

### **NILE: Navigating without a ROADMAP??**

It's always difficult to move from familiar surroundings to those totally unknown to you. Having a local roadmap makes it much easier to get where you need to go and learn your new community. It's the same when you join the Daughters of the Nile. Many people think you can become a productive and happy Nile member by just attending Sessions and absorbing what you can. If the Temple exemplifies a nicely done ritual, a new Princess may at least understand the lessons the Crescent Ladies give. Otherwise, she must fumble her way through knowing when to salute, hold the salutation sign, remembering the password, how to exit the Session, when to stand, when to sit, how to vote and so on. Often, missing a cue is embarrassing.

That's why we need ladies to take on the MENTOR role. A MENTOR is a Nile Roadmap for a new Princess. All new Princesses need to know we care about them and, as we all know, first impressions are lasting impressions. That caring could start as soon as they are voted on and are waiting for initiation and then continue through their first year. A phone call sharing information about what's going on; where, when and what to wear, will make the new lady feel accepted and give her the confident knowledge that Nile is about friendship and inclusiveness. After initiation, the MENTOR should be available to answer questions and explain what is going on during the ritualistic ceremonies and Session. Understanding how to navigate Nile comes much more quickly with an involved and friendly Roadmap!!

Giving genuine attention to new Princesses will pay off by them becoming confident and involved members. They will learn to GROW, GATHER, GIVE and maybe, just maybe, become a roadmap for someone else.

If you are interested in becoming a MENTOR, talk with your local Membership Chairman. She will have all the information you need to become a happy, nurturing and informative MENTOR.

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