

November 8, 2013

Dear Chapter President,



October was a whirlwind for me and the holidays are fast approaching. There is so much information to share with! Your state committee chairmen have been working on state programming and have some wonderful opportunities for you and your members.

Leadership Training: Incoming chapter presidents' training will be combined with leadership training for all members at an event called Leadership and Professional Development Conference. I have sent detailed information about this on November 4. Let me know if you did not receive this. It is important that incoming presidents be trained, and I think we have an outstanding program for them. I love that we are also able to share the time with all members interested in advancing their leadership skills. I hope several members from your chapter will plan to attend along with your incoming president. Look to the winter *Keystonian* for details.

Choral Retreat: Plans are being made for an Alpha Alpha Chorus Retreat May 2-3, 2014 to be held in Middletown, Pa. Housing and meals will be provided for each participant. Members of the Beta Theta Chapter and or members of Shirley Newhart's church will be housing participants. There will be a welcome dinner Friday night at the church followed by the first chorus rehearsal. Breakfast will be provided by your host family and another rehearsal will take place Saturday morning ending by noon for your travels home. What a great time this will be to rehearse at length without having to hurry off to a meeting or presentation. Great times and memories made with your musically talented Alpha Alpha Sisters! This retreat is not a requirement to participate in the Alpha Alpha State Convention Chorus. It is being offered to those who are able to attend. Hopefully we will have a core of singers who will be able to attend and assist others in learning the music at the Alpha Alpha State Convention rehearsals. RSVP at www.alphaalphapa.com under the Upcoming Events tab.

State Project: One Chair, Two Chairs, Red Chair, Blue Chair is the title of our state project, to raise funds for the PA Headstart Association. Details will be in the *Keystonian*, outlining this 2 year project. Chapters are asked to obtain a small child's school chair to decorate. You will bring it to convention for a photo opportunity to indicate empty chairs in Headstart classrooms due to budget cutbacks. You will then take the chairs back to your communities to raise funds in whatever manner works for you. Maybe you will auction it off to companies in your area. Maybe you will set it up at community functions and ask for donations. Maybe you have your own thoughts on this. Be creative and let's make a difference in a child's life.

Report Forms: Did you receive your notice from International President, Dr. Beverly Helms concerning chapter report forms? All forms are available at www.dkg.org under the tab FORMS -> REPORT FORMS ->CHAPTER REPORT FORMS. These are due February 1, 2014 to state organization officers or committee chairmen, who will use them to fill out their reports. Why not gather your executive committee together and fill them out together and enjoy some coffee and pie while you work together?

Deadlines to Remember

- January 3, 2014 - Application to present workshop at International Convention
January 15, 2014 – **Application to present a workshop at State Convention**
February 1, 2014 – **Chapter Report Forms Due**
Applications for State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants
Also for applications for an International Scholarship
February 1, May 1, and September 1 –Lucile Cornetet Individual Awards for participation in professional development
March 1, 2014 - Recommendation for 2014 International Achievement Award
March 15, 2014 – Nominations for the Rosebud Recognition
April 25, 2014 – RSVP for Alpha Alpha State Choral Retreat

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 Choral Retreat	Middletown, PA	May 2&3, 2014
Alpha Alpha State Convention	State College, PA	June 13 – 15, 2014
International Convention	Indianapolis, IN	July 28-Aug 1, 2014
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

Encourage your members to become involved at the state and international level. Thank you for your continuing work for the Society.

Fondly,
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