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Greetings new Area IX Chapter Presidents,

I, Jennifer Bernabo, am your area IX coordinator. I am very excited and honored about this opportunity to serve you and each of our members. I am looking forward to visiting each of your chapters and getting to know you.

One of the duties of an area coordinator is to be the liaison between your chapter and the 2017-2019 Texas State Organization President, Dr. Jo Murphy. Dr. Jo Murphy set her theme as "Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow" and her symbol of a bridge so that we can look back and reflect while building up excitement of what is going to come. The following goals for the biennium will help each of us build stronger chapters and make new connections.

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.

Bridges are complex and grand "awe" inspiring mechanical works of art. Most of the times we see the overall image but we forget about the nuts, bolts, and trellises that hold bridges together. The following are my goals as your Area Coordinator so we can tighten the nuts and bolts, repair and/or find new trellises to strengthen our chapter bridges.

1. Create a community within Area IX so that we can learn together and help each other find creative and out of the box ideas to help grow our chapters.
2. Use the recruitment plan to help identify and recruit new members while supporting and growing our current key women educators in our chapters.
3. Communicate often and regularly to keep everyone informed of the information, plans, and updates of what is going on within DKG.
4. Celebrate and share out each of our successes!

I hope and pray everyone has a great year and I can't wait to meet everyone. See you soon!

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