

August 17th, 2022

Dear Chapter Presidents,

I can think of anything I'd rather do on a rainy summer evening than write to you all – such a good use of time. Here are some things for you to know:

Plans for Fall Workshop are underway and you should receive your *Mainspring* within a couple weeks. We are going to have a dynamite keynote speaker named Bonnie Moore. Bonnie was in my Golden Gift LMS Class of 2018, and I have such respect and admiration for her. Bonnie and I have been wanting her to visit Maine S. O. for a long time, and it is happening! I am honored to have her as my house guest that weekend. Bonnie, Jessica Masse from godesignlab.com, and your DKG sisters with expertise extraordinaire will be conducting fruitful sessions to help us move DKG forward. Please talk this up with your members and encourage attendance.

In the meantime, please be aware that the turn-around time for registration and hotel reservations is quite short. The Fireside Inn in Belfast will hold a block of rooms with a corporate discount (\$169.00) until **September 14th**. After that, you may still make a reservation, but without that guarantee of rooms being held just for us. Registrations need to be in by **September 28th** as we must have accurate meal counts.

Please alert your 2VP's/membership chair that she is asked to serve with Second Vice President Rachele Tome on the state's Membership Committee. I will follow-up with this appointment, and some Chapter Rules have more specifics on this role. Her basic responsibility is to funnel information between chapters and the state organization, especially as it relates to honoring longtime members and those members that have passed.

Speaking of members' passing, please be reminded that it is your responsibility to submit Form 6 (attached) as soon as a dear sister has passed. This allows all of us to keep more accurate records without chasing down information at the last minute.

Your state leadership team, working directly with the Roberta Rogers Fund Committee, recognizes that chapters are in need of financial assistance. The Maine S.O. Executive Board has approved of additional funding from that account that will help with hostess duties. (attached) Additionally, please stay tuned and look for information coming from the Roberta Rogers Fund Committee.

As suggested by our International Executive Director Nita Scott, I have attached a chart that summarizes the changes made to our International level documents at the convention in New Orleans. These will become official after the Constitution Committee meets later this fall.

There are opportunities to serve at the state level, and I will be making more committee appointments in the coming months; Music, Rules/By-laws, and Archives are just a few examples of committees that need to be rounded out. Please encourage members to consider

service at the state level and not wait to be asked. Anyone can contact me at any time. Our US Forum/Legislative Liaison Crystal Ward has shared that she reaches out to all chapters for representatives; please respond to that need. In short, your gifts matter! DKG needs you!

If your email is up-to-date at International headquarters, you should automatically receive a *Presidents' Page* every other month. It is very helpful. The Aug./Sept. issue is attached.

In that issue of the *Presidents' Page* is a description of a step that your chapter treasurer can take so that you can receive a snail-mailed hard copy of the *DKG News*, which is published every other month and contains a lot of important information about our society that EVERY member needs to know. People find it hard to invest in things about which they do not know. And I'm willing to bet that most of our members do NOT go looking for the *DKG News* on the website!

DKG used to have hard copies of booklets that outlined guidelines for chapter offices. (For example, when I was second VP, there was a yellow one just for us!) Those have been combined into one booklet titled *Guidelines for Chapter Officers*. Currently, hard copies are not available for purchase, but I have attached an electronic copy here. It's comprised of 43 pages so I hope I do not cause anyone's computer to crash!

And finally, these letters are not secret information – please share them as you like. If you want to forward them to your entire chapter, go for it. They are also posted on the website (with personal contact information removed).

Whoa... I just unloaded a whole lot on you!!! Some of this may have been covered at our May training, but if so, it bears repeating. I'll try to take it easy on you in the next letter!

Thanks for all you do, know that you are the lifeline for your chapter, and stay the course.

With deep gratitude,

Mary