DOP District Governor’s Bulletin- El Camino Real District 20 April 2020

 Adrienne Robas Bell District Governor

Greetings Sisters,

What a time we are now living in! This is truly a time unlike any other we or the rest of the world for that matter, have experienced. As most of you are probably already aware, the WRDC in Seattle Washington scheduled for June 18-20 has been cancelled for this year. It has been rescheduled for next year June 17-20 at the same location. Details will be announced as we near that time. The National Convention scheduled for July 18-26 in Orlando is still scheduled to take place. However, given the current state of affairs we might consider that it too may have to be rescheduled. I will inform you about any changes as they are conveyed to me. The National Headquarters emailed me recently. After the Grand Lodge conferred, they gave all the districts three options concerning their District Convention. They were to do nothing and proceed as planned, cancel the convention keeping all budgets projects and officers the same for this year only or conduct a digital district conference. The consensus of our District Lodge was to cancel as the WRDC was already cancelled and District 21 had already cancelled their convention also.

District and national Obligation forms ae due May 15, 2020. Although the National Obligation Form asks for the signature of the president and chapter secretary, whoever is completing the form can simply type or print their names and submit it. The check and form should be sent to National with a copy to be sent to District Secretary Niki Pallas and District Governor Adrienne Bell. The chapter assessment report should be sent to District Secretary Niki Pallas, the check to District Treasurer Martha Dratsiotis and a copy to District Governor Adrienne Bell.

I would like to suggest that given the current conditions that the chapters retain their current officers if they are willing to do so. Once the chapter has selected it officers please fill put the chapter election form which can be found on both District and National websites. You can type in the names of the president and secretary., and send it to National, To District Secretary Niki Pallas, District Governor Adrienne Bell and our liaison Grand Governor Beverly Kennedy. The In Memory Of Form is due May 1, 2020. Please be sure you have filled out this form for any sister that has passed on in the last year so they can be honored at the Memorial Service at the Supreme Convention and in the DOP Supreme Convention Yearbook/album. Again the name of the president and secretary may be simply typed in.

I have some uplifting news from the Helenos Chapter in Phoenix Arizona. Andi Fourlis a member of Helenos has been selected as the new Superintendent of the Mesa Public School District, the largest school district in the state of Arizona. Axia Andi, District 20 sends its congratulations to you. More details may be found at AZcentral.com. On behalf of the District Lodge, Mary Bowen, Niki Pallas, Martha Dratsiotis, Rene Grevas and Cathy Keyser, I would like to wish the Greek Orthodox sisters of District 20 a Blessed Holy Week and a Kalo Pascha even though it won’t be like any we have experienced in our collective lifetimes. We may be physically distanced but our social connections within our sisterhood and communities remain strong. May we use this time to strengthen ourselves during this difficult time.

Yours in Theta Pi,

Adrienne