

What Do We Do Now?



After many of us worked for months planning and preparing for the March 20-22, 2020, DKG/Ohio State Convention, as you all know, the Convention was postponed then canceled due to the coronavirus. What do we do now? Well, we continue to move forward!! Zoom meetings are replacing face-to-face gatherings while allowing us to continue the important business of DKG/Ohio. Chapters are transitioning to new officers who will continue to provide leadership at the local level. The state officers recently met via Zoom to plan the Chapter Leadership Training that is always held during the summer to provide incoming chapter presidents with all the important information they will need to effectively lead their chapters through the next two years. The training will use Zoom to safely meet, guide, and answer questions for incoming chapter presidents. This will be different from trainings in the past, but just because it has never been done this way before, doesn't mean we can't do it. Of course we can do things differently and effectively. We do what we must to be "forward moving ever!"

Now I ask myself what does a convention coordinator do without a convention? Products that had been donated for the "Taste of Ohio, Taste of DKG" event on Friday evening of the convention have been donated to various food banks. President Diana, Alice Harker, and I had a Zoom meeting a few weeks ago to discuss and begin planning for the April 9-11, 2021, DKG/Ohio Convention. President Diana has spent much time renegotiating with Embassy Suites about our April convention. Like the Leadership Training, the convention may also need to have somethings done differently than in the past. Who knows!?

In the meantime, I am pretty much staying at home as much as possible. The haircut my husband gave me has grown out, and I have since gotten a "real" haircut from a professional. I visit my grandchildren either virtually or at a distance. From time to time, I sew a few more face masks which I have found to have advantages beyond the obvious protection from the coronavirus. IF I wear makeup, I only have to do my eyes....saves time and money. While wearing a face mask, I have yet to have a former sixth grade student who is now in his 50's and bald ask, "Do you remember me?" Along the same line, if I walk past an acquaintance without speaking, I just say, "I'm so sorry. I didn't recognize you with your face mask on." Yes, things are a bit different these days, but we can do this.

Throughout history and throughout our lives there have been events that have caused us to make changes in the way things are done. Some of these life events have been good, and some have not been so good, but we have made changes and continued on. I saw an idea for a bulletin board on Pinterest that said, "Without change, we would have no butterflies." Changes are being forced upon us, but we will continue to be "forward moving ever!" Take care, be safe, and enjoy the butterflies!

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