To: Chapter Presidents and Music Chairs From: Sue Young, State Music Chair

Be sure to sign up to sing in the chorus as a "Jubilation Singer" and/or play in the Chamber ensemble at State Convention in St. Louis. In case you've never sung with us before, the "Jubilation Singers" sing wonderful music which is presented both at our Presidents' Banquet on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning during our Celebration of Life Memorial Service. CDs are sent to you ahead of time to assist in your learning so you are ready for rehearsals when you get to convention. This year, there is once again wonderful news!! None of the rehearsals conflict with Program Sessions!!! (YAY!!). So you can sing and be able to attend all of the Program Sessions, too! We know this will bring many new sisters to sing and play with us!

Sue Young will be directing the "Jubilation Singers", and we welcome all voice parts to join us. You do not have to be a soloist, but a good ensemble member. Check the next *Newscaster* and the DKG website for Chorus Registration forms. Once again, I hope to "see you in chorus" and listen to your sweet tones.

We have in past years suggested you purchase copies of <u>Song Book VI</u>. Most of the songs we currently sing are contained in this latest volume. This book is out of print, and since there are no plans for a reprint and Delta Kappa Gamma owns this book, we are allowed to make copies (enough so that everyone can join in the songs). Hopefully, each of your chapters has copies and is currently using them.

As you may have already heard, our Chamber Ensemble Director, Diane Kettelson, is retiring this year after many years of distinguished service to Lambda State music. We need a new person to be in charge of the instrumental music for the St. Louis Convention, and Diane is willing to stay on as mentor to the new Director of Instrumental Music. If you are interested in doing this, or have someone in your chapter who might be interested, please contact me, Sue Young, at your very earliest opportunity by e-mail or phone!

We house and maintain a wonderful **Lambda State Music Library**. You can find it on the Lambda State Website, or I can send you a hard copy. This music is for use at your Delta Kappa Gamma functions and is sent to you free of charge. You are responsible only for return postage.

Thank you so much for all you do for your chapter. Your importance and the significance of music cannot be overstated! Have a great year and don't forget to "Put a Little Music in Your Life" (<u>Song Book</u> <u>VI</u> p. 90) all year long!

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