

September 4, 2014

To Chapter Presidents



Donations for Dr. Irene:

Several chapters have asked about making a donation in honor of Dr. Irene Murphy. If you wish to do this, write the check to Delta Kappa Gamma and send it to Wanda Keller, 830 Fernwood Place, Johnstown, PA 15905. A check in her name will be sent to the Golden Gift Fund in her memory. She was an early participant in this program and encouraged many others to apply. Of course, you may designate that your money go to an alternative fund of your choosing.

Help Hold the Line on Costs:

Encourage members to sign up to receive the Keystonian online. This helps hold the line against future dues increases. Contact Bonnie Barnes, Editor at iberrylady@aol.com

Puerto Rico:

Did you know that Pennsylvania sponsored the expansion of our Society into Puerto Rico? In speaking with their state organization president, Rosa Fernandez, I learned that their members need a boost. They have a total of 41 members! I am proposing a line of communication from our state to theirs. I am suggesting that your chapter would write or email a sister in PR. (Some of you may want to travel to PR to meet your sister!) You would get to know her, her interests, and her chapter. Sharing chapter project ideas and needs of our sisters opens the door of “genuine spiritual fellowship” a bit wider. Please let me know if your chapter would like to have a Puerto Rican sister as a “penpal”.

Laura Hritz update:

Many of you have asked about Laura. She has let me know that she should receive her new prosthesis soon, and will then need to test it out before it is completed. The following is a portion of an email that I received from her:

“I thank you and all of the DKG Sisters that assisted me financially. It is because of all of you that I was able to start the process this summer. I am so grateful for the financial assistance! I have been touched by the outpouring of generosity!

My mother and I are gearing up for our first year as co-presidents. We were able to have a planning meeting at our home in August, which went very well. Our chapter will be meeting soon in September.”

So I add my appreciation for those of you who were able to support our sister.

Hold Harmless Waiver:

I have attached a form that must be completed by all chapters and states. You may know that we have been trying to be sure that anything that is published in our chapter and state newsletters and websites do not have copyright or trademark infringement issues. I am including the explanation of the form, as I received it from Headquarters (minus the references to the form I need to fill out for the state). Please fill out the form and send it directly to Headquarters at: PO Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589

SUBJECT: Release, Waiver, Indemnification, Hold Harmless Agreement

These forms are required by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in order to protect the state organization and international from someone in the Society infringing on intellectual property.

It is mandatory that chapter, state, and international newsletters or any other publications print only materials (written content, images, cartoons, artwork) for which they have **written permission from the author/artist**. Indicating, "*attributed to....*", or "*copied from....*", or merely printing the author's name with the entry does not suffice.

These Agreements release the International Society from any liability caused by a chapter or state organization for infringement on anyone's intellectual property. The chapter agreement also releases the state organization from any liability caused by a chapter.

At the bottom of one form is the word "**Chapter**." This form should be disseminated to all chapter presidents in your state organization, signed as indicated, and returned to Society headquarters for my signature and attestation. You may decide if you want to collect them yourself, or have the chapter send them to headquarters directly. Either way, we will be asking you to track down those who do not return the form by October 15, 2014.

Once all chapter forms have been received at headquarters, signed and attested, we will electronically scan and send a copy of all the forms back to you, the state organization president. Please have the chapter file a copy of its form, and you keep a copy of all chapter forms in the state organization files.

Please see that this process is completed by October 15, 2014. Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important legal responsibility.

Nominations for State Office and Elected Committee Members:

Is there someone in your chapter who would like to share their leadership skills with the state as a state officer or as an elected committee member of the Nominations and Finance Committees? Information can be found on the state website under “News” and then “Nominations Committee”. There will be an opportunity later to indicate interests in appointed committee positions. If you have questions about nominations, please contact Louann Shrader at lshrader@embarqmail.com

Website information:

Check the state and international websites for updates.

The state website has convention highlights, the press release, and information about nominations.

Contact information for state officers and committee chairs is available on the state website: www.alphaalphapa.com Click on “About Us”. Slide down to “Committees” and Click. Click on “Alpha Alpha State Directory”. The password is alphaalpha

Questions:

Feel free to contact me for more information about any issue.

Dates to Remember:

Purposeful Seminar	Lancaster, PA	Sept. 26 & 28, 2014
Creative Arts Retreat	Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA	March 27 & 29, 2015
2015 Alpha Alpha State Convention	State College, PA	June 12-14, 2015
2015 NERC	Baltimore, MD	July 8 – 11, 2015
2016 International Convention	Nashville, TN	July 5-9, 2016

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