

Hello Ladies..... Easter eggs, Cadbury Bunnies, excited children and our Sunday Best! With Easter coming this Sunday, I wish all of you a wonderful day full of family and fun.



I wish to THANK all the great ladies who are working and planning our 2026 State ZOOM Convention on Thursday, June 25, 2026 from 10:00-2:00. If any of the chapters need to submit last minute award recipients, please get them to Judy Merz, Epsilon, as soon as possible. jrmerz@aol.com

Candy Rooney (Delta), rcrooney88@charter.net, is still waiting to hear from some of the chapters. She would like to add your chapter activities to the State Yearbook.

Also, just a reminder.....please send your Form110's to me and International as soon as you have your elections.

I would like to speak to you all about a concerning trend we are definitely seeing in our Nevada State Organization. I have been advised by three state chapters that they may end up dissolving their chapters. This has occurred in just the last year and a half. I am aware that trying to get new members, especially the young and still working teachers, is very difficult. We can appear out of touch with current trends because many of us have been retired more than 5 or 10 years. Many teachers are very busy and don't seem to have or want to take the time to meet. Technology seems to be their way of communicating. Even though we are retired teachers, laws and security have made it very hard for us to gain access to schools and offer our help. I could go on forever with reasons for lack of membership growth but you are already aware of what we are facing.

Another concern is that many members are becoming burned out. Some chapters that have twenty or fewer members, find it difficult and discouraging trying to get members to run for a chapter office or chair a particular event. Most members have probably served at all the chapter positions and are worn out. Those chapters with many members are also finding it hard getting their ladies to take on a leadership role due to lack of confidence, fear of failure or lack of understanding of the Bylaws or procedures of the office. Some have a personal reason for not stepping forward.

What I want to do is HELP! I could ZOOM with your chapter officers and or members. Maybe I can answer some of your questions or at least seek answers at the Regional and International level. Maybe chapters could become Chapter Buddies and pass ideas back and forth. I would be more than willing to start the monthly ZOOM meetings again

with the Chapter Officers (how often would be up to you all). Maybe we can get more people to attend and talk over concerns.

What I am saying.....is I am open to SUGGESTIONS! You can email, phone or text me. I won't have all the answers but if we put our heads together maybe we can slow down or stop chapters from dissolving.

I know, you have heard enough of me going on about this so I just list some upcoming important dates.

- Our final 2026 State Convention ZOOM Planning meeting will be Saturday, May 23 from 10:00-12:00.
- The ZOOM State Executive Board meeting will be Monday, June 22 from 10:00-12:00.
- The ZOOM 2026 State Convention will be on Thursday, June 25 from 10:00-2:00.
- The International Convention will be in Aurora, CO from June 30 to July 4. Information is available on the international website.

Before I close, I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

I am here if you need me so please reach out and let me know of you concerns, questions and suggestions.

Pat

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