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Dear Chapter President,

Spring Keystonian: The newest issue is available online at the state website. It is chocked full of information about state convention, items of importance for your chapter, and wonderful articles written by our members. Please encourage your members to sign up for online delivery.

<u>Updating Addresses:</u> Please ask your members to send their email addresses to Society Headquarters. In March 2014, they are sending a bulk email to all members with email addresses in the data base.

State Convention: Make reservations and send in your registration today! We will be honoring you as an outgoing president and your incoming president at the banquet. Saturday morning workshops will be helpful to your chapter as our officers and committee chairmen share important information. Bring several chapter members to help gather the information. But it won't be all work! Celebrations, dancing, networking, good food, and incredible music are all in the plans. Don't forget those Basket Raffles and Focus Tables. A little shopping and a little bit of luck will add to the excitement of the weekend. Look for all the details in the Keystonian including the schedule at a glance.

State Project: One Chair, Two Chairs, Red Chair, Blue Chair Have you purchased and decorated your chair? I can't wait to see the creativity of your chapter! If you have questions about this project, please check out the state website, the Keystonian, or make contact with me.

Rosebud Recognition: Consider nominating a young member for our Rosebud Recognition Award. Deadline is March 15.

<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.

<u>International Convention:</u> Will you be attending? Many of us will be gathering in Indianapolis to vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws. These will be published in the March/April issue of the DKG NEWS. But more importantly I will be casting my ballot for Dr. Lyn Schmid as our next International President. Come along for this special opportunity. We will be having a gathering of our delegation, known as PA Night on Wednesday, July 30. (I will need to know if you or others from your chapter are planning on attending, so I can send details as they become available.)

<u>Biennial Reports</u>: Thank you to all of you who have submitted your chapter biennial reports. Please know that each one is read and your accomplishments and concerns are noted and discussed with the state leadership. Our team also submits the compiled information to International Headquarters. I have spoken with International President, Dr. Beverly Helms. She knows how important your work is, and said she will try to call some of you in the next few weeks. You are important!

Executive Director Retiring: As you may have read, Corlea Plowman is retiring as of April 24, 2014. She has worked at Society Headquarters for over 10 years, and her contributions to our organization are numerous. Perhaps you would like to send her a card with a remembrance of her. Corlea loves a good joke, so if you don't have a remembrance, send a good story that she can tell to others.

Deadlines to Remember

May 1, & September 1 - Lucile Cornetet Individual Awards for participation in professional development

March 1, 2014 - Recommendation for 2014 International A	Achievement Award
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March 15, 2014 - Nominations for the Rosebud Recognition

April 1, 2014 - Album of Distinction nominations

April 25, 2014 - RSVP for Alpha Alpha State Choral Retreat

Dates to Remember

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
Purposeful Seminar	Lancaster, PA	October 3 & 4, 2014
Creative Arts Retreat	Ludlow Manor, Olmstead, PA	March 27 & 28, 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

Encourage your members to become involved at the state and international level. Please note my new mailing address below!

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