

# Presidents' Page



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Newsletter for Chapter Presidents

## Sandra Bull retires

Upon concluding the Educational Excellence International Committee meeting at the end of August 2011, Sandra Bull left Society Headquarters employment for the third time. Bull spent the last two weeks in transition training with Nita Scott. The last assignment for Bull was to help transition Scott to the liaison position with an international committee. Scott has had the benefit of extraordinary experience, deep insights and high levels of Society knowledge.

Bull has served as Business Services Administrator, Executive Coordinator and Membership Services Administrator, Interim. She is a charter member of Lambda Iota chapter in Texas and has held every office in the chapter and received the chapter achievement award.

At the state organization level, Bull has been an Area Coordinator, chaired the State Organization Nominations Committee and received an Alpha State Achievement Award.

In 1999, Bull participated in the Leadership Management Seminar held in Austin. Her current role for Alpha State Organization, corresponding secretary, opens new doors for her service to Delta Kappa Gamma as she moves forward.

### Greetings Chapter Presidents,

Have you settled into the new school year? ...learned the names of all of the students? ... and prepared all of your bulletin boards for the year? We hope so!

We know that you have intelligent, eager state organization presidents for 2011-2013 who are ready to work with you. During their training sessions at each of the regional conferences, this group of incoming presidents really worked to learn more about the Society and their roles. They have numerous resources and are ready to answer your questions, to come visit your chapter and to offer a helping hand. Plan to invite your state organization president to a meeting before your biennium ends in June 2012.

Be part of the plan for your state organization to complete its Strategic Action Plan. Log onto your state organization's Web site to see what is happening now. Your state organization leaders are moving forward and ready for your help.

Do you have a program/plan to assist early-career educators? Have you considered a program about Schools for Africa? Log onto the Web site and find numerous resources. Dr. Jensi Souders, international president, has been working with several committees (Membership, Educational Excellence and Leadership Development) to highlight these projects, as well as increased and retained membership.

Do you know about the **New Member Orientation** materials? These new, improved tools received rave reviews at the five regional conferences. Order a copy or download the materials from the Web site (*Pride in the Big Picture: An Orientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams*). You will not be disappointed!

And we have *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture: A Reorientation Guide for all DKG members*. This provides a booklet and Power Point with more than an hour of information about the Society. Please don't use it all at once! It is designed for chapters to pick and choose snippets for short sessions. Order from Society Headquarters or download from the Web site. Retaining our members is just as important as identifying new ones.

Start this school year with some fresh programs, new ideas and updated materials from the Society's international committee members. Adapt each item to fit your chapter's needs. They have been designed with you in mind!

*International Headquarters Staff*

Order your Orientation and Reorientation materials from the DKG store



2012 International Convention

New York City, New York  
July 24-28



# Things To Remember

## September

- Remind members to sign up for the DKG Network. Check to see that Society Headquarters has your current e-mail address or the sign up won't work.
- Dues and fees are collected this month. Tell the treasurer that you will help her collect dues or contact members who are slow to respond with payment.
- Check with your chapter members or the executive board to update your chapter's goals.
- Log onto the Web site to find current information.
- Inform members about deadlines for Leadership/Management Seminar, Scholarships and Educational Foundation awards. Many are listed on the home page, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).
- The 2011-2013 state organization officers and committee chairs need to hear from your chapter counterparts.

Make sure you have the current state organization contacts and that they have yours.

- Have you filed your chapter minutes for 2010-2011 in an appropriate place for future information? (Are they ready to bind with several other years?)
- Will your chapter Broadcast a Buzz this year?

## October

- Oct. 1 - Deadline for submitting amendments to *International Standing Rules*.
- Oct. 15 - Deadline for International Nominations.
- Oct. 31 - Deadline for paying annual dues and fees
- Introduce your chapter to information about the Society in small doses, using the Reorientation Guide. It is full of 5 to 7-minute "lessons."
- Celebrate your successes!

## Educators Award book discussions on DKGNetwork

*Degrees of Inequality*, by Dr. Ann Mullen, received the Educators Award for 2011. The Educators Award Committee plans to host book discussions of this title and the other books from the top five titles. In September, Peggy Rupe (IA), committee chair, hosts the first book discussion focused around the award recipient, *Degrees of Inequality: Culture, Class, and Gender in American Higher Education*. The author completed research about the relationships between social inequality and higher education.

Dr. Mullen interviewed 50 college students at Yale University and Southern Connecticut State University. She found that student choices of college and their experiences were strongly linked to social background and gender.

In October, Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon (NC) will lead a discussion about the title, *Why Great Teachers Quit and How We Might Stop the Exodus* by Katy Farber. The feature looks at challenges teachers endure from tight budgets to unsafe schools and provides suggestions and strategies to help keep good teachers in classrooms.

Look for additional titles in the book discussion on the DKGnetwork and the *Presidents' Page* in the coming months.

## Emergency Fund Correction

Good news for the Emergency Fund springs from donations made at regional conferences. With all contributions counted, members donated \$35,335.33. What a staggering amount that will now be available as needed.

Since July 1, 2010, the Society has sent checks totaling \$18,500 to members who have experienced a natural disaster.

**Note:** Amount noted in the July/August issue was incorrect.

## Reminder

Annual/Biennial report forms will come with the Nov/Dec issue of the *Presidents' Page*

### IRS Form 990

Avoid penalties, file by November 15, 2011.

### Welcome new chapters

North Carolina - Delta Tau 8/21/11  
Alpha Meta - Minnesota 10/1/11

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