

Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

When you receive this newsletter you will be very near the end of your term as chapter president. Whether you are feeling a little sad or a bit relieved, please know how appreciated you are for serving in this important position during this critical time.

We hope this experience has been a rewarding one for you. As you reflect on the last two years in the life of your chapter, what have been the successes? How could the chapter improve? What are your suggestions to your successor? Your experience will be invaluable to the new chapter executive board as they begin to make plans for the next biennium.

Please be sure you have completed the [Form 110](#) with all the names, IDs, and emails of the new officers for your chapter. Indicate in your subject line the biennium, state organization and chapter for the form you are sending, ie... 2022-2024 TX Xi Chapter Officers. This really helps our membership specialists be able to identify who is sending these forms. Remember to send these forms to your state organization personnel as well, if required.

Think about including recognition of Founders' Day, May 11, in your chapter meeting. Valuable information may be found in [Our Heritage](#), Volumes I and II.

You might be wondering how you can help the new chapter president during this time of transition. Your encouragement is the best gift you can give your successor. Let her know that you will be available to answer questions and help her in any way you can. When you turn over your files to her, make sure that they are in order and that any out-of-date forms and other materials are discarded. Discuss with the new president your successes during the biennium as well as the things that were a challenge or disappointment to you. Encourage her to attend any workshops scheduled for chapter presidents at your state organization convention or conference as well as any she might find helpful at the international convention. Let us know how we can help you with the upcoming transition!

Society Headquarters Staff

Are You Using the DKG App?

If you haven't already downloaded the free DKG App from your device's store, you should! It gives you up to date information, access to the *DKG NEWS* and committee blogs, and maybe most importantly at this time of year: access to the 2022 International Convention information! Our tech team has expanded the gamification area allowing you to earn even more badges and put yourself at the top of the leader board during your visit to New Orleans! You can also share pictures while at the convention, message other members, and view the proposed amendments, and so much more.

Once you download it, you will need to log in using your email that is listed on your account and your password. This may or may not be the same as your DKG website password. If you have registered for convention using a different email address than the one you have listed with DKG, please use the email address used for registration to log in to the convention area. Full login instructions can be found on the DKG website under [Resources > DKG App](#). If you need assistance you can always send us a chat, email, or phone us.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Have you decided yet whether you will be attending the 2022 International Convention to be held in New Orleans, LA, July 12-16? You still have time to register, but the registration fee increases on June 13 — so now is the best time!

Perhaps you wonder why attending the convention is important. Certainly you know that the international convention is the highest authority in the Society. What is decided there applies to all members. Any member who attends may make motions, enter discussions and most importantly... VOTE! Wouldn't you like your voice to be heard?

What are some of the other reasons to attend the convention?

- More than 50 workshops of all sorts: personal, professional, Society related
- Opportunity to renew relationships as well as forge new ones
- Networking with women educators from all over the world
- Communication with those who share your passion for education
- Inspirations from keynote speakers
- Realization that YOU belong in this group of women who are making a difference in the world

Hope to see you and your chapter represented at this spectacular event! Come join and be a part of the grand celebration New Orleans style!

Things to remember:

June

- ♦ June 13: Late registration fees enacted for 2022 International Convention in New Orleans, LA
- ♦ June 30: Members to submit dues to chapter treasurer

July

- ♦ July 12-16: 2022 International Convention in New Orleans, LA
- ♦ July 15: Chapter Treasurer Annual Report to SO

August

- ♦ August 1: 2022 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due

Watch 13 Iowa DKG members giving 1-2 min book talks on their favorite recently-read books



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President to President

by Becky Sadowski, international president 2020-2022

When we share with members the many benefits of membership in DKG, they often indicate interest in pursuing one or more of those opportunities. You may be assuming that your chapter members are visiting our DKG website or reading our organization's publications to locate more information. Unfortunately, that may not be the case. To raise the level of awareness regarding benefits such as various member discounts, international scholarships, leadership development programs, or an opportunity to be selected as an International Speakers Fund speaker, DKG provides an often overlooked reminder for members. On the Society website and in the *DKG NEWS* you will see a list of "Deadlines." All of the upcoming deadlines for applying for these and other international opportunities are listed for our members.

You can assist us in our efforts to publicize amazing possibilities for DKG members. Please include these deadline reminders as announcements in your chapter meetings or print them in your newsletters. We are thrilled to offer our members special benefits of membership in an organization that focuses on the professional and personal development of women educators.

Don't forget to share stories describing the excitement of your members when they become the recipients of these unique opportunities. We want to celebrate with them!

