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To: State leaders and Chapter Presidents
From: Debbie LeBlanc, Illinois President
Re: January Mailing
Date: January 1, 2018

Dear Friends,

I hope you and yours have a very Happy New Year filled with love, laughter, and good health. There are many new opportunities for all of us in 2018, and I hope your resolutions are realized! Please take a few moments to read A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World from Alpha State Connecticut. There are many thoughtful ideas and resources for all of us to ponder in the New Year. In the most recent Newscaster where once again our Lambda State Editor, Pat DeWitt, did a magnificent job. There is important information to share with your members including convention registration, details of the pre-convention tour, chorus and instrumental registration and call for workshops. Please send these in as soon as possible as this helps us with convention planning. Our online registration for the convention should be ready by January 1 which will be available on the website (barring unforeseen concerns with the bank).

In this mailing please take note of time sensitive forms. Pam Painter has submitted two nominees for our State Achievement Award which need your vote by March 2, 2018. Lou Ann Jacobs presented ideas at our Fall Executive Board to make writing the two-year chapter history easier and information about that process is here as a handy resource. The form is on the website and is quite easy to complete – save yourself the stress of completing it in June – begin now! Sue Dion, WIA Chair, asks all chapters to contribute works of art for the “Creative Wonders – Expect Great Things” Art Mart which will be held in April at our state convention. Please let her know if your chapter is contributing items and approximately how much room is needed. Finally, Britta Peterson, Rules Chair, reminds us to submit any suggestions for rules changes as soon as possible (by January 19, 2018 if possible) so her committee has time to review them and submit for consideration at the convention. Finally, please send Form 6 to Sharon Vinson and Joan Rog by February 1 for inclusion in the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Please save the date! Linda Adcock shares dates and agendas for our Training of Chapter Leaders to be held in June 2018. We are trying a new format and hope you will

send your entire Executive Board. Even the most experienced leader is sure to learn new ideas at the workshop. Sylvia Olson, immediate past president reminds you to send in the name of your chapter president 2018-2020 so she can begin receiving important leadership tips for her new biennium. Joan Rog, second vice-president provides an excellent reminder of all the great reasons it is to be a member of DKG!

Other important dates to remind our members include: The annual *international* scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2018. There are up to 30 scholarships to be awarded and for an advanced graduate degree there is the potential of \$6,000 and for a doctoral degree it is \$10,000. Applications for the Florence A. Cook and Grant-in-Aid are due to Lambda State by February 1, 2018. In the Directory, there are several changes to the month of January 2018. Plan for the LS Convention April 20-22 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center (with our Pre-Summit and Teach to Lead Summit on April 19-20). Celebration of chapter birthdays were accidentally omitted: January 6, Gamma Upsilon 1976; January 10, Beta Iota 1959; January 11, Beta 1936; January 14, Gamma Gamma 1967; January 15, Nu 1938, Rho 1939 and Alpha Kappa 1944; January 27, Upsilon 1940. My apologies for the error.

As always, I welcome invitations to your chapter meetings and look forward to speaking with you in person and learning more about all the great things you are doing to benefit your members, schools and community. I also appreciate any and all ideas you have for improving or strengthening our chapters which benefit our members. I am hopeful when I contact you for help at the state convention you will eagerly reply "YES"! Again, a sincere hope for a wonderful 2018 to each and every one of you. Stay warm!

Debbie LeBlanc