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Dear 2018-2020 Area Four Chapter Presidents,

To say that the first year of my stint as Area Four Area Coordinator was not what I expected is an understatement! Instead of being able to jump right in visiting chapters and building new relationships with the officers and members of Area Four, I was checking on my chapters, reminding presidents of the DKG Emergency Fund. Instead of focusing on building numbers of members and answering questions about DKG, I was making sure that the presidents had access to Jo Murphy's Member to Member and Campus Helping Hands in the Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action. Instead of being a cheerleader for DKG, I was praying for, and commiserating with, DKG sisters across this part of Texas. There are still members in Area Four who are not back in their homes, but spirits are rising as drywall is going in and floors are finally being laid.

Our 2018 TSO Convention in Waco was fast paced and full to the brim. New presidents received a wonderful and thorough LDCP training. This training will be continued and extended at the Area Four Workshop in Karnes City on August 4. Our 2018-2020 presidents are being encouraged to attend the workshop and to make sure that all their officers and committee chairs attend the breakout sessions which are being conducted especially for them.

President Jo Murphy had four main goals as she began her biennium last summer. They are:

1. Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools
2. Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities
3. Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families
4. Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

I encourage the chapters of Area Four to incorporate these worthy goals into planning for programs and projects for this year. There are so many wonderful resources available on both the DKG and Dkgtexas websites which can be invaluable as chapters prepare for the new year.

My goals as your AC this year are as follows:

1. Assist chapters in completing the Chapter Wellness form in order to determine how they need to diversify their membership. The Membership Recruitment Plan will be part of this effort.
2. Encourage chapters to reach out to former members through Annie Calling and Reunion meetings
3. Strengthen members' knowledge of the importance and privilege of being a DKG sister.
4. Assist and encourage chapters who are having difficulties with reports and deadlines.
5. Encourage Chapters to find ways to make sure their members attend conventions, workshops and Other DKG events on a regular basis.

I am really looking forward to meeting with friends and making new ones!

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