Illinois (Lambda) State Organization
To: State Leaders and Chapter Presidents
From: Debbie LeBlanc, President
Re: February Mailing

“It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default”
J.K. Rowling

This mailing has many attachments which you will want to review and share with your members. All forms are posted on the state website under the respective committee tab. In this note, each brief comment is linked to an attachment.

2019 Convention
Our state convention in April promises to be a winner with so many opportunities to learn from one another in poster sessions, ten-minute take-aways and workshops. The pre-convention tour is sold out but there is a Pre-Convention Workshop for professional learning which highlights mental health awareness and the all too often tragedy of suicide in our young people. Members will want to register early as the workshop will be offered to school districts in the Decatur area. A nominal fee of $10 is required with the registration.

Chapters are encouraged to participate in the Chapter Bazaar which supports both the state and chapter with revenue. Forms are included in this mailing and available on line under the link 2019 Convention Registration Information on the front page of the website.

Chapters will want to submit student work for the Literary Arts Recognition program to celebrate student writing. Pieces of work will be on display at convention which allows members to provide feedback and comments to these aspiring authors.

The Communications and Publicity Committee invites you to send them questions prior to the convention which will be addressed in their workshop.
The convention is the opportunity to recognize one of our very own with the prestigious Achievement Award. Pam Painter, Chair, has attached the ballot and nominee information. Please be sure to vote for one of our very deserving women.

Finally, for the convention to run efficiently and smoothly, we need your help. Please share the volunteer list with your members and encourage them to help us achieve this goal. Kammie Richter and Renata Butauskiene thank you in advance for offering to help.

**New Dues Process**

There have been many questions about the early collection of dues for 2019. Sharon Vinson, our State Treasurer, has provided information for you to share with your members. There will be webinars for training in the new procedures as well as a workshop at the state convention. Sharon and Lyn Schmid, our International Society Representative, will be presenting this information.

**Iota Scholarship**

Iota Chapter received a very generous donation from William Charles and Elizabeth J. Iwert and have developed a scholarship in their names. Iota Chapter is opening this scholarship to all Illinois (Lambda) State members. This is a perfect opportunity to share information with your collegiate members and members completing graduate work.

**40th Annual Creative Arts Retreat**

The Women in the Arts Committee invites you to mark your calendars now for the 40th Annual Creative Arts Retreat to be held at Allerton Park in Monticello, IL June 28-30, 2019. Registration is first come first serve. The form is attached for your information and is posted on the website under the WIA committee tab. You won’t want to miss this special event celebrating 40 years of CAR.

**It is not too early to Save the Dates!**

*Teaming up for Success: Leadership and Technology Workshop will be held June 24-26, 2019 at Bradley University. This workshop blends leadership and technology to a new level of understanding – perfect for the novice to the expert. Our speakers are recognized across the state and nation wide.

*Please look at the dkg.org site and register for one or more International Conferences. Each conference has a specific theme which will be the focus of the workshops. All new state presidents, executive assistants, and Leadership Development chairs will be trained in Des Moines. Each conference will have a panel session for editors and webmasters to hear successful ideas for marketing, websites and state newsletters. State organization educational excellence chairs, treasurers, and membership chairs will be trained in pre-conference trainings. The international website has more details.

Chapter presidents please be sure to discuss purchasing an anniversary pin for a member(s) who was welcomed into membership in 1979,1974,1969,1964, and 1959.
The pins are $28.50 plus Tax and Shipping & Handling. Depending on the number of pins ordered, add $2.00 to $3.00, for each pin. Please send the information to Joan Rog by March 15, 2019. Her email is storm2457@att.net. Her postal address is 3856 N. Nordica Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643-2378. Checks should be made payable to Delta Kappa Gamma – Lambda State.

**Important Dates!**

*February 1, 2019*
Grant-in-Aid and Florence A. Cook Applications are due
M. Josephine O’Neill Award Application is due
Form 6 to Treasurer Sharon Vinson and Membership Chair Joan Rog for inclusion in Celebration of Life Ceremony Booklet

*February 15, 2019*
Literacy forms are due
State committee Annual Reports are due

*March 1, 2019*
Legislative Certificate of Appreciation to Linda Lucke, Legislative Chair

*March 15, 2019*
Order form to Joan Rog, Membership Chair, for anniversary membership pins

*March 31, 2019*
Achievement Award Ballot due to Pam Painter, Achievement Award Chair

Please continue to send me invitations to your chapter meetings! I look forward to seeing you very soon. Do not hesitate to contact me at pres.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com or dileblancedd@gmail.com or by telephone, 630-247-2060.

Stay warm!

Respectfully,
Debbie LeBlanc