

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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**“Spring’s greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out.” – Edgar Guest**



Even though our **Illustrating America** contest has met its deadline and our Program Year is drawing to a close, our Auxiliaries should keep reaching out to our youth. As our Youth Activities National Ambassador Dominique Garcia says, “Continue to work with the youth; they are the future leaders of this great organization. You never know, you may be educating the future National President of this organization.”

Spring has arrived and summer is right around the corner. There is a need for coaches, umpires, referees, etc. for youth sports teams. Your Auxiliary could also offer to sponsor a team. In turn, you can encourage these youth and their families to participate in patriotic projects and work with you to help our veterans. This is the season when veterans and elderly neighbors may need help with starting their gardens, planting flowers or cleaning up their yards. In addition, your Auxiliary can invite your local youth to celebrate with you the many special days coming up, such as Loyalty Day, Mother’s Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Father’s Day and July 4th.

Keep sharing the love of books through our **Patriotism Through Literacy** Program. Show youth that we appreciate their patriotism and love for our veterans by awarding them **Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans Citations**, individual **Patriotic Youth Awards** or **R.A.P. cards**. We can include youth in **ALL** our Auxiliary Programs. Getting children involved in as many projects as possible is a wonderful way to spend time with them – our country can only benefit from our partnership with our youth.

As our Program Year is winding down, I would like to thank again all our Auxiliaries for continuing to promote our Youth Activities Program. Your support is greatly appreciated! Your efforts make a big difference in the lives of our children, our veterans, our communities, and our country.

