

Pride in the Big Picture: An Orientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams is a new packet available to all chapters to orient new members to the Society.

The reality is that we lose new initiates in approximately the same proportion that new teachers drop out of the teaching field. The questions are obvious. Were these women adequately prepared for involvement in the Society before initiation? Were they given the time necessary to make a decision before being rushed into initiation? A change in philosophy in this area might be warranted.

The Pride in the Big Picture packet (available for purchase on the International order form www.dkg.org) includes a CD with a PowerPoint version of the orientation program with notes for the presenters and a sample letter of invitation to the orientation. The CD also includes a WORD version of the orientation. The packet also includes a printed booklet of the orientation.

On our Texas web site we have a copy of the PowerPoint and a copy of the WORD version which you may download. If you have trouble opening either version, contact Sandra Smith Bull at sandrasmithbull@yahoo.com for assistance. Your Texas State Organization Membership Committee is very proud to endorse this program and the philosophy that supports it.

We are looking forward to the publication of ***Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture: A Reorientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams*** which will be available later in the spring.

A session at the Texas State Organization Convention in McAllen will present both the new orientation and reorientation products and the philosophy behind them.