

Women's Issues Committee

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The Women's Issues Committee is designed to be a special place for Daughters. By focusing on Health, Career, and Family, we educate and empower ourselves to serve the Society and our communities. This committee invites us all to **Rise and Shine for America** while keeping us strong and effective women.

The National Theme during the last year of the VanBuren Administration 2001-2002 is in the Career Category with an emphasis on ways the complexities of life, focusing on career, were handled during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Career: Managing Life's Complexities During the Pandemic.

Questions you may be considering: Did the pandemic affect your career? Did you work from home? If so, were you caring for your children during this same time, perhaps even homeschooling them? If your career path has been affected, was it a negative impact or perhaps you discovered hidden opportunities? Do you plan to return to your career?

Complete instructions are found on the National Website under "committees". Essays are not limited to the National Theme but may be written and submitted in all noted areas. There is a world of ideas, suggestions, and information on the National Theme page. Please note that the deadline for submission to this chair is **January 15, 2022**.

In addition to the Essay Contest, excellent **Chapter Program Ideas** may be found on the **Committee Website**. The ideas range from unique-to-women health issues to the realities of being a multigenerational family caregiver, from booting up to serve our country away from home to embracing our well-being as well as career success.

Through Women's Issues we learn to plan and participate in **Service Projects** that enable us to bring sunshine to dark places that lurk in every community. These projects can be activities such as sending clothing, toys and books to a local women's shelter, filling boxes to send to women Veterans or fostering literacy by collecting books for a food pantry. Your chapter can be instrumental in easing the burdens of individuals and communities.

Please check: <https://dar.org/memberss/committees/special> -committees/womens-issues/program-ideas-chapters, or go on the National Website and click on "committees" then on Women's Issues.