



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
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Expect Great Things

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

“Let us make our future now and let us make our dreams tomorrow’s reality”.
Malala Yousafza

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. Congratulations to the nominations for officers for the 2019-2021 Biennium! Please encourage members to accept the challenge for a leadership position or as a member of a committee member. The form is attached and also online.

Allow me to share highlights with you happening in our state.

Cornet Grant

It began with a letter from International that the two applications for the Cornet grant were declined because Illinois has been awarded the grant more than twice. In a review of the application criterion, the committee noted that a state is not eligible to apply if awarded the grant more than twice. In other words, Illinois will never be able to apply for the grant unless there is a change of requirements at the international level. This unexpected news deflated our spirits with the realization we may not be able to offer the Illinois Teacher Leader Summit (an ECET2 and Powered by Teach to Lead Event) or Teaming up For Success: Leadership and Technology. In every cloud there is always a silver lining and to our surprise an anonymous donor donated \$5000 for the two committees to split between the events! Both events are now back in full swing of planning! Thank you to our generous friend who believes in the good projects that support our members and other educators in our state. Mark your calendar for April 5-6, 2019 for the Summit and June 24-26, 2019 for the Leadership and Technology workshop.

Recognition of active teaching members and our new collegiate members

Earlier this fall I asked you to send me names of teachers who are actively working so I could write a note to their superintendents informing them of her membership in DKG. These letters are now complete and if you are so inclined and have not done so, please send these names to me and I will send a note. In the same spirit, if you are inducting collegiate members into your chapter, please be sure to send names along with dues to International. The DKG membership chair sends me an email with her membership address and email address which allows me to contact her and welcome her to our state! I am also pleased to share with you Gamma Gamma inducted four collegiate members in December. This chapter has worked hard to mentor their Grant-in-Aid and Florence A. Cook award winners and because of this, successful college students are supported by talented and thoughtful DKG ladies. Sandy Cook and Denise Pawelcz will provide a workshop at convention about this very successful project.

2019 Convention

Our convention in April promises to be better than ever! The most recent edition of the *Newscaster* highlighted the events over the three days. The registration form is now posted on the website and you are encouraged to register and pay on line. Thanks to the hard work of Bev Johns and her tireless committee, the poster sessions, workshops and ten-minute take-aways are in their final form. The pre-convention tour is almost sold out with only two spots remaining. A new addition to the year 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 are encouraged to register early as the workshop will also 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. An information form is included in this mailing and registration is required by completing the form located under the link *2019 Convention Registration Information* on the front page of the website. Chapters are also encouraged to submit Literary Arts work celebrating student writing. Pieces of work will be on display at convention which allows members to provide feedback and comments to these aspiring authors.

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 and 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.

Motions

Several committees will be working in January to prepare motions to be voted upon at the convention. If you have any motions for consideration, please let me know right away so I can notify the appropriate committee. The Rules committee will review all proposed motions and have them ready to be published in the next *Newscaster*.

Important Dates!

January 9, 2019

Scholarships and Special Study Stipends are due

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

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 (see Joan's membership letter).

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 dleblancedd@gmail.com or by telephone, 630-247-2060.

Happy New Year and to you and yours with best wishes for good health, love, and continued friendship.

Respectfully,
Debbie LeBlanc