

Report of the Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman January 19-21, 2024

Madame Department President:

I thank you for allowing me to serve as your Distinguished Guest Chairman. This weekend, has been extremely exciting to have the honor of being DG for the Western Division National Vice President and my good buddy Jan Cushing. I got to know Jan as her husband and I both served as Divisional Vice President and Vice Commander together.

You know that being the Distinguished Guest, has you on your feet a lot. You would think you could do better as a car, so I'd like to leave you a little insight about being a car.

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My fenders are sagging so much they're not considered stylish. They were once as sleek as a little MG, now they look like an old beat up Buick.

My seat cushions have split open at the seams. My seats are sagging. Seat belts? I gave up all belts when Krispy Cremes opened a shop in my neighborhood!

Air bags, Forget it! The only bags I have these days are under my eyes.

I have soooo many miles on my odometer. Sure I've been many places and seen many things, but when's the last time an appraiser factored life experience against depreciation?

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes many hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently, But here's the worst of it – almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter.....either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.

Thank you Madame President for this great ride.