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Membership *spotlight*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF
CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

Give Me 5 – What does DKG mean to you?

When you reflect on your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, what words come to mind? The Society vocabulary we all associate with our organization are words like key women educators, worldwide, professional, excellence, education, and many more. Maybe some of these terms define your membership and it's possible that some of your words are different and more personal.

We want to hear your words. One of our projects for this biennium is to create and distribute a compilation video of what DKG means to Texas members.

We invite you to take some time at a meeting this spring to video-record different members in your chapter telling us their 5 words. You may want to tell members ahead and set a date for this project. It's interesting how hard it can be to choose the right 5 words!

Have each member say their name and chapter then hold up their words and tell us about them. Each segment should last about 1 minute.

Please send the videos to Connie by May 1st. We plan to showcase our compilation at convention this summer.

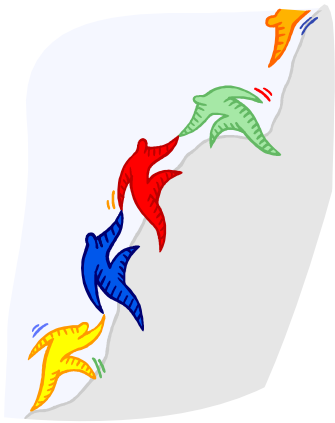


State Honorary Membership

Is there a woman in your community who isn't a teacher but has made a significant contribution to education or women's issues? Here is your chapter's opportunity to honor her accomplishments.

“An honorary member shall be a woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women and is elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service.”

The deadline for nominating a woman for state honorary membership is February 1st. You can find the Recommendation for Membership on the Alpha State Website under forms.



Chapter Revitalization

We are worried. We have a small core of dedicated members and they are tired. Lately we have really been struggling to get others involved and are looking for a way to revive our chapter. Where can we turn for help?

You are not alone! It is quite common for there to be a central active group that manages most of the work. As you mentioned, that can be draining.

Several chapters have a nominations plan that elects officers *and* a shadow member for each position to give members the training they need to be confident about taking on the position in the next biennium.

Others use the offices as stepping stones, starting at secretary and progressing through vice-presidencies to the president's

position. Their members know that accepting an office implies a commitment to that succession.

If you feel your chapter needs some outside fortification, help is near. First, start with your Area Coordinator. She has knowledge of the local challenges and opportunities so can give advice relevant to your specific situation. She is there to help you succeed!

She may also suggest that you consider asking to implement the Chapter Revitalization Program. This program is coordinated through the Executive Committee with the Membership Committee acting as a partner. The idea is for this to be an infusion of energy and support.

Chapters who request this assistance will be offered the possibility of working with a team from the state organization (possible members: president, member of executive committee, membership committee people, key members geographically close to the chapter) who would go to the chapter and spend no less than a half day with the chapter officers in drafting a plan of action to address the chapter's needs. The chapter would have activities, positive steps to take, and motivational tools to use when the team leaves. One of the team members will be someone close to the chapter to serve as an ongoing source of encouragement.

**MEMBERSHIP
REPORT DUE
FEBRUARY 1**



Don't forget to send your Membership Report to Connie Rensink. She will collect and compile the information to create the Texas State Membership Report that will be submitted to Delta Kappa Gamma International.



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