

May 2023

Dear District 7 Sisters,

March 18th was the “Power of WE (women’s empowerment)” Zone 1 (Districts from Maine to North Carolina) Sisterhood Conference in Waterbury, CT. Approximately 100 members attended the conference. It provided a wonderful opportunity to hear from the Grand Lodge and share ideas about how to build our organization and strengthen it for future generations.

I had the opportunity to present one of the round table focus topics on Understanding and Engaging a Multi-Generational organization towards growth and productivity. During the round table, we explored ways to capitalize on each generation’s unique strengths and focus on building technology to attract and retain younger members. The discussions were lively and I would encourage each chapter to identify ways to build participation and reach out to a wider audience who may be interested in joining, such as posting on local bulletin boards at coffee shops and using social media to hold cooking lessons.

I’d like to thank the sisters of the Deucalion Chapter #199 in Waterbury who hosted the Zone 1 conference. It seemed like there was a professional caterer, because they flawlessly handled every aspect of the conference weekend, starting with setting up the venue, through Saturday’s breakfast, luncheon and cleanup! Amazing work from a dedicated group! The night before the conference, Grand Governor Zone 1, Marianne Boutsoulis, hosted out of town guests and local participants at her home for a dinner that was not short on food. It was a wonderful opportunity to eat, drink and network.

I had the pleasure to do the following district visitations:

December 4, 2022 – Priam Chapter #76 Meriden and Eretrea Chapter #138 New Britain

March 5, 2023 – Asteria Chapter #368 Danielson

March 7, 2023 – Thoas Chapter #198 Hartford

March 21, 2023 – Deucalion Chapter #199 Waterbury

These visitations are a great way to share information with local chapters about the broader Daughters objectives and administration changes. Additionally, they provide a great opportunity to know the wonderful sisters who make our organization great.

Additionally, as election season approaches, I want to encourage members to identify candidates that might be a good fit for a District role. If we want to continue to build a robust organization that will survive and thrive after we leave our roles, it is imperative that we build a talent pipeline and move members through the Chapter, District and (with fingers crossed) National.

Enjoy each opportunity of Sisterhood:

- May 6, 2023 – **D7** AHEPA / DOP Spring Convention, Newport, RI, at Wyndham Newport Hotel
- June 25, 2023 – D7 AHEPA / DOP Scholarship dinner, at Holy Trinity, Waterbury, CT
- Week of July 23, 2023 - Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, NV, at Paris Hotel & Bally’s Hotel

Yours in Theta Pi,

Elisa Marotta, Governor, District 7