**Helpful Hints for the 2020 Convention**

Here is your opportunity to use your Voice and have a Choice in DKG PA! Below are some helpful hints to help you be prepared and get the most out of the weekend.

* **Dress for convention weekend:**
* Friday – casual
* Saturday – Business casual
* Saturday Evening – Your Best Dressy (dress or pants)
* Sunday – casual/traveling clothes
* There is air conditioning in the Nittany Lion Inn (NLI), please dress in layers or bring a sweater, shawl or light jacket
* The **chorus** will be rehearsing throughout the weekend. Even if you did not attend the chorus retreat , you can still join in and sing with the group.
* **Evaluations** are important, we want to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Before you leave on Sunday, please return your evaluation to the registration table or go on the PA website, download the Convention evaluation and send it to Karen Tinsman at katncpa@aol.com
* The dining room at the NLI and Whiskers fill up quickly so you may want to call and make your reservation before convention or make a reservation at one of the many wonderful restaurants in State College.

**Friday, June 12, 2020**

* Check in at the Nittany Lion Inn when you arrive. You will receive a card tag to put in your vehicle to park for free in the adjacent garage. (Access to rooms is not guaranteed until 4:00 PM)
* Check in at the **DKG Registration** table to get your materials for Convention. You may wish to put your name on the program in case you misplace it.
* Bring your sparkly **“bling lanyard”** from the previous convention. If this is your first convention, you will get a “bling lanyard “ at registration.
* Bring your favorite **DKG bag** from a previous convention. If this is your first convention, you will get a bag at registration.
* Buy chances for the **raffle baskets** donated by the chapters. There are times throughout convention when you will have time to put your tickets in to win. Some members bring address labels to place on their tickets, so you don’t need to write your name on each ticket. Proceeds from the raffle baskets defray the convention costs.
* Stop by the **Tech Table** and learn how to set up your My DKG account and/or DKG app.
* Attend the **Album of Distinction**, presented by our State Professional Affairs Chair, Fern Detwiler and the EEC Committee. At this ceremony, recognition is given to our members’ accomplishments outside of DKG.
* **Album of Distinction Reception** follows the ceremony. There will be a cash ice cream bar and a cash alcoholic beverages bar. President Eileen’s signature drink, Prosecco, will be available all weekend.
* **Friday Night Fling**, presented by our EEC State Chair, Royce Boyd and the EEC committee is open to all convention attendees. The cash ice cream bar and a cash alcoholic beverages bar will remain open. Come meet everyone for some fun and STEM excitement!

**Saturday, June 13, 2020**

* **All First Timers to the Convention are invited to attend the Complimentary Continental Breakfast.** Dr. Marj Paradise, State Membership Chair and her committee will help you meet other first timers. Also,you will get to meet State Officers, our International Representative, **Connie Rensik** and our Keynote Speaker, **Kaylyn Gibilterra.** Make sure to sign up for the breakfast on your registration form.
* Attend the **Executive Board and First General Session** in the ballroom. President Eileen will be presiding over the society business and **Connie Rensik** our International Representative will share an update from International.
* New this year, **In a Flash**, sessions. These are 10-minute sessions located in three lobbies where the presenter shares a quick tip/information. Check out your program for more information.
* Attend **workshops** in the morning and the afternoon. This year the Society Business workshops are split between AM and PM so there will be three workshops each time that are not Society business. Lots of choices and many are available for Act 48 credit!
* If you are a workshop presenter your luncheon meal is complimentary!
* Our **Celebration Luncheon** is chaired by Royce Boyd, our State EEC Chair. Join in celebrating Birthday Chapters, members with 40+ years of membership. Congratulate any members who has received their doctorate degree. Linda Nickerson, State Communications Chair will honor chapters’ websites and newsletters. Our Keynote speaker, **Kaylyn Gibilterra** will present *Building Confidence Through STEM Education.* Also, Kaylyn will present an afternoon workshop, *Online Game Development.*
* **Saturday Evening Banquet** is chaired by Dr. Marj Paradise. This year we honor all our Incoming and Outgoing Chapter Presidents and Dr. Bettie Bertram and her committee will present the **Rosebud Recognition**. The **State Chorus** directed by Nancy Hills, Visual & Performing Arts Chair, will share their talents with us.

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**

* The **Celebration of Life**, presented by Dr. Marj Paradise and the Membership committee, is our time to remember those sisters who have passed away since last year’s convention. It is a beautiful and memorable ceremony.
* At the **Honors Breakfast, Second General Session**, we will share the excitement of those receiving Scholarship and Enrichment Grants presented by our Scholarship chair, Susan Martin and her committee. DKG PA State Business will be discussed and votes taken at the Second General Session.
* Check out at the Nittany Lion Inn and **Safe Travels Home**