

January 12, 2014

Dear Chapter President,

<u>Biennial Reports</u>: Thank you to all of you who have submitted your chapter biennial reports. For those of you have not yet submitted them, remember the deadline is February 1. This gives the state leadership team the information they need to prepare reports that are submitted to International Headquarters. PA members are doing a great job of addressing our seven purposes. Now is the time to let others know what you are doing. If you have misplaced them, all forms are available at <u>www.dkg.org</u> under the tab FORMS -> REPORT FORMS -> CHAPTER REPORT FORMS.

<u>Rosebud Recognition:</u> Please read the attached article with details about this award. Do you have someone who has 3-5 years of membership and has demonstrated passion and leadership for our Society? Consider nominating this woman for our Rosebud Recognition Award.

Scholarship & Enrichment Grants: Both state and international scholarships are available with deadlines of February 1. Encourage your members to take advantage of this money.

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. I know this was in the last newsletter, but I know I would need to be reminded to get moving on this activity.

<u>Album of Distinction</u>: Be sure to nominate any member who has been recognized with an award or provided outstanding service outside of DKG. Applications and criteria are available on the state website and are due April 1, 2014.

State Convention: Mark your calendar for June 13-15. Friday Night Fling, Album of Distinction, Basket Raffle, Focus Tables, workshops, celebrations and tributes are all part of the festivities. We will be honoring outgoing and incoming presidents at the banquet Saturday evening. Look for all the details in the spring Keystonian including the schedule at a glance.

International Convention: Indianapolis is the place where I get to cast my vote for Dr. Lyn Schmid as our next International President. Don't you want to be there for that! Plans are also in the works for a special gathering of PA members to wish her well during her biennium and to offer our support for her work. Please look over all of the nominees on the international website. You will note that Dr. Hanna Fowler has submitted her name to run for Member at Large, running against Dr. Barbara Baethe. Be sure to read their information and have a discussion with your incoming president. Share your thoughts with me. I will be asked to vote your wishes at Indianapolis.

Deadlines to Remember

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.

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