

# THE MOLES

*Emerald Legend Mole Margaret F. Nelson*

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Twelfth National President ~ 1991-1995

There are many good things about, as MOLES that we have in common with other groups:

- The bond of sisterhood
- Purposes of mutual advancement
- Support of higher education for our youth
- Contributions to charity

Our uniqueness is embodied in our understanding of and appreciation for the importance of “enjoyment”; Hence, our motto.



*A Spear Header*

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My reflections of Moledom evoke memories of happy people generating enough good fellowship during a Conclave weekend to last until the next Conclave a year later. Happy people are more productive, whether in a practical or a spiritual sense. Essentially, there is a great need to find reasons to be happy – to experience joy, and to spread it around. When we do, we perpetuate the purpose of Moledom.

There are some memories of my years as a MOLE that are fun to recall. In 1978, for instance, Atlanta’s first Conclave seemed never to shut down for sleeping. Other memories remind me of how exceptional Moledom is, an example being that when the coffers were almost empty (it happened), we taxed ourselves without blame or pity. One memory above many is the 50th Anniversary Celebration which required vision, resourcefulness and cooperation which makes us MOLES, resulting in a fabulous, one-of-a-kind event in New Orleans, LA.

I am honored to have been elected the Twelfth National President of THE MOLES!

I served with and for some fantastic women. As a sister MOLE and Past National President, I salute our organization which exemplifies class with character: “It is not what we have, or even what we do which justifies our existence, but who we are, THE MOLES”.

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*Emerald Legend Mole Mary Attyberry Polk*  
Sixteenth National President ~ 2007-2009



## *A Pioneer*

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It is with the deepest appreciation and an honor that I submit my contribution to this publication.

The St. Louis Chapter of **THE MOLES** was organized in 1977 by Mary Attyberry Polk, and sponsored by the Detroit Chapter. Dr. Vergial Webb, National President, visited St. Louis and officially inducted fifteen members into this prestigious organization.

Throughout Mole Mary Attyberry Polk's terms in chapter leadership and committees, she manifested her roles with "Service with Love, Class and Commitment." Mole Polk served on numerous noteworthy committees and in leadership roles, namely: Moles legacy Workshop, Chair, 56th Annual Conclave (St. Louis), National Bylaws Committee Member, National Resolutions Committee Co-chair, 50th Anniversary Dinner and Legacy Luncheon, National Publicity Chair, National Secretary, National Vice President, and National President.

Mole Mary Polk's business involvements include Writer's Incorporated, President/CEO, "St. Louis Social Scene"; Freelance Writer; Entrepreneur; "Who's Who in Black America". Many more service items and activities list Mole Polk as being continuously active with the Moles as well as being active in the St. Louis community for more than forty years because of her positive dedicated media foci on the Black populations' local community activities.

Mole Mary's educational career included honors that span her elementary through her post graduate degrees. She was presented the distinguished "Keeper of the Park" Award for her dedication to the renovation to Forest Park in St. Louis. She studied Japanese culture for one year, served on the Hiram Leffingwell Society and is a founding member of the Women's Hats Luncheon Committee. In addition to the St. Louis Chapter of The Moles, her many affiliations include: a 72 year member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., St. Louis Chapter of Carrousel, St. Louis Smart Set, and The Gateway Chapter of The Links, Incorporated,

Mole Polk has received the Educational Leadership Award on behalf of the Community Empowerment Foundation, letters of commendation from Washington University, St. Louis University, University of Missouri, Fonbonne University, Harris Stowe State University, Webster University, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, Claire McCaskill and many others.

Mole Polk was married to the late George Douglas Polk, a World War II Navy Radar man. From this union was born Mary Olivia Polk, a physician at Frye Regional Medical Hospital in Hickory, NC and mother of Jordan and Madison Mann, both graduates of MICDS. Jordan has degrees from Brown and Providence University and is a long distance runner. Madison is a graduate of Colgate and is employed by Sotheby's Art Center.

Mole Mary, a lifelong member of Central Baptist Church (80 years), will celebrate her 91st birthday on July 13, 2018!