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Decade: 1960

As a prospective officer & leader of the ODPAA, what do you consider your greatest strengths? Weaknesses?

As a "senior sister" I do have the wisdom that I can share with all members. I appreciate all thoughts and suggestions that will help strengthen our association. Technology is my weakness! I do ask for assistance as needed!

If elected or re-elected to the position you seek, what is your commitment to serving out the full term?

I am committed to the full term.

Please describe accomplishments in your career and personal life that would benefit the ODPAA.

I was a middle school Special Ed teacher for 25 years and am a proud mom of two great "kids" and three beautiful grandkids. I'd say my experience working with so many people over the years has allowed me to listen carefully, promote cooperation and hopefully be a part of a strong ODPAA.

What is your vision for the future of the ODPAA? What changes would you advocate and why?

My vision is a strong association that will grow and rise above past set backs.

I would advocate cooperation, a positive attitude during tough times and respect at all times. Why? Because it just makes sense if we want to move forward.

If elected or re-elected, please describe what you seek to accomplish:

A repeat of the last answer: cooperation, respect and a desire to help strengthen the association.

What does Omega Delta Phi mean to you? Please describe your experience as both an active member and an alumni.

As an active member over 50 years ago, Omega was an important part of my college years. The late sixties and early seventies was a great time for Greek Life. Sisterhood, fun, community involvement.

As an alumni, it's been good to be a part of the tasks we must undertake and move forward.

How would your sisters describe you?

A good listener, a planner.

Please describe your approach to communicating and working with the ODPAA membership.

I believe communication needs to be honest and respectful. I think communication via social media has become so difficult without personal interaction and I don't think there are any easy answers to this problem.

How do you deal with difficult people & situations? Please describe a situation in which you took a position that upset someone else, and explain how you handled it.

I have been dealing with a difficult situation with a young lady who I've known for 11 years. I don't think I'm upsetting others in my attempts to help her, but I am exploring ways to try to improve her situation.

How do you motivate others?

Encouraging others to get involved, enjoy life, be thankful for all we have.

How do you handle criticism?

Initially, passively. I always need to work on a response asking for clarification and suggestions.

What top 3 qualities do you think a leader should have?

I can't help but think of the world's climate today, so I have to say honesty, morality and a strong conviction.

Would you rather be liked or respected? Why?

Respected. So important as we are social beings.

How do you spend your free time?

Reading, Zumba, line dancing, visiting our families and friends. I need to add walking more! I now try to avoid cooking as much as possible.

For Fun: What's your 'superpower' or 'spirit animal' and why?

Spirit animal: cat because they know sleep is so important!

Is there anything else that we haven't already covered/asked that you would you like to share with your sisters?

I think I covered it all! Please forgive any spelling errors.