LITERACY PROMOTION COMMITTEE, JULIE HENG

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The Literacy Promotion Committee, first established in 1989, is to promote adult literacy and involvement in literacy programs for children and adults, celebrates its 32nd anniversary this year. This committee's goal is to "Shine a Light on Literacy" as we examine the causes of illiteracy and how we can help fulfill the objectives of this committee.

Get Involved!

According to the most recent National Assessment of Adult Literacy, conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, as many as 1 in 7 adults in the United States cannot read at levels necessary to succeed in today's society. Across the country, Daughters are meeting the challenge and helping those with significant literacy needs to learn to read, to gain self- respect and confidence, and to reach life goals that otherwise would not be obtainable.

Here are just a few ways your chapter and individual chapter members can get involved in promoting literacy:

- Seek out organizations in your community who work to promote literacy.
- Partner with them to provide educational supplies, coordinate volunteer efforts, or to raise funds to promote literacy in your community.
- Mentor or tutor a child, an at-risk teen, or an adult learner.
- Teach English as a second language through classes or conversation sessions.
- Read to the blind or record books on tape.
- Provide books to hospitals, doctors offices, restaurants and other places with waiting rooms in your community.

Literacy Promotion Committee Contest

The purpose of the Literacy Promotion Committee national contest is to recognize outstanding service by DAR members, chapters, and states in the promotion of literacy. Contest winners will demonstrate outstanding activity in at least one of the three areas of emphasis: Honor our Spirit of Partnership, Focus on Future Readers, or Celebrate the DAR's Commitment to Literacy Promotion. **The link for contest forms can be found on the Kansas State Information Packet (SIP).**

Outstanding Service of a DAR Member (submit one of your chapter members!)

The DAR member must promote literacy outside of their employment or normal duties. On the entry form, include the full name of the nominee, the chapter, chapter regent, and state of membership, as well as a typewritten explanation of how the member promoted literacy and why her service is outstanding. Members must voluntarily promote literacy to be eligible for recommendation. Send the entry form to the state chair, Julie Heng (darjulieheng@gmail.com), **by January 15, 2022**.

Outstanding Service of a Chapter (submit your chapter!)

Chapter members may work individually or together in the promotion of literacy. On the entry form, include the full name of the chapter, chapter regent, state chair, and state of membership, as well as the number of chapter members participating. Complete a typewritten explanation of how the chapter

members promoted literacy and why the service is outstanding. Send the entry form to the state chair, Julie Heng, by **January 15, 2022**.

Outstanding Service of a State Contest

Outstanding State Service in Literacy Promotion is accomplished through the overall effort of the members within the chapters to provide service to promote literacy. Chapters may work individually or together as a state to promote literacy. On the entry form, include the name of the state, number of chapters participating, state chair, and complete a typewritten explanation of how the state promoted literacy and why the service is outstanding. Send entries to the Literacy Promotion Committee division vice chair, Janelle DeFrees at jdefrees@kc.rr.com, **by February 15, 2022**.

Want more information?

You can also read more about the Literacy Promotion Committee at www.dar.org/members. Select "Committees", then choose "Literacy Promotion".

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with fellow DAR members in promoting literacy.