

June 2020

Here we are at the end of June. Schools are out; we're still doing social distancing and wearing masks, shopping very little, and wondering what's next. This is a rather long newsletter as it has important information about the International convention's virtual event. And it is free to all who want to sign in. The details are at the end of this newsletter. There are also details for chapter presidents, treasurers, and administration board decisions.

I know I'm doing a lot more online shopping and going into stores very little. We were very fortunate to be able to attend our last grandchild's graduation from Oxford Hills High School at the Bridgeton-Drive-In. The district worked really hard to make it as close to a regular ceremony as possible. All the traditional class speakers had prerecorded and videoed their speeches. The commencement speaker, Allyssa Brooke, a graduate of OHCHS, now an actress who lives in Atlanta, GA, gave a great speech via video. They were handed their diplomas by the principal and tech school head.

For those of you who have completed your school year, I hope you can get some relaxation in before you need to think about next year which seems uncertain at this time. I want to congratulate Priscilla MacFarland on her retirement. If you retired this year or know a member who retired, let me know.

I know Kathy Sticht sent out a letter to all chapter treasurers about paying dues by June 30, 2020. She also listed forms that need to be completed. I did notice she did not list that new chapter treasurers need to send Form 89 (found on the website: Forms, Treasurer) to [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org). If you have any trouble you can contact Kathy at the information in her letter or [cashkatstate@gmail.com](mailto:cashkatstate@gmail.com).

Chapter presidents, you need to send Form 110 (found on website: Forms, Reports) to International at the email shown on the form. If you haven't sent Elaine Hendrickson your chapter's new officers, send her a copy of this form. Please share this with chapter members or feel free to copy only what you think will interest everyone. Chapter presidents, I want to congratulate you on finishing your biennium strong. I know trying to keep up with your chapter has been a challenge.

For those of you on the Administrative Board, we need to have a meeting. We can try to meet somewhere or do a Zoom meeting. Please let me know what you prefer by replying to this email. If we do a Zoom meeting, I'll send out an agenda with the email to join the meeting. If you don't have Zoom it can be downloaded with a link you receive with information for the meeting. I'm still planning on a Spring to Fall convention. However, it is dependent on if we can meet with more than 50 people. In my mind, I am thinking a lot will tell by how schools go back in the fall. Please weigh in on your thoughts. Many States have held their conventions via Zoom this late spring or set a date for later this summer.

For those of you who like Pinterest there is a following for DKG with lots of educational ideas. <https://www.pinterest.com/DKGSi>. Check it out.

This is the Blog from Cathy P. Dougherty, DKG International President for the International Convention Virtual Event:

People generally fall into one of two categories when they receive an invitation. Some expend their excitement solely on the event itself, enjoying every minute of the party, the ceremony, or the outing. For others, receipt of an invitation ignites anticipation and builds to fever pitch by the time the event begins. For those in this group, the reality of the experience doesn't always live up to the anticipation. However, as a confirmed, lifelong member of this latter group I'm finding myself strangely taking on a dual personality as July approaches – anticipating an event AND already wanting to throw myself totally into it. What's caused this change in attitude? It's the 2020 DKG Virtual Event being developed by members of the Information Technology (IT) Team at DKG Headquarters! Dismantling a year's worth of planning for the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia has truthfully been disheartening. Technology, however, is allowing the "show to go on" in a different format that gives all members the opportunity to participate as much or as little as they wish. It is the classic "making lemonade out of lemon" syndrome that is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. So, with plans for our alternative programming being finalized, it's time to offer you an "invitation" to the event.

Who's invited? All virtual events are free of charge for all DKG members to access through the member side of the web- site. If you have never established access to the site, go to the CHAT feature on the website sign-in page (bottom right- hand corner) and ask for help NOW to be ready for events to come. Don't wait till July 7th! When? Programming runs from July 7 – 10 with events planned throughout those days, both live streamed and pre- recorded. A complete schedule will be posted on the website soon (Events page > Virtual Event) and will be included in the July-August issue of the DKG News. Events will be posted on the website for viewing later by those members not able to attend the initial showing. How do I participate? Sign into the website (see info under "Who's invited?" ([I could find this when I checked out the website.](#))) and go to the 2020 Virtual Events page to access the programming. You do not have to have Zoom, the platform we will be using, to view the events. What's scheduled? Events that parallel typical convention events will be offered: two keynote speakers, 13 workshops, an interview with the author of Our Heritage IV, announcement of the 2020 Achievement Award winner, election results, installation of officers, a combined forum event on "Embracing Diversity," and much more. Alas, there will be no business sessions! Additionally, there will be opportunities available that parallel other convention features. Chapter presidents will receive via mail (postal) copies of the 2020 Celebration of Life booklet commemorating members who died during this biennium (1 copy per family of the member/1 for the chapter). Members who collect convention pins will be able to purchase the Philadelphia pin with half the proceeds going to the Foundation. Shoppers will have the experience of buying from a virtual vendor, renowned Austin jeweler, Kendra Scott. She is donating 20% of the sales to our Emergency Fund, always a major

convention fund-raiser. The 2020 DKG Virtual Event program will be posted on the website while our DKG 365 App will keep you informed on events all week.

The 2020 Virtual Event promises to be a memorable occasion. Make it even more special by having “after hours” Zoom parties and gatherings to mix and mingle with friends whom you would normally see at convention. I know the reality of the event will equal, if not surpass, my anticipation leading up to it!

I hope many of you can take advantage of this since it is free.

For now, enjoy the great summer weather and breathe.

**Donna Kennison**  
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