

Dear Chapter Presidents,

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Here are a few tidbits for your planning pleasure:

The January/ February issue of the *DKG News* is attached.

- Pending budget and Exec. Board approval, International is hiring a membership consultant firm. Seems like Maine had a jump on that one! Which, by the way, I welcome your input for following up on Jessica Masse's presentations at our Fall Workshop. What are the next steps?
- Strongly consider attending one of the conferences and start making plans. In the course of her DKG membership, every member ought to attend at least one International event. Why not?
- President Debbie speaks of the need for strategic plans. Goals 2025 worked hard to do this at the state level. How about one for your chapter?

The deadline for submissions to the Mainspring is **February 15th**. Please include some news from your chapter.

Plans for Spring Convention April 28-30 at the Black Bear Inn in Orono are well underway. We are so fortunate that International President Debbie Leblanc approved for Maine to host both a Society Representative **and** an International Speaker. That does not always happen, so I consider us to be most fortunate. Cyndy Moore, Member at Large on the International Administrative Board, **and** Shar McGowan, chosen as an International Speaker supported by a special DKG fund, will be our guests. They are from British Columbia and Saskatchewan (By April I will be able to spell that without hesitation. HA!) respectively; given that we are also planning a Cross Border Event for fall 2023, this must be the year to celebrate membership with our Canadian sisters!

Remember to visit the art gallery on the International website – good stuff right there, and maybe from some folks you know!

Remember that the STRETCH workshop is coming right up on March 18, so save the date and spread the word. The keynote speaker will be Justin Stygles who just wrote a book called *I Hate Reading*. I started it the other night and I am loving it.

Thanks for being the lifeline between the state level organization and your chapter. Share this information however you wish. Forwarding works!

Until next time!

Mary