

## *"Building for the Future"*

### *Northwestern Division Leadership*

November Bulletin #3

Gratitude is the best

Dear Department Leadership Chairman,

Fall greetings to everyone!! Hope you are enjoying the warm days and cool evenings. The month of November brings Santa Ana winds, raking leaves, mid-term exams, plenty of football, and our great national holiday, Thanksgiving. It's wonderful to have a day to call attention to the need for gratitude, but this holiday also reminds all of us that every day should include thanksgiving because gratitude is essential to successful leadership.

Gratitude is best achieved by daily, focused attention. So perhaps a good exercise for November would be to write down, each day, some things for which we are truly grateful. Your list will no doubt include people – a teacher who inspired you, a coach who believed in you, an aunt who made you feel special, an employer who mentored you, or an Auxiliary member who made you feel extra special. Your notes might include simple things – the aroma of freshly ground coffee, a lunch invitation that brightened your day, a phone call that brought a smile, or that veteran you visited. Focus on things you sometimes take for granted – the warm home in which you live, the sunshine that peeked through a cloudy day, the faithful presence of a dear friend or family member.

Encourage members to memorize the Preamble. Make it easy and interesting for everyone, use the Junior Power Point slides available at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org), create some goals and rewards for members who participate. Review and explain sections of the Preamble during meetings to help members understand the meaning.

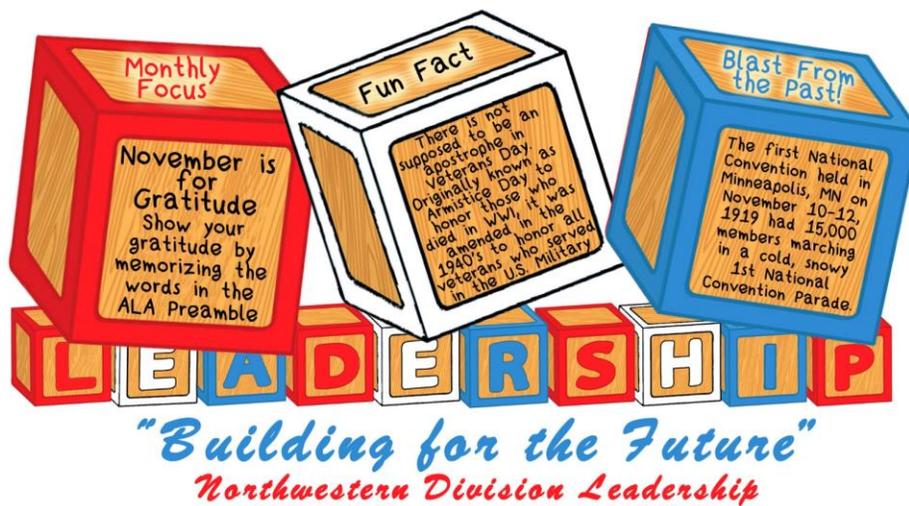
#### A FRAMEWORK FOR GOOD LEADERSHIP

#### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

“Helping members gain knowledge and become better leaders by understanding Robert’s Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure is a great way to get your team interested and engaged. The more our members know about the rules, the better they are equipped to gain confidence and want to accept leadership positions.” – Trish Ward

Ideas to promote parliamentary procedure knowledge:

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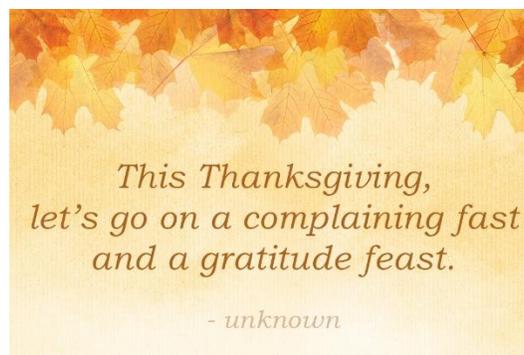


- Robert's Rules of Order for Dummies, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised – In Brief and the Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules of Order are available at local bookstores or Amazon for purchase.
- Websites you can search:  
National Association of Parliamentarians Quiz. <https://www.parliamentarians.org/quiz-yourself/>  
National Association of Parliamentarians. [www.parliamentarians.org](http://www.parliamentarians.org)  
Robert's Rules of Order Online with annotations. <https://www.rulesonline.com>
- Make it fun to learn, play some type of Parliamentary Procedure game.

Please make sure to send pictures and stories about what your Department is doing to enhance our member's Leadership knowledge/experience, we love to hear all about what's going on!!!

As a reminder - Mid-Year Reports are due to me (and copy our National Leadership Chairman, Trish Ward) by January 5, 2019 and Year-End Reports are due to me (and copy our National Leadership Chairman, Trish Ward) by May 15, 2019.

From our house to yours wishing you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. Don't forget to include our dear veterans in your celebrations.



Thank you for all you do, we are off to a great start!!!  
Until next month,  
*Melanie*