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HAPPY LABOR DAY!

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Dear Sisters,

It is with great enthusiasm that I begin my term as your District Governor. I am assisted by a great group of officers. Our Lodge members are Christine Markos as Lt. Governor, Carol Stathopoulos as District Secretary, Elaine Perparos Hatupis as District Treasurer, Dr. Kelee Plagis-Tsitsikaos as Marshal, Cathy Keyser as Maids of Athena Advisor and Niki Pallas as District Advisor.

The **Western Regional District Convention** was held in Reno, NV this past June and was quite a success thanks to Niki Pallas and the District Governors of the other Districts. We had a number of Daughters from District 20 there and also in attendance were members of the Grand Lodge, Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Connie Pillalis, Jan Spanos, Dianne Petersen and Kathryn Tripodes. It was voted that every other year a Western Regional District Convention will be held. Denver will host in 2016.

No major changes were made at the convention. **Guide Dogs of America will remain our District Project. Congratulations to Elaine Perparos Hatupis of Chandler, AZ, Aegina #340, as our District Penelope of the Year!**

July was an exceptionally hot month and those of us who attended the **National Convention** in New Orleans, LA, can attest to that! Of the discussions had, for future consideration is incorporating Canada as a Zone and allowing our sisters in Canada to be eligible for offices on the Grand Lodge.

Congratulations to Anna-Helene Grossomanides as our new Grand President and Dianne Peterson as our Grand Liaison.

It is with great anticipation that we will be launching our new **District Website** very soon, thank you to Kelee Plagis-Tsitsikaos! Everything you will need to know will be at your fingertips. The new website will have District and Chapter news, contact information, resources, fillable forms which can be submitted electronically, a calendar and more. Please forward to the District Governor any newsworthy item or update you would like posted.

The **District Lodge Fundraiser** is a blue, durable 9" cutting board which reads "Kali Orexi". They are a



hot item and selling for \$7. Speak to a lodge member to purchase one.

Please note that in an effort to reduce mass mailings, **District Communications** to include DG bulletins, scheduled events, information, etc. will be via the District gmail account. We ask that Chapter Secretaries forward the email addresses of all chapter members to the District Secretary, Carol Stathopoulos, who will update the distribution list. Also, please inform Carol of sisters who do not have an email address for our records. Chapter Presidents and Secretaries will be responsible for making sure all chapter members are kept informed.

For the **Good of the Order**, we like to know what is happening in your chapter. Please keep us in the loop and let us know what your chapter is doing so it can be shared and any acknowledgements or achievements of individual members.

One of my goals this year is to increase our membership so if you know of women interested in our worthy organization, please make every effort to get them to join.

I look forward to visiting each chapter and to have an open line of communication. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or “just because” at my email Ladybug3@aol.com or my cell #805-886-3973.

I wish you all a successful year!

In Theta Pi,

Valerie Katsikis
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