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Hello Sisters,

My name is Jackie Clute and I am the New York State Vice-President.

Yes, this is my letter of introduction, which I am particularly thrilled to write since I hold the juniors and the Degree Teams close to my heart(it also means I am no longer the NYS secretary-whew!!)

I have served as the junior coordinator for the Schenectady LAOH but unfortunately we no longer have a junior division- this is exactly what I would like to talk to all of you about. The well-being of this order is dependent on the membership and the junior divisions are a great way to recruit the members we need. The girls that join the junior divisions are enthusiastic and ready to learn about our order. They bring so much to the sponsoring divisions; from their joy in life to their desire to do good works and help others. I believe that we should make a concerted effort to start new junior divisions throughout the state. The division vice presidents should take the lead on this and I will be more than willing to help where and when you need me. Sisters, let's make a difference in the lives of our young girls and show them how wonderful it is to be a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.!!!

Degree Teams continue the message that we will teach our young girls, that of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. It seems to me that we sometimes forget how important being a sister to each and every member is. We forget that God is present in each of us and that we all deserve respect. The Degree Teams are very strong advocates of this belief. New York State is indeed lucky to have three teams to spread the message. If your division, or county is considering starting a degree team, please contact me, I know a little something about starting a team. I have been blessed to be a founding member and the guardian of the Capital District Trinity Degree Team and I would love to help you get a team off the ground.

I have now stepped off my soapbox and would like to let you know that I am going to try to stay in touch with all of the vice presidents in New York by sending out a once a month newsletter (very short) and asking that all of you let me know what you are doing in your divisions as far as juniors are concerned. Maybe we can bounce ideas off one another. I would like to set a goal of 6 new junior divisions in New York in the next 2 years (ambitious for sure)

In closing, I would like to say thank you for reading this and please think about what you have read. We can make a difference.

In Our Motto

Jackie Clute

Jacqueline Clute-NYS Vice President