYS & MEANS

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“Good day, Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary members! As your Ways & Means Chairman, I’m here to talk about the program that drops anchors with flair, confidence, and maybe a little sass — **Ways & Means**.

Now, Ways & Means isn’t just any anchor. It’s the anchor that keeps our **Auxiliaries** from drifting into the land of *We can’t afford that, Who took the fundraiser sheet? or Did someone spend the raffle money on snacks?* When our financial waters get wavy, Ways & Means drops a friendly anchor and says, ‘Relax, sweetheart, I’ve got you.’

Ways & Means is our anchor of **stability, creativity, and financial sanity**. It’s the anchor that keeps our programs funded, our projects possible, and our dreams from floating off into the sunset without us. And yes — every time your Auxiliary runs a fundraiser, sells a ticket, or launches a creative idea, it’s like dropping a **mini-anchor** — boop — keeping our mission steady. One raffle? Boop. One donation? Boop. One wildly successful bake sale? Big boop.

These little anchors add up, and suddenly our Department becomes the most financially stable ship on the water. We’re basically the **Ways & Means Coast Guard**, minus the uniforms — although if anyone wants to wear a captain’s hat while selling tickets, I fully support that.

This year, I’m inviting every Auxiliary to join our **Department Ways & Means fleet**. No sailing experience required. If you can smile warmly, sell a ticket, or remember where you put your cash box, you’re already qualified. Your mission is simple: help us keep our Ways & Means anchor strong. Drop it often. Drop it proudly. Drop it like you mean it.

So here’s your call to action: choose **one thing** your Auxiliary can do this month to boost Ways & Means. One fundraiser. One creative idea. One moment of ‘Hey, this could work!’ Think of it as preventing Department from becoming a nautical sitcom with no budget. **Finalize your “Don’t Come Dinner” project and make sure donations reach the Department Treasurer Faith Elford by November 4, 2026!**

Together, we’ll keep our sails full, our anchors happy, and our hearts pointed toward service. Thank you for being the crew that keeps Ways & Means strong — and for not letting me drift off into the Craft Isle at Walmart.”

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