



September 2017

Dear Leaders,

The dog days of August are about to end and soon we will experience the beauty of fall. One of the most beautiful places to experience Mother Nature in her glory is by attending the Creative Arts Retreat October 6-8 at Loredo Taft in Oregon, IL. There is still time to register for a weekend of fun and fellowship; the form was in the August mailing. Information for your review is the updated list of the 2016-2018 DKG Society International Administrative Board, Lambda State committee information, a *draft* of the Strategic Action Plan for us to approve at the Executive Board Meeting and the ad for Lambda State Treasurer. There is a DKG Northeast Regional Update from our US Forum Representative which contains issues and updates that impact our states. The Rules Chair, Britta Peterson, asked in her letter that you bring a copy of your current Rules to the Executive Board Meeting and if you have not already done so, email her a copy (brittom68@gmail.com).

There are other important documents for you to file on your USB drive or in your data manual. Letters from the Achievement Award Chair, International Projects Chair, Scholarships Chair, Communications and Publicity and Foundation for Education Studies Board Chair have due dates associated with them for you to share with your members. The Membership Chair asks thoughtful questions for all members to reflect upon when discussing increasing membership in our chapters. The Music Chair reminds us to sign up for the choir at our convention and provides a form to request music from the Lambda State Music Lending Library. Finally, Sylvia Olson, our Nominations chair encourages us to begin conversations with chapter members and develop a strong slate of Chapter Leaders for 2018-2020.

Realizing that you are reading many documents, I am sending you the information you will need for the Executive Board Meeting in a separate file later this week. Please bring copies of the information or use your device to retrieve them during the meeting. You will receive a printed copy of the agenda when you register Friday night/Saturday morning. If you are unable to attend, it is important to send a designee in your place. Please bring Box Tops for Education and school supplies which will be raffled off to a lucky president in each of our six areas.

Lambda State will continue to focus on increasing professional development opportunities, programs, membership and marketing. I will elaborate on these initiatives at the Executive Board meeting. I am eager to hear your ideas how to implement these initiatives in the next two years. With hard work, I know we can expect and achieve great things!

I am looking forward to this biennium and working with you. Do not hesitate to contact me at pres.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com or dleblancedd@gmail.com or by telephone, 630-247-2060

Warmly, Debbie LeBlanc