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Dear Chapter President,

Your state leadership team has been very busy during the last month. First VP Tracey Dusch, Second VP Barbara Gasperini, Communication Chair Linda Nickerson, Keystoneian Editor Bonnie Barnes, Treasurer Wanda Keller, and I all attended training sessions at the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland Maine. Past President Louann Shrader learned about the new nominations process and will be leading the way for the nomination of our very own Dr. Lyn Schmid for the position of International President. We all gained valuable information. The rest of the nearly 50 sisters from Pennsylvania were treated to Lighthouses, Lobsters, and some amazing speakers, breakout sessions, and fellowship with our sisters from across our region.

The Administrative Board made up of the officers and committee chairs have met to make plans for the upcoming year. The following information comes out of the training in Maine or the Board meeting in State College and should be helpful to you.

#### ITEMS TO CHECK ON

Has your treasurer filed your chapter's 990N form? It is good practice to have this noted in your minutes when the treasurer files this form. Failure to file for 3 years will cause your chapter to lose its nonprofit status and would then need to be reinstated.

Do you need insurance for any of your meeting sites? AIM is available at reasonable rates. Information can be found on the International website: Click on Shopping – Insurance – AIM

Use great caution in what gets published in your newsletter and on your website. Your chapter maybe sued for infringement of intellectual properties. This has recently happened to a chapter in another state. The problem multiplies. Your newsletter and website are linked to the state website which is linked to the International website. All levels could now be in violation of copyright laws. (A Hold Harmless clause is being worked on to protect chapters, states, and international levels.)

October 15 is the deadline for any proposed amendments to our state By-Laws or Standing Rules.

Remember that at state convention we voted to change how we offer leadership training for chapter leaders. The biennial incoming chapter presidents training will be held February 28 – March 1 in State College. Other chapter leaders are invited to attend their own training on March 1 at the same location. Chapter presidents have stated how valuable this experience was for them. We hope the new training for chapter members will prove to be as valuable. There will be more details in the future, but mark your calendar now.

### Dates to Remember

CTAUN	UN Headquarters	January 31, 2014
National Legislative Seminar	Arlington, VA	March 16-19, 2014
Prof. Develop. & Leadership Conf.	State College, PA	Feb.28 –March 1, 2014
Alpha Alpha State Convention	State College, PA	June 13 – 15, 2014
International Convention	Indianapolis, IN	July 28-Aug 1, 2014
2015 NERC	Baltimore, MD	July 8 – 11, 2015

### Goals for our State / Theme for 2013-2015 Biennium: Engage ~ Equip ~ Empower

Conduct the business of PA State Org professionally and efficiently, and continue to provide quality programming that addresses the 7 purposes of the Society.

Promote increased participation at each level of Society through the use of social media, newsletters, chapter visitation and statewide events in an effort to strengthen connections from member to chapter and chapter to state.

Provide quality leadership training for all members.

Recognize at-risk chapter behavior and provide support from our leadership team.

Engage a majority of the chapters in the state project.

Equip members with the knowledge of the benefits of membership through chapter visitation, brochures, electronic communication, and the newsletter.

Thank you for your continuing work for the Society. Feel free to contact me at any time. I am here to serve you.

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