Greetings from Benetta Cook, President

Dear Friends,

In many ways, it seems like yesterday when I became The Auxiliary President, but it actually has been three years since the installation in Portland, Oregon. For me, it has been a rewarding and productive period. Do you realize what we have accomplished in that time frame? We have certainly met our objective to provide educational funds for deserving students seeking a career in mechanical engineering. We have presented over $265,000 in scholarships and loans to more than 70 recipients! One way to interpret this is to say we have touched these students and, for some, made the difference in them becoming a college graduates. I thank, and congratulate, the Auxiliary volunteers for making this happen.

Just think--this spring a number of our previous recipients will be graduating, accepting positions, and beginning their mechanical engineering careers. You have made their dreams possible. In addition, I thank The Auxiliary Board for their service and dedication. Each member's part has contributed to our success. It has been my pleasure to work with such professional and delightful individuals.

Kay Simmons will be running for the Auxiliary President for 2017-2018. I wish Kay and the new board a triumph year. We are fortunate to have Kay's leadership and talents directing the Auxiliary. My future plans are to relocate from the Georgia Mountains to the Southwest where we will be closer to our daughters. This past year, our family has increased with two great grandchildren. We want to get to know them.

As I have often stated, The Auxiliary could not achieve its goals without ASME Staff Support. A big, special thank you goes to RuthAnn Bigley, David Soukup, and Thomas Meehan for their guidance, suggestions, and friendship.

Our 2017 Annual Meeting is June 9-14 in Newport Beach, California. We will be at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa. I look forward to seeing many of you then.

Benetta B. Cook
ASME Auxiliary President
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Marriott Newport Beach
Newport Beach, CA

Monday June 12
Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting
2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Tuesday June 13
Auxiliary Annual Meeting
8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Guest Hospitality Lounge
June 11,12,13 & 14
7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Please call the Marriott by May 10, 2017 for reservations.
1-800-333-3399
Rates: $209.00 Standard Double or Queen

Please keep our friends in your thoughts.

Deceased:
Hal Viereck
Special Intentions:
Bo Flanders
Margaret Holdredge
Russell Holdredge
John Holguin
Pat Jordan
Libby Prochaska

Please contact our ASME Staff member, RuthAnn with any questions throughout the year.

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Auxiliary Guest Presentation Luncheon

Tuesday June 13, 2017
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
$45.00
Newport Beach Marriott
Newport Beach, CA

Guest Speaker
Lisa Fay Matthiessen
“How Sustainability Improves Living”
Presentation Coordinator
Robert Counter
The National Board Meeting of the ASME Auxiliary in Phoenix, Arizona was called to order by President Benetta Cook at 8:30 AM. There were fifteen (15) members and three (3) guests in attendance. A motion was made and passed to accept the agenda of the meeting.

The Committee paused for a moment of silence for the following members and friends who are ill, Bo Flanders, Margaret and Russell Holdredge, Pat Jordan, Libby Prochaska, Nina Webb, Hal Viereck, and Keith Thayer.

The Treasurer’s Report showed a balance of $1,269,005.94 on July 1, 2015 and a balance of $1,235,719.78 on June 30, 2016. The Student Loan fund has a balance of $231,854.55 as of September 30, 2016 less $20,445.14 in outstanding loans. The Auxiliary received final payments for two (2) loans that have been paid in full. There are two (2) new loans as of September 30, 2016 and one (1) pending.

For the 2016/2017 academic year, the Auxiliary awarded eight (8) Undergraduate Scholarships, one (1) Rothermel Scholarship (Master's degree), one (1) Parsons Scholarship (Doctoral), two (2) Rice Cullimore Scholarships (Foreign Graduate) and ten (10) Lucy and Charles W. E. Clarke Scholarships to graduating High School Seniors on a FIRST Robotics Team.

The following motions were approved; award a total of nineteen (19) scholarships ($77,000.00) for the 2017/2018 academic year, approve the usage of earnings on all endowments not otherwise restricted as unrestricted earnings for the Auxiliary use, accept the Operations Guide as it is now and update as needed at every November Meeting, maintain an undergraduate pool of $100,000.00, unrestricted funds are no longer in escrow, make an announcement in the next Pipeline Newsletter that the Auxiliary is pooling the scholarship resources so family members of those donors are aware of the changes, motions should be recorded without using names of the people who made them, and the Auxiliary Minutes should be available to only Auxiliary Members.

