

November Message

Reflecting On Who We Are

Recently, I was asked what I was doing since I retired. I explained that I was serving as state president for Eta State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. They looked at me and asked, "What's that? It sounds impressive." I immediately went into "Elevator Mode" and gave them my speech about who and what we are all about. Every time I give the speech, I realize what benefits come from being a member of an International Society such as ours.

One of the goals of the International Educational Excellence Committee is to increase members' personal and professional pride. It is also one of our state goals and I hope that you are thinking of ways to inspire members to feel excited about coming to Society events and contributing to the fullest. A sure way to get members to be excited about their belonging to DKG is to provide programs and projects that engage their hearts and minds. Our International and state focus areas of "Schools for Africa" and "Support Early Career Educators" are great ways to engage their hearts and minds. Your newsletters indicate you are capturing the excitement that these two areas bring to our membership.

Being a member of DKG opens the door to our own personal and professional growth. Remind members that the Educational Foundation is available to offer support for educational projects, professional development, seminars, and other events for learning and training. Since 1964, the Foundation has given more than \$2.5 million to projects and awards. North Carolina boasts of four recent Cornetet recipients for individual professional development. January 1 is the deadline for submitting project applications. Projects support and encourage intercultural understanding as well as educational excellence.

We encourage you to have your "elevator speech" ready when asked, "What's that? It sounds impressive." Reflecting on who we are allows us to "reboot our thinking, renew our commitment, and revitalize our members' personal and professional pride."

-- LL