



Daisy – IL Rooted for Growth

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This will be January Newsletter and then another will come in February. I know I am throwing things off a bit but last year was off anyway so it will take some time to get back into it.

Sisters,

The January 2021 State Board Meeting will be held by Zoom on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 9:30 so have your coffee or beverage near by. First, reports are due to me by email by January 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have no report please

email me that fact. I totally understand. Then I will send the reports out with an agenda by the 9<sup>th</sup>. You will have a week to look them over. If there is any Old/New Business we need to address – please let me know by email by the 8<sup>th</sup> as well. I will try not to forget anything but many sisters make it easier.

If you have ANY interest in the following (or your chapter sisters) Please let me know as well. We need a Historian, Southern VP, Audit (Northern), Budget (Northern and Southern), Candidate Qualifications (Southern), Excellence in Education (Southern), and Scholarship (Southern). Remember some of these do not take much time and you can do more than 1 committee. Thank you for considering!

I do have a Zoom account so we will not be rushed!

### Growth

This past year has been very different than what any of us expected. Through it all, we have grown! We have grown in our Sisterhood in many areas with creativity in meetings, enhancing ways to communicate with Sisters, helping others with our Altruism, and honoring our Sisters. Thank you for cultivating our growth! When we

weren't growing you found another way to do it. We are  
all truly Blessed.

Thank you for all the reflections, poems, cards, phone calls, emails, and prayers. As I am grieving the loss of my Dad you all helped out. You supplied me with encouragement, insight, comfort, and peace. Thank you all for reaching out to me. What a beautiful plant was sent as well. Thank you for being cherished blessings to me.



Daisy Dates: December 31<sup>st</sup> – Dues are due!

## January 8<sup>th</sup> – reports due to me by email

January 16<sup>th</sup> – State Board meeting by zoom @9:30

District Meetings: March and April (Central- April 17<sup>th</sup>) No  
American Passion Play to work around

July – International Convention Austin, Texas (if possible)

Roots of Growth: Deanna Humphrey Alpha Chapter and  
Margaret Green Alpha Mu Chapter

Petals: Alpha Delta Kappa Mini Scholarship – Victoria Hall  
Alpha, Scholarships to Lucy Rieke (Alpha Mu presented  
this)

### Message from Pam Kovach, Chaplain

When one of your sisters joins the Omega Chapter please remember to notify the ADK State Chaplain Pam Kovach ([p22kovach@aol.com](mailto:p22kovach@aol.com)) and State President Becky Ayers ([bcljayers@gmail.com](mailto:bcljayers@gmail.com)). Then go into the directory on the Alpha Delta Kappa website and put “Omega “by the sister’s name who has passed away. Remember-Once a sister, always a sister. If a former sister passes away, you will need to notify headquarters as they will not be listed in the directory. Present and former sisters will be remembered at the Omega service at the 2022 State Convention.:

Spotlights: Membership

Linda Wetzel and Bonnie Nofsinger: Long Time Friends

Linda Abrahamson and Bonnie Berner roomed two doors apart as ISU freshmen, just a few years ago! They met and their friendship has evolved ever since. Linda came from a farm near Paxton, IL while Bonnie’s dad was a superintendent of schools. Her family moved to bigger towns every five years or so. A year after graduation, Linda married Jim, becoming Linda Wetzel. She then taught both kindergarten and first grade in North Pekin-Marquette Heights for 34 years. Five years after Linda’s marriage, Bonnie married another Jim, becoming Bonnie Nofsinger. She taught first grade in Creve Coeur, also for 34 years. Bonnie remembers that Linda even rode along with her when she interviewed for that first grade position! The two school districts border each other. Along the way Bonnie earned a master’s degree from Bradley University.

The two lost contact after Linda’s marriage. But, again, it was meant to be!! Linda and Jim had moved to Washington. Then a few years later Linda discovered that Bonnie and Jim lived just three blocks away!



So the friendship was renewed. Bonnie remembers taking a walk with her nine year old step daughter. Linda and a neighbor were in Linda's front yard. Bonnie excitedly told Linda that she was pregnant. Well, Linda said she was, too...as was the neighbor!! All three babies went through school together. Just four years later in 1984 Linda had her first stroke, from which she has had lingering effects. But this has had no effect on her incredible computer skills!

Linda and Jim, a retired teacher, have two married daughters, who are also teachers, plus two adorable granddaughters. Bonnie and Jim have his daughter and son, both married. They also have a son who is married. All together they have eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. One grandson has type 1 diabetes, which they both hope a cure is soon found.

In 1996 Linda was the first to join Alpha Delta Kappa. A few years later in 2004 she invited Bonnie to join. They have both served separately as presidents and co-presidents, now being co-vice-presidents of Theta Chapter. Both have been state committee co-chairs for ADK Month/Fraternity Education and co-chairs for Presidents of President's Council. This biennium they are Co-Membership Consultants. They also serve as co-facilitators for Time Travels in Trunks, conducting primary classroom history programs in the Washington schools. Bonnie nominated Linda for this position because of those computer organization skills. Of course, they still have time to take fun girl trips with both college and teaching friends!



I pray your holidays were safe, healthy, and blessed. Thank you Sisters!

