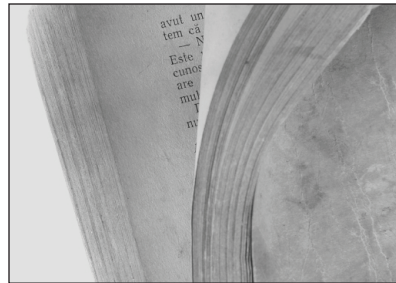




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## Seminar recipients announced, 10



## Examine proposed amendments

■ Learn about *International Standing Rules* amendments, 5

## Technology to abound at convention

**Innovation, mobile devices and constant connectivity surround us all. The digital revolution continues to evolve as communication changes and mobility becomes more essential.**

You may think you do not need to participate in digital trends or social media. Perhaps you do. Do you connect with your children, grandchildren, friends, colleagues? Do you wonder why someone doesn't answer your email? Perhaps a text would gain a much needed response. Bring your mobile devices to convention and join with many others as new offerings provide interesting avenues for learning, connecting and networking.

Venture into the world of social media. This interactive environment grows exponentially each month. According to Carmine Gallo, astronaut Douglas Wheelock checked into *FourSquare*, a social networking

app, from space in October 2010. Several million people did the same thing 220 miles below on Earth but at the rate of 23 check-ins per second. Social media is part of the world of communication today. *Facebook* has more than eight million users. The recent Superbowl had the highest rating of tweets per second with more than 12,000 on *Twitter*.

The convention will have a computer lab for hands-on breakout sessions. The lab schedule will also have open times for surfing the Internet, answering email and posting on social media sites.

All sessions in the lab will have participation in mind. One example of such an offering will be an hour and a half interactive hands-on session about using web 2.0 tools via your desktop, your smartphone or your *iPad* (or other tablet). In this session, you might learn something new, get motivated to try something you haven't done or become refreshed. You might share something with the audience or ask questions.



Try using your smartphone in a *QR code* challenge hunt. What is a *QR code*? You'll find one in this article. The symbol is square with a collection of spots and dots, usually black, but it can be colorful. When read with a *QR scanner* app for a smartphone, it transports the user to a website, provides contact information or gives a source to email for more information. *QR scanners* are readily available from your smartphone carrier app store. Most *QR scanners* are free.

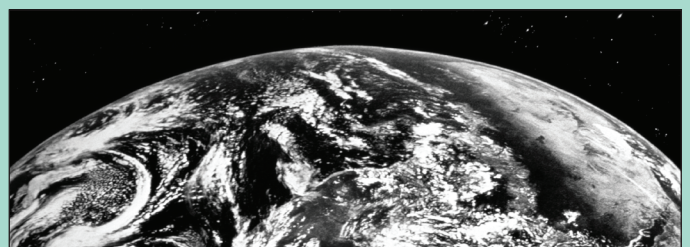
Connect with members using *Twitter* and the hash tag #dkgcon at the international convention. *Twitter* is a microblogging application accessible from your desktop, mobile phone or tablet after creating an account and acquiring the *Twitter* app. To tweet, or post to the *Twitter* site, you are limited to 140 characters, including spaces and punctuation. So, what you say has limits. If you include the above hash tag and follow that tag (labels for marking conversations), then you too can stay

See **CONVENTION**, 5

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# What or Whom do you value?

By **Dr. JenSI P. Souders**

2010-2012 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Beta Gamma's Nelle began checking on her chapter sister, Dr. T. (70-year member), who resided in an assisted living facility. Imagine her surprise to be told, "She's no longer here." No, privacy laws would not allow further information. Another member suggested checking with the "lost" member's church. Nelle did; she was told that Dr. T. had been in a car accident, admitted to the hospital, and it looked serious. The priest would call her the next day.

Group emails activated the chapter phone tree; some wanted to visit immediately, even break into her room, but then they found out Dr. T. had been discharged. To whom? Where was she? Through tears, chapter members said they didn't want her to be alone!

Finally, someone said to contact Dr. T's hairdresser (duh!), and found out there are two Dr. Ts—two females, same last name, both Ph.D.s in education, both professors at the same university, both members of the same church! The hairdresser gave a family member's number to Nelle, who called. Dr. T. (the correct one!). She answered Nelle's call, and everyone had a good laugh.

Moral? Hairdressers trump priests and administrators any day! And for Beta Gamma members, the moral is "We will find you!"

