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Scott begins as new MSA

Nita Scott begins her new assignment as Membership Services

Administrator for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in August 2011.

She has attended international conventions, regional conferences and state conventions serving as a presenter at each level.

At the chapter level, Scott has served as president and chair of Strategic Action Planning Committee. At the state level, she has served as a member of the Membership Committee and the Convention Steering Committee. In 2010, Scott received a state scholarship to pursue her Master's degree. She is a member of Beta Sigma in Middleton, Tennessee. Scott has involvement in her community with the Imagination Library, the American Quarter Horse Association, the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics, the National Education Association and the Tennessee Education Association.

Scott has served education for 23 years of successful classroom experience in the field of mathematics. She has taught in Tennessee and Arkansas, worked in marketing and been a leader and presenter of technology use in the classroom and mathematics.



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

Hope you scheduled the Regional Conference and your state organization meeting in your Spring and Summer plans. Both can be so empowering and energizing. Impressive women doing outstanding things...it lets you know that so much is possible.

Please keep in your hearts those suffering due to tornadoes and floods. Our Emergency Fund helps our members, but so much more can be done. Rebuilding homes, schools, cities, and lives reminds us of what is really important.

Remember that the fiscal year for Delta Kappa Gamma ended June 30. Check with your treasurer and finance chair to see how the chapter is doing. When will the books be reviewed? Did you meet to adjust your 2011-2012 Budget?

Take care of yourselves! Take time to smell the roses (and other flowers too). Learn a new joke to tell friends. Go to a movie (preferably a happy one). Garden, soak in a tub, read a book, cook or go out eat, or cross something off your "To Do" List. Smile more and laugh out loud. It's good for you!

We wish you a rejuvenating summer with all the things you enjoy. Watch for the July/August DKG NEWS online.

International Headquarters Staff

Emergency fund provides help

During 2010-2011 many storms and tornados have impacted members. Since July 1, 2010, the Society has sent checks totaling slightly more than \$153,700 to members who have experienced a natural disaster. Floods, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, forest fires and wind storms are all natural disasters that the Emergency Fund covers. Members continue to express their appreciation for the quick response and \$500 check.

This effort of support comes from members who chose to contribute to the Emergency Fund. Individuals, chapters and state organizations make donations to this fund to assist other members in times of need.

Since 1948 the Emergency Fund has been helping members help other members. In recent years, flooding damage has caused more Emergency Fund requests than any other natural disaster. Consider contributing.

Avoid penalties

The IRS will hold chapters accountable for the 990 reporting this year. If gross annual receipts do not exceed \$1 million, the penalty is \$20 per day for each day that your return (or e-post card) is late or incomplete. The penalty may not exceed \$10,000 or 5% of your gross annual receipts, whichever is less. Avoid penalties, file by November 15, 2011.

Things To Remember

July

- ♦ July 1 is the beginning of new fiscal year.
- ♦ Meet with officers, committee chairs, and committees to set goals and plan the 2011-2012 activities. You are an ex officio member, with vote, of all committees except nominations. Plan at least two chapter executive board meetings for the year. Before or after a chapter meeting works well for many groups. Use your teamwork skills to make this meaningful and timely.
- ♦ Order materials you will need for the Fall. All brochures, order forms and assorted materials change July 1. Check online to update your files.
- ♦ State organizations will change this month. Provide the updates for your yearbook. Have you had changes that need to be sent to the state organization and Society Headquarters?
- ♦ Has a member transferred from your chapter? Keep up with her status and help her make the move to a new chapter.

- ♦ Are you *Broadcasting the Buzz*? Share this publication with your newsletter editor, your web master and/or your chapter members.

August

- ♦ April may be tax time for individuals, but August is a big financial month for chapters.
- ♦ Form 18 and related materials will be mailed to treasurers from Society Headquarters. You and the membership chair will receive copies of the letters. Make sure your treasurer receives this important information. You and the treasurer may wish to check the membership list to determine if it agrees with chapter records. The packet contains two printouts listing the members. These are for the treasurer and president. Some state organizations pass copies of previous lists to yearbook or membership chairs.
- ♦ Invite your state organization president or her designated representative to a chapter meeting.

Communication made easy

How do you keep communication going for your chapter members? Many options are available to use including newsletters, e-mail, a chapter Web site, a text message or two and the DKGnetwork. Newsletters help keep your members informed of events and activities planned for the year. A chapter newsletter can be informative and an attractive reminder of happenings.

Perhaps using e-mail during the summer will help keep connections continuing as members travel with family or to a regional conference. Newsletters can also be attached to e-mail for those who like getting things quickly and easily. A chapter Web site can add to the information a newsletter presents and be available at any time for members.

Keeping a Web site current is important. If you post material once and never update, members will not return and an opportunity for quick and timely communication is missed.

Social media tools such as Twitter and Facebook also keep members connected, at least for those who use these tools. Assign a member who is comfortable with these tools to keep fresh up to the minute news posted for all members. Better yet, start a chapter group on the DKGnetwork. We have 79 groups and more than 1,000 members already online sharing activities and ideas.

Order new materials

Reach to new membership materials as you plan orientation for initiates and reorientation for current members. Materials available at www.dkg.org can be found under the Membership Committee resource pages and from the library.

Orientation has a completely new approach to providing information to prospective members. The new reorientation materials review historical facts, provide snippets of information and offer recommitment to the purposes of DKG.

New chapter to organize
North Carolina - Delta Tau 8/21/11

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