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West Coast Region – Geographic Boundaries

California, north of the east-west line drawn between Monterey, Kings, Tulare and Invo Counties to the north: San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernadino Counties to the South; Nevada, north of a line running eastwest from the Arizona border, Utah; Colorado; and Wyoming. **Units:** 8 Vallejo, 59 Wyoming, 101 Santa Clara Valley, 137 Sierra/Tahoe, 197 Modesto, 261 Lemoore, 274 High Sierra, 275 Hangtown, 287 Livermore

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2024 REGIONAL MID-YEAR

Dates: April 12-13, 2024

Location: 788 E D Street

Lemoore CA

Reservations: TBA

Rates: TBA

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December 2023 – First Newsletter for year 2023-2024

At the 2023 Regional Convention held in Cheyenne, Wyoming there was a danger of the West Coast LA FRA being suspended from the National LA FRA due to the fact that there were no candidates for President. I volunteered and was nominated by Kathy Goheen, seconded and those present elected me. I have appreciated all the help that I have received from all the members of the West Coast and I ask for their continued patience. I am not what you would call "computer literate" so newsletters will not be fancy like most of the other regions.

All of the Units should have received a list of all the officers & chairman of the LA FRA West Coast Region as well as Roster of Officers and Chaplains. If the WCR officers & committee chairs were not received they will be included in the West Coaster which is the FRA WC Branch newsletter. If you are a widow and not receiving the West Coaster please ask your Branch president to share or let me know and I will send you a hard copy.

Since I am depending on someone else to be my "duty driver" I have not made any schedule for official visits. I did, along with Parliamentarian Vickie Janek, make an official call on Unit 261, Lemoore. We drove to Modesto and rode to Lemoore with Bob Hoffman, FRA WCRVP & upon return to Modesto, being rather late at night; we spent the night at a motel there. Unit 261 has some male members who are taking an active part in their programs. Thanks fellows! You are a most welcome addition to our LA FRA family.

With the welcome of the male members much talk has been done regarding dropping the Ladies and just using Auxiliary in the Preamble but the expense to change all the documentation, hats, pins, flags, etc. worldwide would be an expense the LA FRA could not afford at this time. However each Unit, when saying the Preamble, can drop the word "Ladies."

There was a question regarding, "why no life membership." The LA FRA at one time gave life membership to all members who reached the age of 80 with 20 years of service. With the aging membership it was not financially feasible to continue this program. If the FRA life membership had been adopted the Unit would have received a sizeable amount of money and then nothing for future years Thus the reason for "no life memberships".

Parliamentarian, Vickie Janek, and I made a trip to Modesto on the 13th of November to present a 60 year pin and certificate to Polly Stonich PRP, charter member of 287. There are pictures in the Modesto December Newsletter. There is also a good picture in the West Coaster.

Mid-Year will be held in Lemoore on April 12 & 13. Since the West Coast LA FRA does not have a Convention at Mid-Year we could have some training sessions. Give me suggestions. We also do not have delegates but perhaps we should use the delegate forms to help Lemoore plan for the number attending and for any materials needed for training sessions.

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Regional will be held again at the Gold Dust West in Carson City 22-24 August 2024. Of course delegate forms will be required for this.

After the first of the year I will probably be talking by phone to some of the committee chairmen and will be seeking lots of suggestions and help. If I can be of any help to you, either individually or the Unit, let me know.

May all have a very Blessed Christmas with many memories to share and a Happy & prosperous New Year.

In Loyalty, Protection & Service, Mary Ann Frank, President LA FRA WC