**What do you track/hold dear/keep up with?**

Good jewelry. Children. Email. Family budget. Chapter members?

We all have things that we

consider so important that we always know where they are and that they are safe. We keep up with what's important to us. How important are your fellow chapter members to you? When is the last time you called a member you haven't seen in a while and checked up on her, telling her you have missed seeing her and, perhaps, setting a time to have lunch together? (Writing this reminds me that I have several I need to call!)

One of the indications of a strong chapter is strong communication with all members, and not just through a wonderful newsletter or email or once-a-month phone tree. What about one-on-one communication? If each chapter member were to make one phone call a month to one member she hasn't

seen or talked to in a while, just think of all the strengthening ties that would soon bind the chapter together.

**What's on your LIST? Convention? Relaxation? Graduate school? Vacation? Cleaning out closets?**

Summer is coming. What are your priorities? Certainly, I hope you will be attending a part or all of the international convention in New York City, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of us. But, I also hope that you and each of your chapter members will make a special effort to call, text, or email a chapter friend with whom you'd like to chat and find out what's going on in her



life. Summer is a great time to meet for lunch, take a walk in the park together, make a home visit and share photos of families and trips.

Take time to reconnect. This is one of the best ways to make your chapter successful. Call it **Each one, Call one**. Let us know your results.

"One of the indications of a strong chapter is strong communication with all members..."

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# Leadership Management Seminar participants announced

After reviewing numerous applications, the Golden Gift Fund Committee selected 31 women to participate in the 2012 Leadership Management Seminar held in Austin, Texas. The seminar offers topics in management, speaking, negotiating, communication and more at the University of Texas School of Business with renowned instructors and guest speakers. Meeting July 2-14, the Class of 2012 includes:

- \* Katherine Marie Brown, Georgia,
- + Patricia Ann Bennett-Forman, Washington
- + Dr. Jill Beatty Branyon, South Carolina
- + Daphne Cagle, California
- + Deborah Lynn Carrell, Indiana
- + Catherine Anne Criner, Texas
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## Leadership Management survey provides feedback

State organizations that provide leadership management training opportunities for all members, not just chapter and state organization officers, can strengthen chapters and improve the chances of finding chapter and state organization officers.

Those state organizations that offer such training also have a higher percentage of members applying for and gaining international committee memberships, offices, and places at the International Leadership Management Seminar.

This information is reaped from a survey taken by the Golden Gift Fund Committee in the fall of 2011. Other information gleaned from the survey includes

- + Longevity and regularity of leadership management training
- + Number of members accepted at a time
- + How participants are selected
- + Criteria for selection
- + Agendas and topics covered in seminars
- + How trainers/presenters are chosen
- + How seminars are funded

The committee is in the process of preparing leadership management seminar models from the See **SURVEY**, 11

## DEADLINES

**April 1**-Dissertation Recognition

**May 1**-Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Application

**June 1**-Appointment to International Committees Recommendation

**June 1**-Editorial Board Application for Appointment

**June 1**-State Organization Communications Committee Biennial Report

**June 15**-State Organization Editors Label order form

**July 15**-Chapter Treasurer Annual Report-Form 15

## Speakers share knowledge and skills

Ramu Damodaran is Deputy Director for Partnerships and Public Engagement in the United Nations Department of Public Information's Outreach Division. Previously, he was Chief of its Civil Society Service. His responsibilities focus particularly on outreach to, and partnerships with, non-governmental, academic,



**Damodaran to speak on Wednesday, July 25, at 10 a.m.**

private sector constituencies, and the general public. The Division's programs include briefings to Non-Governmental Organizations, schools, universities and visiting groups, guided tours, exhibits, and responses to inquiries about the Organization. Damodaran's earlier positions with the Organization have included the Department of Peacekeeping and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

Damodaran has also been a member of the Indian Foreign Service where he held the post of Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister of India, served Indian diplomatic missions in Moscow and to the United Nations.

Prior to joining national government service, he worked as a stage actor in India and the United States. He also worked extensively in Indian mass media, including radio, television and print publications.

Damodaran served as a keynote speaker in Austin, Texas, for the 2011 CTAUN event held at the Thompson Center on the UT campus. Educators, students and community groups participated in the event. Attending the CTAUN event, Dr. Jeni Souders remarked, "He is one of the most natural, compelling speakers (without notes) that I have ever heard."