President Keith Roe thanked the Auxiliary for supporting and providing 19 scholarships this year.

We will have three new scholarship readers this year; David Cook, Ada Ezekoye and Daphne Meyer.

Benetta Cook is relinquishing her Presidency after taking on an extra year of service.

It was suggested that letters go out to past scholarship winners and their parents to see if they would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund.

Benetta Cook thanked the members for their hard work and commitment and adjourned the meeting.
## Biographical Sketches of Candidates for National Office
### 2017-2018

### President

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<td>Kay is a retired teacher and has taught in Ohio, New Jersey, Hawaii, and Japan. She has taught all levels, from Montessori pre-school to high school reading. Her students remain a constant source of joy and amazement. Kay has been on many boards in her communities, including those of the Ridgewood YWCA and the Junior League. She served as President of the Parent Teacher Associations of the Westside Nursery School, Willard Elementary School, and Princeton High School. In both Westside Presbyterian Church and Nassau Presbyterian Church Kay served as a deacon. She also did fundraising for the Princeton Medical Center and was co-chair of their annual Holiday Boutique. Kay is a member of the Junior League of Orlando and served on the Junior League of New Jersey State Board. Her Junior League participation has put her on many boards and expanded her volunteer experiences. In 2008, she received the Junior League of Greater Princeton Outstanding Volunteer Award for sustainers. Kay is a life member of the ASME Auxiliary and has previously been an Auxiliary President. She has served on the Executive Committee, Honors and Awards Committee, as the Chair of the Membership Expansion Committee and has been a reader and Chair of the Rothermel Scholarship. Her greatest enjoyments are spending time with her family; husband Bob, three sons and daughters in laws, her five grandchildren (2 boys and 3 girls) friends, and poodles, Cane and Maddie, as well as journaling, reading, traveling, and going to yoga classes. Kay's goal is to see the Auxiliary grow and continue to give scholarships to deserving engineering students.</td>
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### Executive Vice President

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<td>Elizabeth has been exposed to the working and events of ASME for the past 40 years as she has attended many ASME events with her husband. She especially enjoyed attending the FIRST competition where her son was a participant. Elizabeth has an undergraduate degree from Skidmore College in Elementary Education and a graduate degree in education from Boston University. She taught school in Massachusetts and in Greenwich, CT. She is active in two Garden Clubs, in Greenwich CT and Nantucket MA, with an interest in Horticulture. The Garden Clubs support many civic projects in their communities. In Nantucket, she was chairman for the Nantucket Garden Club Scholarship Committee and is an active participant in the fundraisers that support the scholarships. In Greenwich, she chaired an outreach program for Head Start children at the Greenwich Library. She has also been active in her church on the Administrative Council and as a Sunday school teacher. Elizabeth enjoys spending time traveling with her husband. They have 4 children and 6 grandsons.</td>
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### Recording Secretary

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<td>Vatsala is currently a teacher in the St. Paul School system. For more than ten years, she has been teaching at the Webster Magnet school in St. Paul. She received her Master’s degree in education from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Prior to becoming a teacher in St. Paul, she was with the State Farm insurance company. Her work in State Farm was in Claims administration and involved interaction with both agents and clients. In addition to the work in the insurance area, she was also a teacher for more than 5 years in a multicultural school in Twin Cities. After completing her undergraduate degree, she obtained her teaching certification and was a teacher in both middle and high school programs. Besides being an avid gardener, Vatsala’s hobbies include reading and traveling.</td>
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### Corresponding Secretary

