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Department of North Carolina



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited about our upcoming VIRTUAL Mid-Winter Conference. The Department of North Carolina's Virtual Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for February 12th and 13th.

Friday at 6:00 p.m. we will have our DEC Meeting. Everyone is welcomed to attend. However, if a vote is taken, only the DEC members are eligible to vote. Saturday our General Session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

The Zoom login information is provided in this mailing and is posted on our website. Please share this information with your members. I hope to see new faces at our conference.

I want to focus on all the positives of having our Mid-Winter Conference by Zoom. First, we are all safe and protected in our homes from COVID-19. (COVID-19 is devastating our world. The safety of our members must be our number one concern.) Second, a virtual conference provides an opportunity for more people to attend. There is no travel expense, and in most case no time off from work is needed. Third, you have a comfy view from your own home, with your own snacks, blanket, and chair. Fourth, you can leave the meeting and return as you need. Fifth, the chat bar feature on Zoom will allow you to ask questions that you may not have normally asked. We plan to answer all questions submitted in a timely manner, but please allow us time. Sixth, NO Mask needed from the safety of your home. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Mid-Winter Conference.

A special shout out to the 100th Anniversary Committee for providing us with the opportunity to continue to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. We have Celebration "Ice breaker" Zoom Parties scheduled for January 25th, 26th, and 27th. We are expecting National President Nicole Clapp, National VP Kathy Daudistel and 100th Anniversary National Chairman Linda Newsome to be in attendance. Your Division President's have the login information and it is also listed on Website.

I have heard several people say that the pandemic is the defining life event for our children and teenagers. I have heard them compared to the young people who grew up in the Great Depression and the WWII era. Our young people are resilient, this pandemic will not defeat them. The events of the 1930's and 1940's defined that generation as the "Greatest Generation". I believe that good will come out of what we are learning from this pandemic and that this generation of young people will be our next Great Generation.

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to work our mission.

For God and Country,
ALA Proud,

Julie