

February 20, 2018

Good Afternoon KGTC Members:

I am sorry it is the end of February before getting this second letter off, but a lot is happening and I wanted to share with you all.

The voting board members met in January in Emporia which is the home of our next Conference in October to talk about where we want KGTC to go in the future.

First of all I want to introduce you to your board members and to let you know we are available to help you and your districts in any way possible.

President: Nancy Thomas

Pres.Elect: Connie Staley

Secretary: Jessica LaFollette

Treasurer: Bonnie Houk

Past Pres.: Kelly Reynolds

Governance Chair: Leigh Johnson

Connections Chair: Lindsay Black

Communications Chair: OPEN

Region Directors: 1. OPEN

2. Kim Curtis

3. Laura Linstra

4. Garrett Ridder

5. Leslie Lewellen

6. Brad Johnson

Best Practices Chair: Shari Nakai

Historian: Connie Phelps

Parent Chair: OPEN

Legislative Rep.: Sheri Stewart

As you can see, we have some open slots. I do have some ladies interested in the Parent Chair and I will be talking to them. In the meantime, Bo Anderson is helping us out in this area. I also have someone we are working with in the area of Communications and will talk more to her.

We have some awesome events happening this year. First of all in March, my executive board and governance chair will be flying to Washington D.C. for the Leadership and Advocacy Conference and will meet with our Senators and Representatives and talk to them about keeping Gifted in the Higher Education Act and to also keep funding the Javits Program. **YOU CAN HELP IN THIS AREA ALSO BY CALLING AND EMAILING YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES** for this same matter. We will share our trip with you when we return.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 21ST, 2018. This is a Saturday and REGION 3 WILL BE HOSTING LISA VAN GEMERT (the Gifted Guru) for an awesome day of**

breakouts and sharing with this nationally known speaker. This is open to all who want to attend, not just Region 3. More will be coming soon and a flyer will coming out.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 19TH, 2018. This is a mini-conference hosted by REGION 2 and they will be hosting GINGER LEWMAN** in the morning and a great afternoon of activities to be announced. More will be coming about this conference also. We are going to arrange for buses to transport members from Region 4 and the Wichita area to Salina.

**OUR CONFERENCE IS OCTOBER 7TH AND 8TH IN EMPORIA AT EMPORIA COLLEGE. IT WILL BE A TWO DAY CONFERENCE WITH STUDENT/PARENT DAY ON SUNDAY WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKER KATHY NILLES AND THEN A GREAT FILLED DAY ON MONDAY WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKER DONNA FORD. WATCH THE KGTC WEBSITE FOR CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND MORE INFORMATION TO BE LIVE REAL SOON.**

Our main goal for this year is to make sure we are transparent as a board and that our members are kept abreast of all that happens within our organization. If you have any ideas or comments please contact one of your board members and we will try to find answers for you.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you as President of KGTC.

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