**Adaeze (Ada) Ezekoye** - Ada was born in eastern Nigeria. A proud and grateful citizen of the United States, she came to the US as a teenager to attend Barnard College, Columbia University. She holds a Master of Arts degree from the New School for Social Research. Ada's extensive employment experience has been mainly in counseling and in human services. She was a college counselor and instructor for Oceanics, a maritime study abroad program based in Bergen, Norway. She was employed at the City University of New York System, eight years of which were at Hunter College in college counseling. She was a Program Specialist and Administrator, at different times, for four of Pittsburgh's major Social Service Agencies (the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, The Parental Stress Center, and The Community Builders Inc.). She has served on several boards including Gilda's Club of Western Pennsylvania - a cancer support program for patients, family and friends, Parents Advisory Board of the Kiski School, a Western Pennsylvania Prep School attended by two of her sons, and a patron and volunteer of the Washington DC based African Women's Cancer Awareness Association. She is a past president and current historian of the Aurora Reading Club of Pittsburgh - a unique 122 year old reading and social development association. Ada has travelled extensively in North America, Africa, Europe and China and is comfortable interacting with people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, participating in community events, theatre, and dancing. Ada is married to an ASME Fellow and Life Fellow, Ike Ezekoye Ph.D. (2015 recipient of the ASME S.Y. Zamrik PVP Medal and other ASME honors and awards). They are the parents of five adult children, and are blessed with seven grandchildren.

### Treasurer

**Stella Seiders** – Stella was born in Tehran, Iran and raised in many places overseas. She has a BA in Liberal Arts from Alhikma University (affiliated with Boston College), and an MBA from the University of Tulsa. She is an Enrolled Agent (EA), registered with IRS, and has worked for H&R Block Premium for over 25 years preparing corporate and individual tax returns. She has a son and a daughter. Her husband Ed has been a member of ASME since college and they were involved with the ASME Petroleum Division. She became a member of the Auxiliary in 1997. She was the editor of the Auxiliary Pipeline for two years and Executive Vice President. She attended a number of ASME sponsored technical conferences with her husband. Stella enjoys doing volunteer work at her church.

### Student Loan Fund Treasurer

**Ed Seiders** - has been a member of ASME since his student days in 1961 at Drexel University (Drexel Institute of Technology) in Philadelphia. He has a BSME from Drexel and an MBA from the University of Tulsa. He served two years in the Peace Corps in Iran (1967-1969) and after his Peace Corps service worked for 4 years for a consulting engineering firm in Tehran. He and his wife, Stella, moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1973 and, except for brief periods, have lived there to the present. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Ed has worked for Willbros Engineers for over 35 years, and has extensive international travel as part of that position. In ASME, Ed has held positions on the local Mid-Continent Section Executive Committee, has chaired the ASME Petroleum Division and the ASME Pipeline Systems Division, has been Vice President of the ASME IPTI, and has been a member of the Board of Governors (2010 to 2013). He is currently active in the organization of the International Pipeline Conference and on the Executive Committee of the Petroleum Division.
Once gain, we have another family who has benefitted from our scholarship program.

Benjamin and Thomas Fogwell are past recipients of the Lucy and Charles W. E. Clarke Scholarship. Both brothers are studying engineering at Virginia Tech. They are members of the elite Corps of Cadets program which takes pride in being one of the organizations on campus with the highest GPA. The program has a very formal mentor/mentee initiative where senior cadets with similar majors will pair up with junior cadets and assist in their learning. By working with the under-classmen in their area of expertise, they are able to provide advice to other students so they can succeed in areas where they may have fallen short.

Last summer the brothers worked together at a STEM summer camp near their home in Philadelphia. Older brother Thomas was the director of the STEM camp and supervised all the teachers in subjects like robotics, programming, and science education while younger brother Ben instructed all the students in the various subjects like robotics, programming, and science education. Both agree that being on a FIRST team has shown them how to work fluently with co-workers on projects and goals. It has also given them an edge among peers by providing previous engineering process knowledge from design to product completion.

After graduating from Virginia Tech, Thomas would like to get a job that deals with a wide array of engineering problems that will challenge him. Benjamin would like to get a higher degree in order to pursue research in materials which he feels will be really interesting and could lead to some new innovative discoveries.

Both young men are avid hikers. Thomas hiked the Appalachian Trail in 70 days unaccompanied—it was the fast thru hike of 2016.

As we conclude our article, I am pleased to announce that their sister Sarah is planning on joining her brothers in Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech.