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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

HEARTBEAT



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Promote Leadership Increase & Sustain Membership Support Early Career Educators

President's To Do List:

- Send names of your new slate of officers to Dr. Joye Sterrett and myself in preparation for Officer Training on April 13.
- Complete and send Achievement Award application to Diane Sheets by February 15.
- Send your Collaborative Hours to Shawna Patton-Finley shawnar.patton@gmail.com. by the end of March.
- Send Death of a Member form to Priscilla Hall for the Necrology Service, including as much detail as possible.
- Continue to discuss and send ideas for a new state project.

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Arizona Theme: Hands + Heart = Harmony

PLEASE FORWARD THIS LETTER TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS

February 2018

DEAR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS,

Life can be challenging at times. The room situation in Prescott for the convention has been interesting to say the least. Who knew that there would be a Girls Soccer Tournament in Prescott Valley that very weekend? I know that as educators not everything goes smoothly in the classroom either, or when we make plans for a trip. However, I know that we are all flexible and can make this work. Do not get discouraged and think, "Well, I'm not going because I am not sure where I will be staying." Have faith, get on the wait list with the Prescott Resort with Mayra through reservations department by calling 1-800-967-4637. Then, go ahead and book a reservation either at the Holiday Inn Express or at the Apache Lodge. As more hotel options open, I will send out an e-mail immediately.

The Convention Committee has a great convention planned for you. I know you will not be disappointed. A rare treat is having two speakers from International, Patricia Park from Hawaii and Tamara Flores Hernandez from San Louis Potosi, Mexico. Members from around the state have stepped up and have great workshops planned for you. One change this year is that we will not have a third session in the afternoon to give you more free time to visit and shop the Rose Boutique. You will see a Memorial display of art from Sandy Breece's mother and an opportunity to shop at the Latin American Purse table. Finally, we are promoting vendors from outside DKG through Non-dues Revenue. Contact is Lori Good.

On another topic, I received mixed reviews regarding a new state project. Some members feel we should keep Collaborative Connections since we are impacting schools directly through volunteer efforts and support of early-career educators. Others are ready to try something new. Thus far, two ideas have emerged. Plan to attend the Membership and Expansion Workshop at the state convention to hear what is being proposed and share your ideas.

International**President's Theme:**

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide

Upcoming Events:**Legislative Day****February 14, 2018**

State Capitol

1700 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

2018 State Convention**April 13–15, 2018**

Prescott Resort and

Conference Center

1500 Highway 69

Prescott, AZ 86301

International Convention**July 16–20, 2018**

JW Marriott Austin

110 E. 2nd St.

Austin, Texas

**Heart Pins**

Available--\$5.00 each

Happy Valentine's Day!**Honor a Member: State Achievement Award**

Submit the application for a member you wish to honor for the highest award we offer in our state or resubmit a name of a former applicant. The award will be given Saturday evening at the Banquet.

Recognizing Legislative & Statehood Day

Join DKG and AASRA members at 8:45 a.m. at the State Capitol on February 14. Make your presence known as a fellow educator who is concerned about the state of education here in Arizona.

The Heart of Leadership: Officer Leadership Training

All state officers are planning an Officer Training on April 13 to be presented at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center. For other officers, come to the luncheon on April 13 at 11:45 and continue training to 3:00 pm. The luncheon speaker will be Pat Park, Southwest Regional Director.

Presidents will learn about leadership and leading successfully. We will have technology for chapter presidents, communications with members and international, and parliamentary for presidents as well as other topics.

Please register for the convention and for the workshop on the convention registration form by selecting Friday Officer Training Lunch (by invitation) for \$22. All officers will learn about the important parts of their jobs. We hope to see all chapter officers on April 13!

Fun Times Planned for You at the Convention

The Convention Committee is busy planning for all of you to have a memorable time at the 2018 Convention. We are preparing for exciting speakers, workshops, delicious meals, and fun entertainment. Be sure to be there Friday evening for the Gurley Girls Band and an inspirational video dance number by a local school group. What convention would be complete without a "Marketplace"? This year we invite you to shop at the Rose Boutique, at the Latin American Committee's purse sale, and at local vendors invited by our newest committee, the Non-Dues Revenue Committee. And, wait!! The shopping does not stop there. We have our raffle featuring beautiful baskets provided by Chapters, the exquisite Neely Bird and a unique garden totem. We would like 5 Chapters to provide a