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ALPHA IOTA STATE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alpha Iota Chapter Presidents,

Welcome to our Spring Convention in Kalamazoo!

I'm excited about seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Take time to nurture our current members and be sure to talk to someone that you've never met. If your chapter is not a member of a Coordinating Council, ask Gedy Love or Julie Usher about one in your vicinity.

We have two International guests with us. Kate York from Great Britain and Adriana Fishta-Bejka from Canada are eager to meet you. Please take the opportunity to greet them warmly. Let's make their first visit to Michigan memorable.

Reminders

Presidents – Practice for the procession will immediately follow the Executive Board/General Membership meeting Friday night.

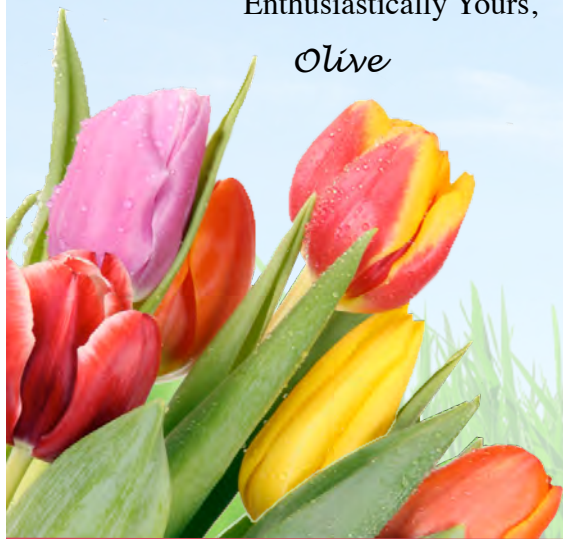
Please gather by the wall inside the meeting room after the banquet for your receiving line.

Everyone – Please plan to attend the Celebration of Life at 8:00 AM on Sunday.

Chapter Women of Distinction – Gather for a photo after the Awards Brunch.

Enthusiastically Yours,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Seminar in Purposeful Living

Washington, D.C.July 19-22

International Convention

Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, NYC.....July 24-28

UP Conference

Bay Mills Community College, Brimley, MI.....Sept. 29

Alpha Iota Fall Conference

Holiday Inn, Muskegon, MI.....October 19-20

Women in The Arts Retreat

Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center,
Higgins Lake, MI.....November 2-4

2013 Alpha Iota State Conference

Doubletree Hotel-Riverfront, Bay City, MI.....May 3-5

International Convention 2012

New York, NYJuly 24-28

Summer PAC

Lansing Lexington HotelAugust 25

Executive Board and Fall Conference

Muskegon Holiday InnOctober 19-20

Annual State Convention, 2013

Doubletree Riverfront, Bay City, MI.....May 3-5, 2013

Annual State Convention

Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI.....May 2-4, 2014

International Convention 2014, Indianapolis, IN

Annual State Convention - Auburn Hills Marriott
Pontiac at Centerpoint.....May 1-3, 2015

TODAY'S VISION ~ TOMORROW'S MISSION



News from Judy Foster

Senators Revisiting MPSERS Timeframe

Senators looking to reform the state's public school employee retirement system had hoped to get a bill to the Governor's desk by the first of June with a Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 budget for K-12 schools.

That appears to be a little ambitious. Lawmakers could be working over the summer on a fix to a retirement system that's pegged as having a current unfunded liability of \$45.2 billion, said Sen. Mark JANSEN (R-Gaines Twp.), the chair of the Senate Retirement Appropriations Subcommittee.

Jansen is meeting with Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Roger KAHN (R-Saginaw) next week about the schedule of SB 1040, which asks veteran school employees to either make roughly 8 percent contributions into their pensions, agree to take a smaller retirement multiplier (1.25 from 1.5 percent) or switch to a 401(k)-like plan.

It also caps an employee's maximum compensation at \$100,000. It doesn't allow employees to begin receiving their health benefits until 60, as opposed to 55, and it moves down the maximum health insurance premium coverage the state will cover from 90 to 80 percent (See "MPSERS Reform Could Save \$380M In 1st Year," 4/11/12).

"I was thinking first week of June," Jansen said. "I'm still holding that out there, but . . . if we have morework to do and more information, I'd be fine ironing things out in the summer.

Moving final action on SB 1040 into the summer would mean revising the dates of when school

employees would need to make a decision to September or October, he said.

"I want to be flexible because I want to do a really good job," he said. "I don't want legislators coming back to this issue three or four years from now if at all possible."

Important: Announcement for Blue Cross/Blue Shield Subscribers

The verification of insurance forms from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be mailed out in May. Medicare Advantage folks will receive forms first. The forms can be completed by phone, mail or fax. They must be completed and returned or you will lose your health care coverage.

Celebrate - 75!

Alpha Iota State will be celebrating its 75th birthday from now until the spring convention in Bay City, 2013. Zeta members Dr. Paula Dent, Eileen Rodak, and Nancy Jewett will be coordinating activities leading up to the convention. The theme of the 2013 *Convention will be Celebration - 75!*

We would like chapters and coordinating councils to do an event or activity relating to this important birthday. Please plan to take pictures and/or a short video that can be put on a DVD. We'd like a record of our efforts to be shared at the convention. The committee is asking chapters to help with the cost of the celebration. One suggestion is for members to donate \$.75 a meeting or \$7.50 in a lump sum. Another is "Sock It to Me" where each member puts loose change in a sock at the meetings.



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