

## **Forward Moving Ever - a mid-biennium report**

### **By Royce Boyd, First Vice-President/EEC Chair**

Approximately one year ago President Little shared with us through the *Keystonian* her goals for the 2019-2021 biennium. This mid-biennium report is a reflection on the first year as well as a call to action to continue to work on meeting the goals established by President Little. Let's see how we are doing and how to move forward in these most unusual and uncertain of times.

#### ***Goal 1: Growing and Maintaining Membership***

This has been a challenge during the pandemic but DKG women are creative. President Little has made some in-person chapter visits prior to March and then, more after restrictions were lifted. Chapters have used technology to hold meetings, install members and even had virtual social gatherings. Members have checked on one another, made masks, and volunteered as we maintain and grow membership. It is all about building relationships. The Membership Plan was once again introduced during Chapter President Training including how to bring Collegiate Members to DKG. Do you have ideas or questions about membership – contact Marj Paradise, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Chair or President Little.

#### ***Goal 2: Promoting STEM***

Prior to the Covid 19 pandemic, STEM activities were planned for the 2020 State Convention. Those plans have been rescheduled for the 2021 convention. However, chapters have continued to work on the STEM goal by working in their schools and communities. Chapters have provided information for teachers on their website and through Facebook. They have gathered books for the International Convention in Philadelphia book drive in conjunction with the Free Library of Philadelphia. STEM items have been collected for school districts and Girl Scout troops to continue making strides for girls interested in STEM-related careers. Look for other information coming soon to the state website. To share your ideas and projects contact Royce Boyd, 1stVP/EEC Chair, Amy Miehl, Projects Chair or President Little.

#### ***Goal 3: Supporting and Growing Leadership***

The plan was to have Chapter President Training and the Leadership strand in tandem with State Convention so that more members could take advantage of the trainings. Act 48 hours (a continuing education requirement) were offered for active teachers. When the convention was cancelled, Leadership pivoted and went Zooming!! After 10 hours of training and a book chat, our Chapter Presidents are equipped to help move their chapters and the state organization

forward. We are planning to continue Zoom meetings to help support and grow DKG leadership. If you have leadership questions or need help supporting and growing leaders contact Dr. Lyn Schmid, Leadership Development Chair or President Little.

***Goal 4: Supporting International Projects and World Fellowship Recipients:***

What have you and/or your chapter done to work on this goal? Chapters all over the state have

adopted Early Career Educators by sending notes, offering small tokens of support and even afternoon snacks for meetings. Most of these gestures have continued throughout the school year. Schools for Africa has continued to be on DKG's radar as we move forward. PA's World Fellowship Recipient at Lehigh University had lunch with Dr. Schmid and President Little before Christmas. Covid stranded her in the US, but she has been supported by PA DKG members. Many of our members and chapters have sent words of encouragement via notes and emails. Gift cards and other monetary assistance have been sent to her. President Little has a Zoom meeting with her scheduled soon.

International has recognized PA's commitment to World Fellowship Recipients lead by President Little as she has been asked to join the International World Fellowship Committee with President Sadowski. Congratulations, Eileen! Remember to continue your support of this goal as we move into the second year of this biennium. For more information contact Rose Ann Colosimo, World Fellowship Chair or President Little.

Another way to checkout PA's progress through this biennium is to visit the state website. Make an effort to go virtual by viewing the Convention offerings. You will be pleased to see how we are forward moving ever!

