

Presidents' Page



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Newsletter for Chapter Presidents

Are you ready for challenge, change?

Love working with people? Enjoy planning and delivering training? Adept at studying statistics and drawing conclusions? Ready for a challenging change from your current career?

Then you should apply for the Membership Services Administrator's position at Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas. Meet with interesting women from throughout our membership. Prepare materials for membership packets, for training and orientation, and much more.

Join a team of professional women who work together to respond to the actions of the administrative and executive boards, who work with committees to meet state organization and chapter needs, and who enjoy helping others succeed.

Fly, drive or take a rail to Austin, Texas...the live music capital of the world. The great outdoors, the arts, history, golf, bats, shops, restaurants, shopping, colleges and the capitol also create a big part of Austin's culture.

Austin has miles of hike and bike trails, more than 200 parks and around 300 days of sunshine each year. The Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site, www.austintexas.org will have you packing your bags right away.

Apply for the MSA position by following the directions found on the Society Web site (Library, Applications). Application deadline is March 23, 2011. Projected beginning date is August 2011.

Greetings Chapter Presidents,

Happy New Year! Can we say it too many times? We hope not. Can we ask about your resolutions? We hope not.

Can we ask about your progress with your President's Report? We hope so! We tried to make it user-friendly, as well as useful. Chapter projects that support educational excellence vary from giving scholarships to high school and university students to working with local youth programs. Others have included recognizing local media for coverage of education or donating books to hospitals and other public places.

We've heard about early-career educator projects ranging from "welcome bags" for all teachers new to a school or district to providing food in a teachers lounge. Gift cards for "incoming educators," local grants for classroom purchases, shoe boxes filled with items needed for a desk and bulletin board materials are among other ideas shared at recent workshops.

International project: Schools for Africa? Using the DVD for a program, finding a speaker on the topic, passing a cup for donations, asking members for loose change in their purses, selling donated paperbacks to each other, spending two minutes giving an update about what the project does, designing a program on UNICEF and its work in Africa and other parts of the world ...

The BUZZ continues with press releases and photos provided for local media, education publications (district or university news), your chapter Web site, your chapter newsletter, a specialty magazine (if members belong to the organization), city council news or reports, share the International Communications Committee's "Broadcasting the Buzz."

Some chapters have rather informal action plans...a list of work to do this year with names of members or committees working on the items or a modified educational objectives chart. Others just don't like to write down their plans.

No matter what your answers may be, we want to hear them. We can't plan and respond if you don't "tell it like it is."

International Headquarters Staff

Get connected on the DKGnetwork

Join the growing numbers who see a multitude of ways to use the social network for DKG work as well as a tool to support working members.

Encourage your chapter members to log on and become involved. Describe the network to potential members as a benefit of membership.

To login use your complete e-mail address as the username and delta01 as the generic password. Build your profile, add a photo and place a balloon on the map to designate your global location.



Things To Remember

January

- If you have not received the annual chapter report forms for President and Necrology, check the Society Web site or contact Society Headquarters immediately. The deadline for these forms is Feb. 1. The state organization president and state Membership Committee chair need these reports to complete their reports, due March 1. The information from these forms will be used in a variety of ways.
- If the chapter has not already invited the state organization president or representative to a meeting, now is a good time. They want to get to know you, meet members and learn about your chapter.
- Develop some method of circulating your chapter copies of *Our Heritage*, Volumes I, II and III. The history of the Society includes many interesting facts. H3 is interactive and brings you from 1970 to 2008. Encourage members to read the volumes for a deeper appreciation and understanding of our Society. Announce that the volumes of

Our Heritage may be ordered from International Headquarters.

- Remind members that international scholarship applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1. They could receive \$6,000 to continue their studies.

February

- Deadline—Feb. 1: Did you submit your annual report?
- Review progress of chapter participation and evaluate chapter activities.
- Progress reports of committees should be considered at the business meeting. Committee work is the heart of Society work and achievements. A growing chapter is one that is well informed.
- Urge members to plan to attend the state convention and the regional conference. Registration forms for your regional conference will be printed in the March/April *DKG NEWS* and posted on the Society Web site. Look for these and make arrangements to attend.
- Hug your Valentine!

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.
-Warren Bennis

Regional Dates

Southwest - Denver, Colorado
June 29-July 2, 2011

Southeast - Louisville, Kentucky
July 13-16, 2011

Northeast - Hershey, Pennsylvania
July 20-23, 2011

Northwest - Edmonton, Alberta
July 27-30, 2011

Europe - Baden-Baden, Germany
August 3-6, 2011

Write for the *Bulletin*

Research, write and share thoughts and ideas in the *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. Members of the Editorial Board encourage submissions. Board members have revised information describing possible submissions and fine-tuned the evaluation process. Feedback will be provided as the editor works with authors preparing to go to print.



Visit the Editorial Board under **Committees**, then **Editorial Board** and **Resources**. Find the manuscript submission guidelines, grid, rubric and suggested themes.

Artists on the DKGnetwork

International Music Representative, Patricia Harrison Taylor, has formed a group on the DKG Network called "DKG Artists." If anyone has a talent in any field of the fine arts (music, dancing, visual arts, crafts or more) and is interested, go to the DKG Network (located on the network home page under groups), join the network, and then join the DKG Artists group. Members can network with other artists from all over the world!

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