**2023-2024 Department of South Dakota Unit Member of the Year**

The Unit Member of the Year award recognizes those serving at the unit level who exemplify the values and ideals of the Auxiliary and whose accomplishments significantly impact the program work in their units. The award is open to senior members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.

Units will submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less to their district president describing the nominee’s accomplishments and activities and include the nominee’s name and address. Deadline for submission to district presidents is February 21.

District presidents will then select one winner from their respective district and submit their nomination to Mary Jo Stier, Past Presidents Parley Chairman via email at sdalanec2@gmail.com or snail mail to PO Box 224, Onida, SD 57564. All district nominees must be received by May 1. We would like to have all district winners attend the Department Convention in June to be recognized. The Department Unit Member of the Year will receive four days meal allowance and three days room allowance in addition to their round-trip airfare, round-trip mileage to and from the airport, and registration fees to attend the National Convention. This year’s national convention will be held in New Orleans, August 24 through August 28.