**Presidents Message**

**May 2019**

This is my last message as your President so I want to begin by saying thank you for the opportunity you gave me to serve. My year has been interesting, challenging and filled with experiences I will cherish forever. Everywhere I went I was greeted warmly and made to feel welcome. It was truly an honor to represent you this past year.

As the current membership year comes to an end, if you have not done so already, please reach out to those continuous members who have not yet paid their 2019 dues. If their dues are not paid and recorded by June 30, 2019 their membership will automatically terminate and all their years as a member will be lost. As you know if a member’s dues have lapsed or terminated they cannot receive a National Cancer Grant, a benefit of $550.00. Please let your members know what they stand to lose if they don’t renew their membership. If they are struggling financially or with health issues you can pay their dues from your Relief Fund.

As you elect and install your officers for 2019 – 2020 don’t forget to complete and send your Installation Report to our State Secretary/Treasurer Jean George. All Installation Reports are due before June 30, 2019. Your warrant to install your officers is a part of the Installation Report form.

If you haven’t made your arrangements to attend the 100Th. State Convention it is not too late. Many special events have been planned to celebrate this special occasion. Information with all the details will be coming out shortly.

I want to close by wishing the best to our incoming President Carmen Peterson and her Line Officers for a successful 2019 – 2020 Program year. With your support I know they will have an outstanding year.

This year I asked you to be “Always Alert For Ways to Help Our Veterans” and you truly found many ways to help. I want to thank you once again for all you have done for our Veterans, active military and their families, all you do and all I know you will continue to do.

I hope to see you at our Convention and at the up-coming events throughout our Department. Thank you again for my memorable year as your President.

Ellie (Eloise) Eith