

**Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.® (CEP)** is a national sorority of registered professional nurses and nursing students (male and female) representing many cultures and diverse ethnic backgrounds. It is currently headquartered in Washington, D.C.

### Who We Are:

**CEP** is a professional nursing organization with more than 8000 Registered Nurses and Student Nurses. There are over 83 graduate chapters and 39 undergraduate chapters located in 26 states, District of Columbia, St. Thomas and the US Virgin Islands.

### Our Motto and Vision

Guided by the motto “Service for Humanity,” **Chi Eta Phi Sorority’s, Inc.®** vision is to continue its recognition as an internationally recognized leader in the provision of health education, leadership development, and service to the community.



### Our Mission

The mission of **Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.®** is to provide service for humanity, elevate the plane of nursing and to increase interest in the nursing profession. This mission is accomplished through the:

- Encouragement of the pursuit of continuing education;
- Recruitment programs for health careers;
- Stimulation of close and friendly relationships among members;
- Development of working relationships with other professional groups and the identification of a core of nursing leadership who affect social changes at the national, regional and local levels.

### Our History:



**Aliene C. Ewell, RN**, pictured here, organized the Sorority on October 16, 1932 with the assistance of 11 other courageous registered nurses. The charter chapter, **Alpha**, was organized at Freedman's Hospital in Washington D.C. for two specific purposes: (1) elevating the plane of nursing and (2) increasing interest in the field of nursing.

The graduate and undergraduate (**Beta**) chapters are grouped into five regions according to geographic areas.

### RHO Chapter’s History

On March 30, 1956, ten Registered Nurses met at the residence of Homer G. Phillips Hospital, 2516 Goode Street, St. Louis, Missouri, with joined purposes of becoming charter members and creating a local St. Louis chapter of the **Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.® (CEP)**. The ten nurses that went on to form **RHO Chapter** of the **CEP Sorority** are: Mrs. Mellie Edwards, Miss. Ophelia Clark, Mrs. Myrtle K. Hines, Mrs. Doris Minter, Mrs. Barbara Herriford, Mrs. Rubye L. Johnson, Mrs. Jean Dowdy, Mrs. Martell Broyles, Mrs. Mary L. Jacquet and Mrs. Helen Wallace.

**RHO Chapter** continues to be a well-respected group that has exemplified the **CEP Sorority’s** motto “Service for Humanity.”

### Middlewest Region:

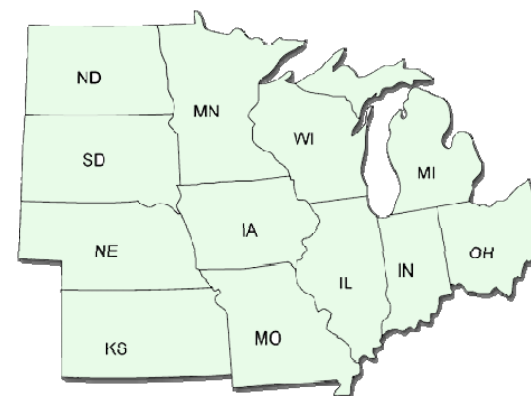
**Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.® (CEP)** is divided into to six regions. **RHO Chapter** is a part of the **Middlewest Region**. **Nutrena H. Tate, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC**, pictured here, is the **Middlewest** Regional



Director. A region is a unit of chapters. The regions are Northeast, Southeast, **Middlewest**, Middlesouth and Southwest. The Regional Director is the administrator of the region, provides guidance and direction to the chapters and presides over the affairs of the region and the Annual Regional meeting.

### Middlewest Region’s History

The origin of our region began at the 1946 National Conference (Boulé) where a committee was given the charge to divide the United States into regional districts. It would be 10 years before the region would be established. In March 1956, **RHO Chapter** became the first **Middlewest** chapter to be chartered and in April 1956 the **Middlewest** Region was officially organized. The historic event took place at the Sheraton Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.



**Middlewest Region**

**Membership:**



Thank you for taking the time to review this brochure about **Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., ®** *A Professional Nursing Organization*. If you have, any questions regarding this sorority or are interested in joining **RHO Chapter** please

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