



May 20, 2020

Hello,

I hope this letter finds you well and I am excited that some PA counties have moved to yellow! Also, the news is improving with the possible vaccine and the number of COVID 19 cases declining. A quote from Desmond Tutu states, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

International President Cathy Daugherty shared an email with us on May 19, 2020 regarding International Convention 2020 in Philadelphia, PA. Hopefully your Chapter President has forwarded it on to you. I am copying and pasting it below in red if you have not received it.

Hello from Society Headquarters in Austin, TX! This message addresses decisions related to the 2020 DKG International Convention. In addition to the video message there are details you need to share with members that I am outlining here:

1. Members who registered for the convention will receive REFUND information via email within the next day or so. They have till June 5th to complete the refund request form and return it. Details are on the form. (Refunds for the pre-convention Museum of the Constitution event are included in the convention refund procedure, too.)
2. The Marriott Downtown Philadelphia is working with us to cancel automatically all room reservations for members who had made reservations through the block of rooms we had set up for the convention. Members will receive an email from the hotel to verify the room cancellation.
3. Information regarding virtual events to be shared in lieu of a face-to-face convention will be made available as plans are finalized.

Again, thank you for your support and resilience as we move forward with new plans. Please, **chapter presidents**, forward this email message and attached video to your members. It is the best way we can spread the information that all members need access to at this time!

Video message link: <https://youtu.be/flrJ5Gefld4>

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Cathy

When I watched the YouTube video, I was excited to hear that some events from Convention 2020 will occur virtually! Even though it is not quite the same as being at Convention in person, it will be interesting to hear some of the presenters and their topics. Some will be live-streamed, and others will be pre-recorded. Check it out....

While you are on the Internet check out our PA State website at dkgpa.weebly.com On the Home page there is a button titled, 2020 State Convention. Here you can view the Album of Distinction recipients; Birthday Chapters; Chapter newsletters and websites are recognized with the Communication Recognition; Rosebud Recipient; Celebration of Life honorees; and Scholarship and Enrichment Grant recipients. Also, when choosing Committee Reports you can read what each committee has accomplished during the first year of this biennium. Lastly, when choosing Society Business Workshops, you will find information if you are a new Chapter Officer or Chapter Committee Chair. All reports and recognitions will be posted after June 15, 2020. If you have any questions, please email any of the officers and chairs and we will be happy to help you in your new position. Our emails can be found in the Fall 2019 Keystonian pages 9 -12. Keystonians are archived under the Communication tab on the Home page of our website.

Your PA State Officers and Chairs are continuing to do the work of PA State remotely and with many Zoom meetings. I am looking forward to Incoming Chapter Presidents Leadership Training via Zoom, getting out to visit chapters, and our new normal. As Martin Luther King said, " We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

Take Care & Stay Healthy,
Eileen
DKG PA State President 2019 – 2021

