

Letter from Maine S. O. President

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Dear Maine S. O. Chapter Presidents,

As I write this letter, the rain is falling here on the Ridge; as my dear mother would have said, "It's easy shoveling." So, I will take it, even though I am ready for some sun and warmth.

Recently, I have had the chance to speak with each of you either over the phone or in person at our STRETCH workshop; I love chatting with you and as always, never hesitate to give me a call.

Please remember that the Executive Board has approved of a quilt raffle at our State Convention. The quilt was made by Omicron member Susan Stevens and will benefit the state Clara Soule Committee. Please encourage members to buy tickets, as this is an easy way to support the Clara Soule fund, especially if your chapter has not been able to contribute in other ways. If members are not attending Convention, information will be coming as to how tickets can be purchased. It is important to keep that Clara Soule account healthy so that we can help our sisters in need.

It is very important to have members' updated addresses, especially for such a huge mailing as the *Mainspring*. This includes snail mail as well as email. State officers and committee chairs often hear that they have support; accurate contact information is a very helpful way to back up words with small deeds. Start with making sure your chapter membership chair and chapter treasurer have the latest contact information. Then ask members to update their "My DKG" on our International website, where information is protected. This can be done at a chapter meeting. Thank-you.

Speaking of the website, please always keep it updated. I am certain that folks from other states as well as nonmembers do look at it. We need to be sure that it reflects who we are.

We are planning on a chorus at our Spring Convention. Would you please confirm participation from at least two of your chapter members and send those names to me and to our state music chair Susan Stevens. THANKS A TON!

Here's a pleasant reminder from Judy Gilbert to submit your chapter histories to her by May 1, 2022.

Remember some of the traditional needs for our Convention such as the World Fellowship basket raffle, the Scholarship March, submissions for 40 and 50 year members, the Necrology booklet, Delta's charity donations for the Sister Mary O'Donnell Emergency Homeless Shelter—all of this my most recent letter and/or the latest *Mainspring*.

I am attaching the latest copy of our “DKG News” and also some very helpful notes from the Northwest Region. Good stuff right there in both publications.

As I was composing this letter, I learned that the catering personnel at the Hilton Garden Inn has once again changed; the two gals with whom I met last month are no longer there. So hang on for the ride as perhaps some of the Convention details may change... Never a dull moment!

And finally... Please share the following statement with your members:

“Fairs, festivals, and other festivities are back in action during Maine’s summer season. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of DKG and our mission to impact education worldwide. We can start in our own communities and then spread throughout our great state and the world. Each chapter is challenged to have a table, booth, or activity at one of the local summer events in your area. For example, the Belfast area is home to the Celtic Festival; Epsilon helped with a children’s area at the 2019 festival. Another example is a story I recently heard out Rockland, where the Rotary Club is celebrating its upcoming 100th anniversary by fundraising for their Inclusive Playground Project. Something tells me that there will be a presence at the Lobster Festival! Consider the Yarmouth Clam Festival, Wilton’s Blueberry Festival (Or any other such festival in Washington County!) or the Potato Blossom Festival. There are often parades associated with these festivities! You get the idea. I leave it up to each chapter to be creative in its own way and report on efforts at Fall Workshop. Why not utilize an already existing event to help our communities and make our presence known? The possibilities are endless! “

Thanks so much for your leadership and loyalty. See you on April 29th.

And take that deep breath.

Sincerely,

Mary