Strengthening the Buzz

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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To unite in fellowship

One of the keywords in our Society is friendship or fellowship. We have it in our Purposes, one of the three Tudor roses symbolizes the Society's ideal of friendship, and so does one of the three candles we light in our initiations ceremonies. But how can we cultivate this friendship?

It is maybe quite easy when it comes to our own chapter whose members we meet many times a year at chapter meetings. But what about friendship in a broader sense? Going to DKG conferences is a good way to establish new friendships, but what can we do to maintain them?

Today we have more possibilities than ever before to connect with our friends. We have all kinds of communication tools and social websites that can be used. Some of us do this already but others are hesitant and/or do not know how to use them.

It is a sign of friendship when we help our members become familiar with certain technology tools so they will be more comfortable using them. It also benefits our Society.

Privacy on Facebook

"Friend" is a loose term online. You may not want everyone you're linked with on Facebook to know everything about you. To avoid that you can create custom lists and choose who can see the posts on your timeline.

Start on the "Friends" page of your profile. Click on the "Friends" button beside your friend’s name. You can either choose to make this friend a "Close friend" (if you just want to have two groups of friends) or choose "Add to another list".

If you choose "Add to another list" you can either make a new list (e.g. DKG friends) or choose one of the lists you already have made and add your friends to that list.

What’s New in the Membership Buzz?

The 2012-2014 International Membership Committee began the biennium by focusing on a plan for increasing "membership buzz" opportunities. Committee members made phone calls to each of the state organization membership chairs in their respective regions. These conversations provided information on membership issues of greatest concern as well as success stories which could be shared throughout the Society. The first Membership Memo of the biennium highlighted some of these stories and may be found on the Society website.

Recognizing the importance of including all Society members in the membership discussions, the committee has also established a group on the DKG Network to provide this opportunity.

The Members-in-Action group is open to any DKG member who wishes to voice a concern, ask a question, share an idea or suggestion, or simply follow the discussion. Please help us spread the word about this group and encourage members to be active participants in networking for membership success!

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