Sylvia Stern has worked in communications for more than 25 years. As a speaker, author, leader and strategist, Stern has developed a passion for helping individuals. She is skillful in assessing a situation and producing a creative, effective and practical plan for clients to move forward. Stern has coached more than 1,000 men and women to help them improve professional and personal workplace difficulties and achieve their desire for success.

Whether in the boardroom of Fortune 100 companies or within a small start-up, Stern is dedicated to using her vast experience to help her clients transition and emerge with the ability to maximize their full potential.

Stern is a professional trainer and keynote speaker. She has given many



**Stern slated as keynote speaker on Friday, July 27.**

presentations in more than 35 states and Puerto Rico. She is a founding member and Vice Chair of membership of the National Speakers Association and a former vice chair at the Austin Chamber of Commerce, a member of Leadership Texas and Leadership Austin for over 20 years and continues to be a volunteer in education and women's issues in the community.

Stern has a long-standing reputation with DKG as she has served as an instructor for the International Leadership Management Seminar for many years. She engages her audience with stories and laughter as she quietly teaches about communication, professional image and working in diverse cultures. She is direct, knowledgeable and often provides surprises in her presentations.

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## Members' achievement as National Board Certified educator recognized

Members completing National Board Certification who attend the international convention will be seated at an honors table at the Celebration Luncheon and recognized for their achievement.

All members who have achieved this certification will be listed in the convention program.

Send the name, chapter and state organization (geographical) of members meeting this criteria to [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org) no later than April 1, 2012, for inclusion in this first-time event.



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informed during the convention and meet new members you may not know. Look for the *Twitter* meet-and-greet event at the convention. Between now and then follow administrators on *Twitter* under these *Twitter* ID's: Nita Scott @nitarscott, Linda Eller @lseller, Corlea Plowman @corleaplowman and Phyllis Hickey @phyllisinaustin. If you follow Jensi Souders @jensips, you might catch a sneak peek of events to come.

Join in with the conversations on the DKGnetwork. The member-only network now has 93 groups. Pat Taylor, international music representative, seeks musicians and artists through the Educational Excellence Committee's group. The Educators Award Committee hosts book talks from the 2011 honorable mention titles and is now continuing with additional titles. The Leadership Development Committee has continued networking with state organization presidents.

If you are a Kindle user, the convention program will be available for your Kindle for \$.99. If you have the Kindle app on our smart phone or tablet, you can have your own version of an electronic program on any of these devices. Get connected. Become part of the mobile environment.

DKG has an International *Facebook* page. Search for Delta Kappa Gamma. Look for the red rose logo for the official page. More than 600 hundred members have made a connection there. State organizations including Georgia, Idaho, and Tennessee have state organization *Facebook* pages.

DKG has a home on *LinkedIn*. A company page shows up in a search and Annie Webb Blanton is online as a Founder.

Much will be available to see, do and learn at the 2012 International Convention. Please come with your mobile devices ready and your mind open to learning new skills.

### Be a vendor at convention

Looking for non-dues revenue for your chapter? Become a vendor at the 2012 International Convention in NYC. An application is on the Society website and is due by April 15.

### Seminar in Purposeful Living

July 19-22, 2012

Washington, D.C.

Limited space is available. Registration is received on a first-come first-served basis and is limited to 250 attendees. Registration must be received no later than May 1, 2012.

Register online at [bit.ly/SiPL24](http://bit.ly/SiPL24)

### Dr. Bonnie Davis

Pre-convention event

### How to Teach Students Who Don't Look Like You

July 23, 2012  
at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers

Members \$50  
Non-members \$75  
Includes lunch and book

Register online  
at [bit.ly/DKGpre](http://bit.ly/DKGpre)



## Tour fascinating museums and historic places

From historic buildings and monuments to fascinating tours and museums, the Educational Foundation's Seminar in Purposeful Living will offer participants more than a sightseeing weekend. The Seminar runs from July 19 through July 23. Five meals are included in the registration fee. Group tours include Arlington National Cemetery, the Capitol Building and the National Cathedral with lunch on your own. Following dinner, participants will take buses provided for an evening tour of Washington, D. C., monuments. Rena Kearney, Seminar chair, says, "The monuments are really beautiful at night with the lights and shadows highlighting them."

Discussions with Educational Foundation board trustees and a

buffet breakfast start Saturday's activities. Participants may choose from five different tours with lunch and dinner on their own. These include Mount Vernon, History on Foot, National Mall & Smithsonian Museums, Udvar-Hazy Center, and the Holocaust Museum. The Metro and a scheduled bus are both available to help participants navigate the areas.

