

You probably recognize the name or the “mug shot” from the five years I served as Department Historian. Once again, thank you for all the information you reported that helped me write the Department History and compile the President’s Scrapbook. This year, I am serving as the Department Education Program Chairman.

Education is near and dear to my heart. I taught Home Economics for eight years, subbed almost daily for seven years, and taught first grade for nine years as well as serving as a School Counselor for fifteen years. To quote last year’s Chairperson, Peggy Moran, “Education helps open a multitude of doors for people in a variety of ways and can drastically change their circumstances.” I could not agree more!

To keep this short - the “bullets” to National’s ALA Education Program will be enclosed in monthly Unit mailings. Please select one that is suitable for your unit and put it into action letting me know which one and how you are promoting it by dropping me a note or email. Enclose pictures if you have them. If you are able to do more that would be great!

First up is ‘10 for Education’ and *National Education Week* - November 17-21, 2025. I am a firm believer in education through reading. Encourage your unit or individual members to purchase used books over a variety of levels and distribute them at a little free library. This could be in cooperation with a local business or in a place of worship.

As the year rolls along, look for more information in Unit mailings and *The Message*. Promotion of Auxiliary scholarships is important. The Auxiliary offers several scholarship opportunities including: Past Presidents Parley Nursing, Department Education Program, and National Presidents scholarships.

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Education Chairman 2025-26