



Date: September 2008

To: Chapter Literacy Chairs

From: Marjorie Barban, Lambda State Literacy Chairperson

Re: *2008-2009 Activities*

Congratulations on your new position as Chapter Literacy Chairperson! The Lambda State Literacy Committee is working hard to help you in the coming year. On June 25 the state literacy committee met to plan for this year. Hopefully, you will glean information that will help you in selecting literacy projects and/or activities for your chapter. Below are the most noteworthy of the goals the committee has established for 2008-2009.

1. *To continue the book discussion at the Lambda State 2009 Convention*
Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson, is this year's choice for the convention book discussion. Three Cups of Tea is a non-fiction work about one man's mission to build schools –especially for girls - in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

2. *To encourage chapter participation in literacy activities at the local level*
Once your chapter has decided upon its literacy activities for the coming year, please complete the Lambda State Chapter Literacy Information form, and send or email by March 1, 2009 to Lambda State Literacy Committee Chair Marjorie Barban. Please let us know what you're doing to promote literacy.

3. *To continue to recognize chapters that give certificates to community literacy supporters*
Certificates will again be awarded to those chapters that recognize individual volunteers or supporters of the literacy effort in their own communities.

Certificates will also be awarded to those chapters that donate 25 or more books to an agency(s) or schools during the 2008-2009 school year.

4. *To Inform the membership of literacy opportunities via the Lambda State Newscaster and the Lambda State Website*
Please check the upcoming issues of this Lambda State publication to keep abreast of literacy news and reminders. The web page will be amended quarterly to keep up with current literacy news and trends. Encourage your members to check it out, too.

A copy of the Guide to the Secretary of State Literacy Effort 2008 has been provided to use with your chapter. The Guide also has some ideas that should be helpful to you and your committee in planning this year's goals. We also have a certificate that you can copy to give to those supporters of community literacy as well as the form to be mailed to me. Please remember your Lambda State Literacy Committee is available to help you. Feel free to contact us with question at any time. Best wishes for a great year.

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