Buses depart Sunday at 11 a.m. for New York City. Stops along the way include lunch on your own. "We are making this as interesting as possible and giving you the options to see what interests you most," Kearney said.

Registration is limited to the first 250 on a first-come, first-served basis. The form is online at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Hotel and transportation information will be sent once a participant registers.

## Read, review, reflect. Be prepared for voting on amendments.

The Constitution Committee presents, for consideration by all members, these proposed amendments to the *International Standing Rules*. These proposals will be submitted to the 2012 International Convention to be held in New York City, New York. Adoption of proposed amendments to *International Standing Rules* published in this edition of *DKG NEWS* requires a majority of the votes cast. Individuals, chapters and state organizations are asked to give thoughtful attention to these proposals so that all may share in the privilege and responsibility of shaping the Society's policies.

Following the convention, *International Standing Rule* 8.41 authorizes the Constitution Committee to make

editorial changes as required in punctuation, numbering, cross referencing and such other technical or conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of Convention decisions in connection with adopted amendments to the *International Standing Rules*.

The 2010-2012 International Constitution Committee: Janice Moen, Washington, chair; Gitte Franke-Zoellmer, Germany; Dr. Morag S. Gundy, Ontario; Maria Vera Palerm-Ferri, Jalisco; Barbara T. Van Diepen, Florida; Dr. Jensi Souders, international president, ex officio; Corlea Plowman, executive director, ex officio without vote; and Jean Gray, international parliamentarian, consultant.

Which now reads	Be amended by striking out and/or inserting new words	If adopted, would read
8.070 Membership Committee	Adding New Rule	8.070 Membership Committee Adding New Rule 8.070 Membership Committee
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*Rationale:* The International Membership Committee has conducted a memorial for deceased members at the international convention for many years. By adding this new standing rule, duties of the committee will be aligned with the International Standing Rules.

*Proposer:* Dr. Hanna W. Fowler, chair, International Membership Committee

*Fiscal Impact:* The cost of the memorial is absorbed by the international convention budget.

*Administrative Board Recommendation:* Adopt

12.5 Electronic Communications	Striking Out and Inserting	12.5 Electronic Communications
12.51 <i>The International Policy for Use of Electronic Communications</i> shall be reviewed annually by the Administrative Board. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.	12.51 <i>The International Policy for Use of Electronic Web Communications</i> shall be reviewed annually by the Administrative Board. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.	12.51 <i>The International Policy for Web Communications</i> shall be reviewed annually by the Administrative Board. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.
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*Rationale:* This policy was accepted by the 2010 Administrative Board. There is another Electronic Communication Policy and using the same name causes confusion.

*Proposer:* Joanne Davis, chair, International Communications and Publicity Committee

*Fiscal Impact:* none

*Administrative Board Recommendation:* Adopt

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12.2 Journal - The Delta Kappa Gamma <i>Bulletin</i> 12.21 The Delta Kappa Gamma <i>Bulletin</i> may include a. articles on the selected theme; b. message from the international president; c. viewpoints on current educational and/or legislative issues; d. book reviews, including 1. Educators Book Award winner(s) 2. Educators Book Award honorable mention selection(s); e. selected and edited research findings; f. letters to the editor; g. reports of international award recipients; h. a cumulative author, title, and subject index in each volume; and i. members' poetry and/or artwork.	Striking Out and Inserting 12.21 The Delta Kappa Gamma <i>Bulletin</i> may include a. articles on the selected theme; b. message from the international president; c. viewpoints on current educational and/or legislative issues; d. book reviews, including 1. Educators Book Award winner(s) 2. Educators Book Award honorable mention selection(s); e. selected and edited research findings; f. letters to the editor; g. reports of international award recipients; h. a cumulative author, title, and subject index in each volume; and <del>i. members' poetry and/or artwork.</del>	12.2 Journal - The Delta Kappa Gamma <i>Bulletin</i> 12.21 The Delta Kappa Gamma <i>Bulletin</i> may include a. articles on the selected theme; b. message from the international president; c. viewpoints on current educational and/or legislative issues; d. book reviews, including 1. Educators Book Award winner(s) 2. Educators Book Award honorable mention selection(s); e. selected and edited research findings; f. letters to the editor; g. reports of international award recipients; h. a cumulative author, title, and subject index in each volume.

