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Pride sustains members

Today the focus in DKG is on pride in the big picture of our Society: bringing together qualified and diverse women educators, strengthening them and pursuing worthwhile projects in communities around the world.

Change experts state three reasons that people do not adapt:

1. they assume that present trends will continue,
2. they believe yesterday's solutions will solve today's issues, or
3. they neglect the opportunities offered by future change.

With this in mind the International Membership Committee has provided a new Contemporary Initiation Ceremony with a major focus on:

1. the importance of our members,
2. the fact that someone has noticed their work and standards,
3. belief in their potential and
4. wanting their association by sponsoring them for membership.

Check out this change and try the new Contemporary Initiation Ceremony available from the international website.

Be a vendor at convention

Looking for non-dues revenue for your chapter? Become a vendor at the 2012 International Convention in NYC. An application is on the Society website and due by April 15.

Greetings Chapter Presidents,

Whether you slept through the midnight celebrations or toasted the New Year with friends, we wish you the best of experiences in 2012. International and chapters end the 2010-2012 biennium in July. (State organizations have 2011-2013 biennium to provide experienced leadership at all times.) Nominations for international elected positions are already published on the Society website. Are nominations for your chapter officers and elected committees "published" in your head, being discussed by your nominations committee, or waiting somewhere on the horizon?

As you finish the last six months of your biennium, please keep in mind that you play a key part in preparing and installing a 2012-2014 chapter president. What example have you set? Will you tell a candidate that you have learned all the chapter members' names and educational experience? Will you tell her that you were so glad the chapter sent you to the regional conference where you learned all sorts of things about the Society? Will you tell her that the training from the state organization and materials available from Society headquarters made the job easier than you ever believed? Tell her how much other chapter officers and members assisted you. Tell her that you will be there to help her succeed.

We hope these are only some of the reasons you can share to ensure your work continues as you strive for a successful chapter. May 2012 bring you both happy endings and fruitful beginnings.

Society Headquarters Staff

Committee proposes international project

A major focus for chapter programs and projects this biennium has been, Support for Early-Career Educators (SECE). From wide acceptance, this initiative will be proposed as an international project at the 2012 Convention in New York City.

The challenge of supporting new educators lies with the entire educational community and extends beyond mentoring. Working together, DKG members can

- + Help new teachers maintain enthusiasm and joy for teaching
- + Inspire networking among new teachers in different districts
- + Offer mentoring
- + Lessen the feeling of isolation
- + Provide tactics to overcome frustration
- + Give a token of esteem and appreciation
- + Invite those with potential for distinctive service to membership in DKG
- + Become known throughout the wider educational community as the organization that supports early-career educators

Congratulations to state organizations and chapters that are supporting early-career educators.

Things To Remember

January

- If you have not received the annual and biennial report forms, check the Society website or contact Society Headquarters immediately. The deadline for completing these forms is Feb. 1. The state organization president and state organization committee chairs need these to complete their reports.
- Have you invited the state organization president or her representative to a meeting? Now is a good time to consider it.
- Find *Pride in the Big Picture: An Orientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams* online or order a copy with a slide show. *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture: A Reorientation Guide for all DKG Members* is another new resource you will want to see!
- International scholarship applications are due Feb. 1.
- Check the *DKG NEWS* and your state organization newsletter for future meeting dates.

February

- Deadline—Feb. 1: Annual and biennial report forms are due. Send to your state organization counterparts.
- Review the 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, and a growing chapter is well informed.
- Again, urge members to plan to attend the state convention, Seminar in Purposeful Living and the international convention. Registration forms are in the January/February *DKG NEWS* and on the Society website.
- Order the president's pin for Installation of Officers, usually held April-June during even-numbered years. Order forms are available from the Society's official jeweler, Award Concepts, on the Society website.

Graduates recognized for dissertations

Members who have earned their doctorates during this biennium — July 1, 2010-June 30, 2012 — will be honored for their accomplishments at the 2012 International Convention in New York City, NY.

To receive this recognition, members who meet this criterion must submit the following documentation, according to *International Standing Rule 13.52*:

- A copy of the dissertation inside cover page with the appropriate faculty signatures
- A copy of the inside cover giving the name of the author, the title of the dissertation, the particular degree earned, and the date it was conferred

Please send documentation by **April 1, 2012**, to Nita Scott, Membership Services Administrator, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589, fax to 512-474-2494, or email to nitas@dkg.org. Each "new" doctoral recipient will receive a red and gold cord to mark the occasion.

Attend the Seminar in Purposeful Living

Join members in Washington, D.C., to learn, experience history and build strong friendships.

When: July 19-27, 2012

Where: Washington, D.C.

Registration Cost: U.S. \$225 includes five meals, transportation/admissions to Arlington National Cemetery, National Cathedral, US Capitol, Museums, Monuments/Memorials at Night, Speakers and all gratuities. Go to the Society website at www.dkg.org for more information.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation announces its new website

Find the information you need about projects, Cornet Awards and Seminar in Purposeful Living at www.dkgef.org



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