

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, July already! Hot summer days are here and I am not a fan of the heat. Hope this letter finds all of you staying inside where it is cool.

Although it is hot, July is one of my favorite months because it is "Christmas in July"! I love watching Christmas movies on Hallmark; they always put me in a festive mood. I enjoy the Ornament Premier at the Hallmark stores where I have met some really nice people and it is such fun to see them again year after year. I'm ready to put up my tree; how many of you feel the same way? Christmas is such a wonderful time of giving, being kind to neighbors and strangers. Many of us will purchase a meal for a stranger, make up food baskets for those in need; we donate coats for the children and purchase gifts for those that may not receive anything otherwise. This is "Love for one another".

I'm excited about our all member Zoom meetings; it's wonderful to see so many members that I haven't seen in such a long time. It's great to hear about what you all are doing and that you are safe and well. I hope that more of you will sign up so we can see and talk to you at our future Zoom meetings. Thank you WGM and Sabrina for putting this together. We are now writing our letters to you and posting them differently than before. It would be nice to hear what your thoughts are and how you like the new schedule. Please feel free to contact us and give us your opinion.

Saturday is our country's birthday and the things that are happening right now are so sad. What is happening to our country? People trying to erase our history, taking down statues that kept history alive! We can't erase history, we need to learn from it and make sure that the awful things that happened will never happen again. History is not to be erased by a few; it belongs to all of us! We need to come together and work to keep our country strong. I am not a political person, but I found this quote and thought I would share it with you.

"Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people. We sometimes forget that great truth, and we never should". This quote is by President Ronald Reagan.

Sisters and Brothers; please stay strong, safe and healthy and continue to wear your masks when going out. The numbers for Covid-19 keep going up making it harder for the state to open. We just need to keep our faith that soon we can be together again. I miss your sweet smiles and talking with you. God bless you all!

"May your troubles be less, your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door" – Dorien Kelly

Love you all,
Christel AGC

