

December 31, 2022

Dear Maine S. O. Chapter Presidents,

Greetings to all of you on this last day of the year 2022! Where did December go? I do not know.

First of all, I am hoping that all of you are receiving via email the link to the Presidents' Page video clips brought to you by International. In case you have not received it, please check it out by going to the International website or by using this link from me:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/Presidents_Page/DKGMember/Publications/Presidents_Page.aspx?hkey=4866b49b-9ec4-4f45-83e0-70d0a98c09b3

The page comes out in even numbered months. Please watch for it. What valuable information and so good to be able to put faces and names to Debbie and Trish!

There is a ton of information shared from International to some state committee chairs and me – this would include webinars, Zooms, and other training opportunities. It can be hard to forward it all in a timely fashion, plus I do not want to routinely bombard your mailboxes!!! Much of it is shared on the DKG Facebook pages. I know, I know... some of our members “don't do Facebook,” and I get that. However, please let **all** you chapter members know that a multitude of opportunities and ideas come their way via DKG Facebook pages. Given that information, they of course will continue to make the Facebook choice for themselves, but these need to be informed choices about what they could be missing.

<https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg> This is the official Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Facebook business page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/145222607211> This is the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Facebook public group page.

The January/February 2022 *DKG News* explains more about the 2 different pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/584049981647594> This our Maine S. O. page.

As mentioned in my last letter, it's time to submit proposed amendments for our Maine S.O. by-laws. Please contact our state chair Kathy Wilcox about this.

The latest issue of the Collegial Exchange is out online – it may be a while before it arrives via snail mail, so do check it out via the International website - dkg.org under publications.

One of my most favorite Christmas cards came from Carol Herzog – Carol chaired the committee that impressively handled all the by-laws and standing rules changes in New Orleans. Now she is our Northeast Representative. On the front of the card there is a quote by Walt Whitman: “Peace is always beautiful.” The following verse appears inside:

*Open your heart at Christmas
And not just for one day
Open your heart at Christmas
Let this beautiful feeling stay.*

*For caring, generosity and love,
we treasure through the year.
Don't wait until Christmas
To share it with those you hold dear. S.M. Carne*

Here's to caring, generosity, and love to all of you who I hold dear! Happy New Year!

Fondly,
Mary