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To the wonderful members of the Southeast Region,

Welcome to August!! For some of you, it may be back to school time for the kiddos; for others, it may just be closer to fall and a break from this HOT weather! Whatever it may be for you, my hope is you find joy daily and reflect on the beautiful time you get to share above ground. It has been such a devastating month for the loss of our D&D loved ones - Candis Wells, Robbie Jo Powell, Kim Oelze, Bev George Cowart, and just recently, Dorothy Merrill (mom of Marsha Gentry). It has been a tough year thus far, but each challenge reminds us to appreciate the glory of another day!

Speaking of August, that means the 2022 ADDC Convention is NEXT MONTH...Woohoo!! Mark your calendars for September 21-25, 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh Meadow Lands, 340 Racetrack Rd, Washington PA 15301. The deadline is fast approaching to avoid paying the late registration fee (deadline is August 22) and the field trips are filling up fast! So if you have not sent in your registration yet, please do so as soon as possible. Also, if you had any difficulty in booking the hotel at the reduced rate of \$139, please try again. Penny Jacobs, 2022 GAC, contacted the hotel and any issues should be resolved. If not, please let me know.

At the ADDC Board Meeting, we were informed that Keith Atkins has resigned his position on the Financial Review Committee where he was serving with Linda Rogers and Rena Schaeffer. It is my pleasure to let you know that Sharon Hess has stepped in to fill the vacancy and, for those of you who know Sharon, know we are the best of hands! Thank you Sharon for stepping up!!

Well, the final numbers for membership are in and we currently stand at **687**. While that number gets us above budget (675), it is by a very narrow margin. Therefore, please help the Association stay viable and active and recruit, recruit, recruit!!! Let others around you know how much ADDC means to you and the values you have gained being a member. I know for me, it has not just been the educational value, but the invaluable friendships that have been forged and have lasted for 20 years...I would not trade my D&D friends for anything in the WORLD!! In case I haven't told you lately, you all mean a great deal to me!

Until next time,

Kathy Martin

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." — Thomas Edison



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