For those who attended the Dues Zoom on April 18, we appreciate and thank you. For those who missed it, there is a list of the questions asked with answers covered during the meeting on the Chapter Treasurers Community and State Organization Treasurers Community on the website. Watch your email for additional dates and times for more opportunities to connect with Victor and Trish at HQ to discuss your dues concerns.

Topics covered during the Zoom:

- ♦ ½ dues
- ♦ Email notifications in August and September
- ♦ Which dues go where
- ♦ Late paying members dues
- ♦ New member cards
- ♦ Induction fees
- ♦ Name changes
- ♦ Changing information on the portal
- ♦ Handling deceased members
- ♦ Form 110

TREASURERS' TIPS

With the dues portal now open, you have access to update all members' addresses and email addresses. Just enter the portal and go to Member Management and click on the member and make your changes. Be sure to hit Save when done.

Remember that all members who join are paying dues for 2022-2023 dues year and the join date is the date they pay dues to you and not the date of the induction ceremony. Member benefits begin as soon as you enter them into the dues portal with a valid email address. We can then provide them with the credentials from HQ to log onto the DKG website.

As you mark each member as paid in the portal, please verify their address and email and their desire to receive the publications (*DKG NEWS* and *Collegial Exchange*) electronically or as a hard copy in the member management section of the portal. All new members receive all publications by mail for the first year of their membership. Look for these two boxes on the bottom of each member's information in member management.

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Bucket List: International Convention

By Lori Furoyama

Years ago, when I first became a DKG member, I would hear announcements and “first timers” speeches about the international conventions. I always thought to myself, “I’ll attend one day. It’s on my bucket list.” Then in 2014, I finally took the leap and decided to attend the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. That leap propelled me into a whole new world of the Society.

I was excited about the trip for many reasons. I was born in Indiana but grew up in Hawai‘i. 2014 would be exactly 30 years since I last visited Indiana. My memories of Indiana were of red covered bridges, huge cornfields, and miles of open space. Was I in for a big surprise!

The convention was five days from July 28th to August 1st. On the last day of the convention, my Hawai‘i State Mu Chapter sister, Ellen Tanoura asked me, “How would you describe your experience in one word?” There was so much. I couldn’t think of just one word. After a long silence she said, “Okay...how about a phrase?” I came up with **BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS**.

Indiana

First, the trip was ‘beyond my expectations’ because I got to see Indiana and a little bit of my family history. I was born in Indiana and attended high school there 30 years prior. I had not been back since. When I got there, I found some things had not changed. The hospital I was once a patient in was still there, just a few blocks from the convention hotel. The State Capitol, still beautiful. But I was pleased to see that the city was changing; lots of development and diversity. My DKG sisters and I explored the city through the underground tunnels that connected our hotel to the city. There was so much to see and do in Indianapolis that we could’ve used another week there.



Attendees at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana

The Convention

Next was the convention. This was my first DKG International Convention. I knew it was going to be big and Patti Jenks, state president at the time, did a great job of preparing me for what to expect. But I was still blown away with the enormity of everything. I had a hint of how large it would be when we landed and there was a DKG reception table at the airport baggage claim. Then there were the signs throughout the city that read, “Indy welcomes DKG”. But the magnitude of the convention did not hit me until I walked into the main ballroom on the first night and saw over 1200 women from all over the world. On Tuesday morning, it was reinforced again at the general business meeting during roll call. I got to hear all the countries represented from Guatemala to the Netherlands to the ladies sitting right in front of us from Iceland. This was truly INTERNATIONAL. As we went over the amendments at the Wednesday general session meeting, I looked around the ballroom and thought, “All these women; all these cultures and languages; and we all belong to the same society with the same mission.” Amazing.

The People and Connections

Finally, there was getting to know my DKG sisters. I attended the convention, expecting to learn more about the society and governance at the international level. I did not expect to make so many connections across the society. I met teachers from other countries in the elevator rides, at general sessions, even waiting in lines. While waiting for my rental car, I even met an Indiana music teacher that went to college in the small town of Greencastle, west of Indianapolis, where my high school was located. However, I think the best part of the trip was getting to know my Hawai‘i State sisters. I’ve met members from other chapters at service projects, meetings and workshops over the years. However, at the convention, we had meals together, attended breakout sessions, and of course shopped. I felt I really had an opportunity to spend quality time with Hawai‘i State members and as a result, we left feeling like true SISTERS.

DKG sisters – The upcoming 2022 New Orleans Convention is your opportunity to attend an international convention. This is the first in-person DKG International Convention in four years. What better time than now for YOU to take the leap. For many years, I listened to the ‘first timers’ speech at state conventions and thought, “one day... one day...” Now, I can say I did it and the experience was **BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS!**