Chapter ideas - events, activities, and finding members

Please on the lines below, three thoughts and/or ideas.

- 1. Invited a Teacher of the Year (2020) to join our chapter.
- 2. Was able to have a distant summer picnic with the chapter members.
- 3. Encouraged members to apply for scholarships
- 4. Upsilon- Cookie exchange and being able to meet and talk.
- 5. Upsilon- President putting together information in a Google Doc with addresses and emails
- 6. Continue to award scholarships to worthy candidates
- 7. Reach out to colleagues to invite them for membership
- 8.encourage other chapter members to plan a chapter meeting
- 9. Welcome Back to School Bags.
- 10. Mu Chapter invited 2 teachers from other states to join zoom meeting to tell their experiences teaching virtually
- 11 Offering scholarships to female high school students going into education.
- 12 Continuing communication with local student scholarship winners
- 13 sending newsletter to local superintendent
- 14 Lessons on how lessons are taught online are shared
- 15. Gwen Goolsby came and discussed teaching in Afghanistan

- 16 Nu Chapter conducts business by Zoom and social activities will be held 4x a year in person.
- 17 Alpha has a book club, very well attended. Suggestions are made and the group agrees on the book at the end of each meeting.
- 18 Bonding experience for chapter game day/night
- 19 Craft with chapter members as renewal
- 20 Hybrid/combination of in person and Zoom chapter events
- 21 Verbal sharing
- 22 Encourage professional and personal growth encourage members to share at meetings Lambda
- 23 support the retired teachers and create social event including them
- 24 member made jewelry for each member
- 25 Puzzle exchange at park
- 26 create a mini presentations for others to promote excellence in education by sharing events and activities
- 27 Theta Chapter birthday party for new out of state member (101 years old) sharing the growth education over 100 years.
- 28 Iota Chapter makes a list of suggested readings for the summer and picks one to discuss in the fall.
- 29 invited staff at school to meet new member
- 30 Zoom Happy Hour
- 31Support scholarship recipients and new teachers
- 32 Programs that appeal to a variety of ages and audiences

(retired and current teaching educators

- 33 Alpha plans for a Game Night. For example, they are going to invite a new potential member to play Kahoot during the next Game Night.
- 34. Theta celebrates all milestones (birthdays, retirements)
- 35 Tri Chapter Zoom Holiday Lunch
- 36. Iota conducts a children's book drive through schools and donates the books to a children's hospital who are willing to accept books.
- 37 long distance zoom meeting with author/educator sharing experiences in foreign countries
- 38 Zeta provides books for children in laundry mats
- 39 Happy hour at outside establishment
- 40 field trips to local areas with chapter members
- 41 Theta adopts a school, and has a meeting at the end of the year.
- 42. Pi Chapter offers both in person and virtual meetings so that all members can participate
- 43. Celebrate milestone birthdays. Theta had a 101-year old member share about her experiences in education over the years.
- 44. Nu Chapter maintains Little Free Libraries throughout the county wherever they have a member. These are little, bitty buildings that look like a schoolhouse.
- 45. Any way to reach out to teachers in Texas with large increase of immigrants or states with natural disaster areas to see how we can support those chapters
- 46. Disseminate chapter newsletters to the State President to share

with other chapters.

Question: How can we help those individuals airlifted out of Afghanistan if they are now a part of our community. (Joan)

Pi identifies 5 different organizations for outreach to focus on at each month

- 47. Theta- Community Outreach to support families by donating and gathering items in PG county
- 48. Epsilon- Collect supplies for elementary classrooms
- 49. Alpha Beta supports 4 Little Free Libraries plus a children's gym with books in the St. Mary's and Calvert Counties.
- 49. AB is also planning to do a 7 Purposes bag as part of our meeting in a few weeks. It will be discussed in an upcoming newsletter as I don't have all the things in my head at the moment.
- 50. Eta Chapter- guest readers in kindergarten classrooms (retired members are the readers)
- 51. Rho- sent cards of encouragement to teachers last school year