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Hello DKG Sisters,

As I turned my calendar to May I was reminded that this weekend was to be our annual Spring Convention.

This virus and social distancing certainly has changed our way of living. I hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy. As much as I like to shop, we've been letting our youngest daughter do it for us. I've always been a list maker, but I always picked up more than was on my list. At least my grocery budget is staying more in line.

I've been doing a lot of sewing finishing quilts I started several years ago, making table runners I've had in the works and even making mask for family members. Not being able to be with family and friends has been hard, even with phone calls and video chatting.

I'm also missing my contact with all of you. Since I attended my first convention and fall workshops right after I joined Zeta chapter, I've looked forward to these meetings. I've chatted with some of you but nothing matches personal interaction. I'm hoping everything continues to improve, and we will be able to hold our Leadership Training and Spring to Fall Convention in October. I'm in the early stages of reworking our program for a fantastic Convention. Saturday morning Elaine Hendrickson will be organizing Leadership Training with state officers conducting sessions for new chapter officers. Elaine will contact chapters with more information as time get closer. As a reminder, chapter presidents please send a list of your new officers to her as soon as you know who is stepping up to serve. Thank you to all who are willing to take a part in their chapter leadership. I would like suggestions on sessions or activities to have available for others during this time. Please send me an email with your ideas. If enough people are interested, we will still have a craft bazaar. Maybe a crafter would be willing to share how to do their craft.

There has been no new update from International except what is in the DKG News May/June issue. This can be found on the website under publications. If you know members in your chapter who don't have internet make a copy and share among them. The Administration Board is meeting at the end of next week to discuss the convention. Cathy Daughtery said a decision will be made the first part of June. In the news, pros and cons of holding the convention is given. I'm sure what is happening in Philadelphia will play into the decision. I received an email from Marjorie Sinclair from New Brunswick. She stated she is considering not attending

the convention as she has asthma. She will be the new Canadian representative. She also said Dianne Caron isn't going as her husband isn't well and she doesn't want to chance bringing the virus back to him. Dianne is the one who arranged much of what we did when we went to the Cross Border meeting.

To all of you reaching out to your students through distance learning, I commend you on all that you are doing. I've keep checking in with my grands and greats on how the process is going. As teachers do, you all are doing a great job, especially if you still have kids at home. I'd love to hear about any new/interesting activities you have done. I've been doing quilting/sewing activities with our middle school for a few years. Last week the teacher I work with asked me to help her design a virtual lesson on making a tote bag. It sounds like a challenge but fun. I let you all know if we pull it off.

Chapter presidents please share this with your members. As in the last newsletter let me know your members who do not receive email so I can send them a personal note. I only heard from two chapters and sent out seven notes. Also send me back at least a ONE word reply so I know you received this. If I don't hear from you, I'll follow up with a call to make sure you are getting these updates.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy.



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Moving Forward, Preserving DKG

There's something to be said for perseverance. Ayanna Pressley