

DKG – Who Are We? (All multiple members to respond if they volunteer)

Q: You meet one of your friends at a professional conference and are wearing your DKG pin. She inquires as to what that pin represents? What will you say? DKG is a professional society for women educators.

Q: How and why did it get started? It was founded on May 11, 1929 by Annie Webb Blanton at the Faculty Women's Club at the Univ of Texas, Austin, Texas. You know all kinds of things can happen when a group of women get together. . . in this case, an idea was born and 11 other professional women were initiated to establish the first chapter. . .

Q: Do you know what they named the first chapter? Alpha Chapter (hint: Greek alphabet)

Q: Why did they want to do this? At this time, most teachers were men. Women wanted to be recognized in the teaching profession at all levels rural and urban teachers – preschool-college, librarians; school administrators, supervisors –for recognition of women's work in teaching and there was another focus. .scholarships for those needing aid in improving their professional preparation. They vision was for Leading Women Educators to Impact Education Worldwide.

Q: As a member, what are your responsibilities? (Many answers possible)

Meeting attendance, committee work, leadership roles i.e., officers, chair of committees, program presentations, participation in projects, mentoring in AK and at you place of work.

Q: Do you know the “reach” of DKG? It is worldwide spanning 17 countries with chapters in Canada, Central America, Europe, and Japan, with over 82,000 members and 78 US state organizations.

Q: How many chapters are in the Big Bend area? 3 - Alpha Kappa, Alpha Lambda, Beta Phi – We celebrate at group events such as Founder's Day, and Initiation of new members.

Q: What type of events does AK conduct? Program and business meetings, socials, celebration of founders, inductions, District Conference/Meeting

Q: Do you know who is on the AK Board and their function? (Please ask them to stand as they are named; if not named, you name them and ask them to stand if they are present; if not present – read out their names and positions) Monica Hayes – President, Stacy Thompson- President Elect, Susan Vinson – Temp VP, Nikki Abels – Recording Secretary, Gina –

Corresponding Secretary, Connie Lewis - Communication Chair and Webmaster, Lisa Phillips – Membership Chair, Nina Sappupo – Education Excellence Chair

The board meets periodically to plan meetings, sends out notices to the membership from various sources i.e., state DKG, members, officers, etc.

READ TO ALL PRESENT

- ✚ As a member you are a “leader” who influences, impacts, and innovates to lead the way for a brighter future in education.
 - ✚ As a member you should share your passion for learning and teaching, from all walks of life.
 - ✚ As a member you are creative, a problem solver and should share your knowledge with your students and others that you interact with, on a daily basis. There is no time better than NOW to be a key woman educator. Our school systems need you to make a difference.
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What’s in it for you? This is the good part!

Show of hands. . . how many of you have had an award of any kind from DKG? Please tell us what it was?

Read by way of summary if needed.

DKG provides awards and funds for professional development, leadership training, travel to conferences, scholarships and grants, networking with educators around the world, fellowship and learning locally, regionally, statewide and nationwide; forums for presenting and publishing and professional conferences and conventions. In addition, DKG provides a variety of insurance policies.

A note: Cudos to Gale Workman for putting together the data on benefits for DKG members.

Where is the best place to find information about Alpha Kappa, State, and International? Our website has links to all.