



“Coming Together to Build Community and Advance Our Purposes”

Dear Colleagues,

Colors are appearing on the trees; harvest is almost done (for me that means canning dozens of jars of pears and dozens of applesauce; the grandsons have helped me pick out my pumpkins along with theirs; cooler nights are here. Ah, take a deep breath – it is autumn!

Thank you all for attending Fall Board (or sending a representative). Evaluations were positive and I believe the workshops all well received. A couple of follow-up items: (1) if you are not able to attend an Executive Board meeting – generally held in Fall and Spring – you must notify the State Secretary Deirdre Catlin of who you have designated to vote in your place. An email a day or two before the Board meeting will suffice. (2) Video tapes of the workshops are now being edited and should be available for your use around the end of October.

Timelines

A few reminders of approaching deadlines:

1. **ASAP**: please submit the names of your chapter's legislative contact and membership chair (if you do not have a vice president for membership) to me at p.bennettformandkgwa@gmail.com. The new Legislation and Advocacy Committee is planning on meeting with chapter representatives at least quarterly to keep chapters informed about pending legislation and possible actions needed by our DKG members. Likewise, Teri King and the Membership Committee will be meeting quarterly with chapter representatives to assist with recruitment and retention planning.
2. **Due immediately**. Please submit copies of your **chapter handbook/yearbook** (electronically or hard copy) to Sherri Wagemann sherri.wagemannndkg1@gmail.com. Try to send the handbook pages as a single combined pdf file if you can when submitting electronically. If you are submitting hard copy only, also send copies to Pat Bennett- Forman, Monique Harrison, Teri King, Barb McPherson and your area liaison. Snail mail addresses may be found in the directory you received via email earlier this month.
3. **October 25**: be sure to send Susan Fritts sdfritts@comcast.net a copy of the WSO DKG Chapter Strategic Plan form indicating portions of the WSO DKG Statigic Plan (SAP) that your chapter is committed to working on for this 2021-2022 year. See the August 18th mailing or call me if you have questions.
4. **November 15**: deadline for your treasurer to E-file the Federal IRS 990 form. Pat Russell is available to assist treasurers with questions about the form. We recommend you not wait to the last minute.
5. Check the International web site for application deadlines for grants, projects and scholarships. Check the WSO website <dkgwa.org> for deadlines and information on Rachel Royston Scholarships, by-law and rule amendments (due Dec. 1), and nominations for RRPSF and the Nominations Committee. These two committee positions (5 year and 3 year) are great learning opportunities for their members as members are mentored along the way and become committee chairs in the last year of participation.
6. **By end of November**: Members dropped for non-payment of dues must be listed in the chapter minutes. (No vote required.)

Supportive Connections Unity Project

At Fall Board it was clear that not everyone understood the “Unity Project.” Though that is the term that has been used for the past three biennium to describe the President’s project (Literacy for Susan Fritts, Fleece Blankets and the Purpose-filled Purses for Sherri Wagemann, etc.), apparently because this year I chose for us all (chapters and state) to focus on **Doing** rather than making, some folks didn’t understand what “Supportive Connections” is. I will be sending the list of potential Supportive Connection ideas that members compiled at Fall Board to you at the end of this week. In the meantime, remember that the purpose is to make connections (with members or prospective members) and provide support. The exact nature of the supportive connections your chapter chooses is up to your members. All I ask is to be kept informed so we can measure our impact at the end of the year. Making Supportive Connections is, in my opinion, a critical need for our chapter and state re-building this biennium.

President’s Group

1. I am in the process of calling each chapter president for a 1:1 chat about your chapter. I am interested in chapter strengths, projects and plans, your concerns and knowing who your leader prospects are. I would also like to establish a chapter meeting date when I, or one of my Executive Committee members, can visit your chapter.
2. Beginning November 17, 2021, I would like to schedule a bi-monthly Zoom meeting for Chapter presidents. This optional meeting would have an open agenda and be a time for us to discuss questions and common issues. Importantly it will also be a time for us to share ideas and activities that might interest another chapter – a time for us to have Supportive Connections. Look for a Zoom invitation around the first of the month.

You are into your chapter year now – the second in your biennium. Whether in-person or via Zoom, I know that your year will be an exciting one and that your members will benefit from your leadership. I congratulate you and want you to know that we (members of the Executive Committee) are here to assist you. Just send us an email or give a call.

As always, *Pat EF*