



January 16, 2025

Dear Assisteens,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We are so excited to move into the new year with all of you, especially as we reflect on the challenges that have impacted our communities. The recent fires have left many people without homes and in need of support, and we recognize how difficult it may be at this time.

As an organization, we are committed to making a difference by contributing to relief efforts. We will be focusing on helping those who have been affected, volunteering additional shifts at the Bargain Box, helping with donation drives and other forms of aid as they arise. The need for assistance is great, and together, we can help rebuild what was lost.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting and full schedule and many important milestones to achieve. Here's what's in store:

- **January:** We will start the new year by focusing on understanding our roles and responsibilities with the governing body helping everyone feel more confident in their what they are doing. Our session will include training to help us make better decisions, and we'll have a fun and informative game of "Job Jeopardy" to understand the responsibilities of each position. The goal is to help everyone better understand how we make decisions and the vital role each of you plays in our collective success. It will be a valuable opportunity to reflect on our commitment to leadership and service. A service project for ALF Summer School is scheduled for the end of the meeting.
Reminder - The day prior to the general meeting on Sunday, January 26, Assisteens will assist with "One City, One Book" at the LA County library next door.
- **February:** This month, we will select a Nomination Committee for the upcoming 2025-2026 Governing Body. This will be a critical task as we prepare for the upcoming year, and your participation will be key in shaping the future of our organization. A service project for Elizabeth House is scheduled for the end of the meeting.

- **March:** We'll finalize our plans for March shortly, but rest assured, it will be another proactive month as we continue our work. Keep an eye out for updates on activities and initiatives to engage in.
- **April:** This month will be a significant one as we prepare for the election of our new Governing Body. It's a time for reflection and anticipation, as we look ahead to fresh leadership and new ideas.
- **May:** Our year will culminate with the Medallion Dinner, a celebratory event recognizing the dedication and contributions of our members and celebrating all the incredible work we've done together. This year is sure to be filled with great accomplishments and meaningful moments. We will need a dedicated committee to help plan and organize this special evening. If you are interested in joining this committee, please let us know!

Additionally, given the recent events, we may be in need of additional shifts for our Bargain Box. These shifts will not only help us maintain our operations but are an excellent opportunity to contribute in new ways and further help our mission. Let us know if you can help.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on January 27 @ 6pm at ALF in the Chapter Meeting Room and working alongside each of you to make this year a success. As always, let us know if you will not be able to attend.

Thank you for your continued dedication, and here's to an exciting and impactful 2025!

Warm regards,

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