migration

birds migrate to move from areas of low or decreasing resources to areas of high or increasing resources. we have many members, who do the same! if a chapter is to survive a low or decreasing involvement of its members, the tough must get going to replenish their chapter.

many chapters have their "snowbirds" that stay for a few months then leave, most likely never returning for whatever reason.

many chapters still have the dedicated albatrosses that travel 10,000 miles in a single journey, but return home to their mates "aka sisters".

in order for chapters to survive, their albatrosses must spread their wings and promote a dedicated sisterhood! encourage chapter members to find 1 teacher that can benefit from all the scholarships, professional development, moral support, and altruistic opportunities for their community.

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international convention

new mexico had 10 sisters attend the convention in minneapolis, minnesota. in the back row from left to right: barbara stanfield, toni light, darla, lathan, marie esquibel, and ruth bratzel.

front row: judy bechtol, valerie inklebarger, renee seelbach, roxie moore, and mitzi holmes. at our regional luncheon, we learned that the sw region had 197,902 volunteer hours, $739,160 monetary donations, $471,471 non-monetary gifts, and $201,330 in scholarships for a total of $1,411,961!! we had 5-7 pearl chapters in 2017-2018 (epsilon, eta, theta, lambda, xi) and 4-7 pearl chapters in 2018-2019 (beta, epsilon, theta, xi). eta chapter won $50 for 2020 regional conference. our international altruistic projects will be both st. jude's childrens' research hospital and alzheimer's association. our amendment to allow active sustaining members to hold a state office passed! so, if your chapter folds, and you held a chapter office, and you still want to be a part of the state's board, you can! i hope this will get sustaining members more involved because you are not forgotten!
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President’s Activities

The second year of my biennium is off to a running start! I’ve volunteered to be the SW Regional Excellence in Education Chair. At International we pledged to either start a new chapter or save a chapter that is struggling, so I will be heading to Silver City to try and boost membership in Chi Chapter this October. Remember that we will not be having district Founders’ Day celebrations, but chapters should continue to celebrate! I will be attending Arizona’s Northern District Founders’ Day near Window Rock. I will be presenting at Lambda Chapter’s meeting on the International Convention. I will be presenting iPhone Photography at the 2020 Regional Conference in Hawaii!

I have sad news to report; Vivenne Swanton of Xi chapter joined Omega chapter on September 6, 2019. Please continue to pray for our Sisters across the country dealing with hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and the mass shootings.

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International News

- International Convention will be July 8-11, 2021 in Austin, Texas at the JW Marriott.
- October 15 deadline for Chapter Treasurers to submit 990-N e-postcard.
- October 15 State Excellence in Education chairman to notify Headquarters of committee members.
- October 15 – Regional Mini-Scholarship applications due for activities taking place between November 15 and May 15.

State News

- Chapter yearbooks submitted to State President by October 1.
- State Executive/Expanded Board meeting in Socorro on October 26 at the Bodega Burger. 12 noon.

Photos from International Convention

2017-2019 Biennium Totals
The ‘Wow’ Factor

- Total Volunteer Hours: 2,064,208.50
- Total Monetary: $8,495,740.30
- Other Monetary (gifts in kind): $5,296,378.00
- Scholarships: $2,026,455.00
- Grand Total: $15,818,843.30