



April 5, 2020

Dear Chapter Presidents and DKG Sisters,

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy during these long days of social distancing and isolation. Today I spent the day outside doing yard work. I love working in my flowerbeds and the Spring flowers add color to my days. I look forward to planting the annuals and relaxing on the patio as the warm weather is coming. I know we are all looking forward to the day when this virus is gone, and we can get back to normal!

I know many of you are wondering about State Convention. I emailed the Nittany Lion Inn this week and received a quick reply from Norm our contact for convention. At this time the Nittany Lion Inn is closed as per the University's directions. Norm asked me to wait until the end of April to make a decision about our State Convention. If the University continues to have the Nittany Lion Inn closed the decision about convention may be made for us. If the University decides to open the Nittany Lion Inn, then the officers and convention team will work with me to determine our best decision regarding having State Convention. I am sorry that I cannot tell you a more definite decision, but Norm is asking me to wait until the end of April.

Chapter Presidents and treasurers will be reaching out to members regarding dues for 2020 – 2021. International is working to open the portal for the treasurers. They have been working hard since they are not in the office and everyone is working remotely from home.

If you have not looked at our PA website lately, I would encourage you to check it out!
dkgpa.weebly.com

I have been working with Sue, our webmaster to post new information from International regarding International Convention. On the Home page there is a tab titled, International Convention. When you click on it there is a video from President Cathy regarding the convention; information about PA Night, July 10, 2020; and two pieces of information from the International Education Foundation.

When on the Home page there were three new slides added to the slide show. Please join me in congratulating Jackie Thomas, Amy Radford and Cindy Reynolds regarding their acceptance into the next International Gallery of Fine Arts! International plans to have this gallery open the end of April. Sue, our webmaster, created these slides based on the information I shared with her and the photos the ladies shared with me.

Another tab on the Home page is the Spring edition of the Keystonian – so easy to read. If you have not signed up for the Keystonian online, it is easy just choose Communication and it is the first choice.

The Scholarship Committee meeting scheduled for March was moved to April 18, 2020 due to the virus. Since we still cannot meet face to face, we will be meeting via Zoom. Susan Martin, chair for scholarship, has reached out to members who submitted applications for scholarships and enrichment grants to determine if these members still wanted the committee to consider their application. Unfortunately, some applications were withdrawn due to the virus impacting these events. I would encourage these members to apply again next year if their event would be possible in June 2022 to June 2023.

Also, the Finance Committee under the leadership of chair Mary Wilhelm, may be using Zoom for their meeting. The finance committee is scheduled to meet on Saturday, May 9, 2020. So only time will tell what this committee will be doing in order to continue the work of PA State.

Chapter visits have been cancelled, but I look forward to the Fall when perhaps I can get out to visit chapters again! I have enjoyed the chapter visits thus far as it is fun to meet members and learn about all the wonderful projects and events happening in PA chapters.

I have participated in several votes with International. The International Conferences for 2021 will be in Tampere, Finland; Portland, Oregon and San Antonio, Texas. Also, International Convention 2022 will be in New Orleans, Louisiana. The dates for this convention are July 10 – 18, 2022. International is in the process of selling headquarters and moving to a new location in Austin. The current location is prime real estate and it is a good move for International.

I am so proud to be surrounded by a wonderful team of officers and chairs! Together we are trying to continue the work of PA State. As more information becomes available to us, I will share it with all of you. For now, I wish you all to stay safe and healthy, practice social distancing and soon this will pass, and we will be back to normal!

Take Care & Stay Healthy,
Eileen

