

JANUARY PROGRAM OF THE MONTH

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PANEL DISCUSSION: Treasures of the Past

PURPOSES:

- #1 To unite women educators
- #2 To honor women- especially retired ones
- #6 To stimulate professional growth - in the younger ones



PROCEDURES:

1. Identify senior teachers who have been in the organization 30 +years. Though most had taught or attended a one room schoolhouse, we had a middle school teacher and college teacher.
2. Send the following information several months in advance

We are hoping that you will help us out for a program. Though it will be a "round table" discussion, we would like you to think about these questions and CHOOSE A COUPLE WITH A GOOD SHORT STORY to go with them. You may have a ONE LINER for the others. You DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. We will have a moderator to guide the discussion.

1. Discuss the social aspect of relationships with your family, administrators, parents, students or other teachers.
 2. How was the curriculum decided?
 3. What were your hours?
 4. Any chores besides actually teaching?
 5. What did your classroom look like? On the walls? Do you have artifacts from that time that you are willing to bring?
 6. What extra-curricular things did children do?
 7. How did your most challenging student act? (too smart, behavior, etc)
 8. What were the problems you faced?
 9. What was the extent of technology in teaching?
 10. What did you teach that isn't taught now? Should it be?
 11. Describe recess, lunch, art, physical education OR music.
 12. What about your wardrobe, transportation, lunch, work in the evening?
3. We need you to let us know if you would be willing to do this. Could let us know by-----? IF YOU NEED A RIDE, WE CAN HELP OUT WITH THAT. This is the program, and there is no business meeting planned. Please call me at---- to let me know. Also, if you cannot make it, you could write your answers to a couple questions and we could read them.

PS TO ORGANIZERS

We didn't have a video tape, but we did audio tape it. We kept the tape with the ladies notes in their own BEAUTIFUL handwriting. Then we took it all to Mary Bicker, Alpha Mu member, who was terminal with cancer. She and her daughter listened and reminisced. She passed away within a couple weeks. We were so glad that she could listen to it.