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From the Desk of the President
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Greetings and Happy Spring!

The month of May is one of my favorite times of year as we wrap up another academic year and head into summer! For Groves it is also the time when we think about our annual conference, our annual business meeting and the transition of newly elected board members. For me, this means that this is my last newsletter as president of Groves! At the conclusion of the business meeting which will be held on Tuesday, June 17th at 9:15 a.m. ET., president -elect Kari Adamsons will be your new president! Linda, and I have been having regular conversations with Kari and getting her up to speed on everything Groves! Kari is going to be an amazing leader for Groves and I couldn't be more thrilled to have her assuming this role. I hope that you will all be able to join us for the business meeting to welcome Kari aboard! See page 2 in this newsletter to learn more about Kari. We will be holding the meeting during our conference but will have a virtual option to attend via Zoom for those who will not be able to attend in person. See page 3 in this newsletter for more info on the business meeting.

Although exciting, my transition to past president certainly comes with some sadness as I step aside from this role that I have enjoyed. It has been a great honor to serve as president for the last four years and I look forward to my continued involvement as a member of Groves for years to come. But before this transition occurs, I hope to welcome you to the annual conference in Washington DC in June. It is shaping up to be another inspiring, informative, and transformational conference! True to the Groves tradition, we are addressing a timely and provocative topic. This year the theme is "Families in a Time of Social and Political Upheaval: Lessons from the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." There is still time to register. See page 4 for more information. I hope to see you there!

Sharon Ballard

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Who We Are

The Groves Conference was begun in 1934 by the late Professor Ernest Groves, who was among the first academicians to give a course in marriage and the family in an established university, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Our members are an interdisciplinary and interprofessional organization of faculty, researchers, students, and family professionals.

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