

I always thought mother would outlive me. At 100 years of age, she was still playing the piano and, having never been sick, she refused to take any type of medicine, including vitamins. Her mind was strong, but her heart finally gave out at the age of 101. She was the strongest woman I have ever known.

Losing her made me realize how guilty we are of taking things for granted; our friends, our family and our blessings. We all seem to think we don't have time for anything else; but, we do! In my length of time in this life, I've come to realize that we do what we want to do! We cannot take Daughters of the Nile for granted.

I became a Daughter of the Nile because of my sister-in-law who encouraged me to join. Her love of the Nile and enthusiasm of what it stands for attracted me. I didn't think I had the time to add anything else to my busy schedule. But I did, and I'm certainly glad that I did!

We cannot afford to miss an opportunity to speak to someone about Daughters of the Nile. We all have family members who are eligible. We all have friends, co-workers, and members of our church or other organizations that we belong to who might be eligible. How will you ever know if you don't talk about the Nile?

Be prepared to talk to your friends, co-workers and family members about the Daughters of the Nile; the fun, fellowship, and friendships that last a lifetime. Talk about the wonderful work that the Shriners Hospitals for Children® do and how we work toward helping the members have fun while doing so.

How many members did your Temple lose last year due to death or drops for non-payment of dues? As a member, whether or not you are on the Membership Committee, it is your responsibility to help your Temple with membership. How many new members did your Temple initiate last year? How often do you attend Stated Sessions? When you do attend, do you join in with other members who are there or do you sit by yourself and say to yourself, "I don't know why I came?" Become involved!!! All it takes is a smile. You know, smiles are contiguous! ☺ Ask how you can help. Attend open social events and bring a guest(s) who might be eligible to join.

In order to grow and retain this beautiful organization, we must have new members. You can help! Remember, MEmbership begins with ME!

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