*Rationale:*

- The *Constitution* defines The Delta Kappa Gamma *Bulletin* as a "juried international professional journal." (XII, A, 1 a.) Poetry and artwork are not appropriate for a professional journal.
- The *Constitution* defines the three purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma *Bulletin* (XII, C, 2) as
  - a. to publish manuscripts and other professional contributions submitted by members and recipients of world fellowships and other projects supported by the Society.
  - b. To provide a juried international professional journal that promotes the professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings.
  - c. To promote excellence in education through the publication of theoretical and philosophical position papers, applied research and articles based on topics of interest to educators.
- With the expansion of the DKG website and the social network, appropriate venues are available for disseminating members' creative work in art and poetry.

*Proposer:* Judith R. Merz, EdD; *Bulletin* editor

*Fiscal Impact:* no fiscal impact; clarification of appropriate material for *Bulletin*.

*Administrative Board Recommendation:* Adopt

## Graduates recognized for dissertations

Members who have earned their doctorates during this biennium — July 1, 2010-June 30, 2012 — will be honored for their accomplishments at the 2012 International Convention in New York City, NY.

To receive this recognition, members who meet this criterion must submit the following documentation, according to *International Standing Rule* 13.52:

- A copy of the dissertation inside cover page with the appropriate faculty signatures
- A copy of the inside cover giving the name of the author, the title of the dissertation, the particular degree earned, and the date it was conferred

Please send documentation by **April 1, 2012**, to Nita Scott, membership services administrator, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589, fax to 512-474-2494, or email to [nitas@dkg.org](mailto:nitas@dkg.org). Each "new" doctoral recipient who attends the international convention Birthday Luncheon will receive a red and gold cord to mark the occasion.

Which now reads	Be amended by striking out and/or inserting new words	If adopted, would read
<p>6.0 Officers – General</p> <p>6.01 A past international president serving as corporate secretary or international parliamentarian shall relinquish her voting privilege during her term of service except during a ballot vote.</p> <p>6.02 A past state organization president or founder serving as executive secretary or treasurer, if under remunerative contract, or parliamentarian at the state organization level shall relinquish her voting privilege during her term of service except during a ballot vote.</p> <p>6.03 Co-presidents are not advised. Only one name at state or chapter level may be submitted to Society Headquarters for communication purposes.</p>	<p>Adding New Rules</p> <p>6.04 The international president shall serve as liaison with the Canadian, European, Latin American and U.S. forums for the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To convey information and expectations pertinent to all forums;</li> <li>b. To participate in the orientation of the forum chairs;</li> <li>c. To receive and archive forum budgets;</li> <li>d. To remind forum chairs of appropriate deadlines; and</li> <li>e. To be a conduit between forums for questions and needs from Society Headquarters</li> </ul> <p>6.05 The international president shall serve as liaison with the Nominations Committee for the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To convey information and expectations pertinent to all committees;</li> <li>b. To participate in the orientation of the Nomination Committee;</li> <li>c. To remind the chair of appropriate deadlines; and</li> <li>d. To be a conduit between the committee for questions and needs from Society Headquarters</li> </ul>	<p>6.0 Officers – General</p> <p>6.01 A past international president serving as corporate secretary or international parliamentarian shall relinquish her voting privilege during her term of service except during a ballot vote.</p> <p>6.02 A past state organization president or founder serving as executive secretary or treasurer, if under remunerative contract, or parliamentarian at the state organization level shall relinquish her voting privilege during her term of service except during a ballot vote.</p> <p>6.03 Co-presidents are not advised. Only one name at state or chapter level may be submitted to Society Headquarters for communication purposes.</p> <p>6.04 The international president shall serve as liaison with the Canadian, European, Latin American and U.S. forums for the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To convey information and expectations pertinent to all forums;</li> <li>b. To participate in the orientation of the forum chairs;</li> <li>c. To receive and archive forum budgets;</li> <li>d. To remind forum chairs of appropriate deadlines; and</li> <li>e. To be a conduit between forums for questions and needs from Society Headquarters</li> </ul> <p>6.05 The international president shall serve as liaison with the Nominations Committee for the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To convey information and expectations pertinent to all committees;</li> <li>b. To participate in the orientation of the Nomination Committee;</li> <li>c. To remind the chair of appropriate deadlines; and</li> <li>d. To be a conduit between the committee for questions and needs from Society Headquarters</li> </ul>
<p><i>Rationale:</i></p>		
<p>6:04: Establishes/clarifies the International President’s responsibilities to forums and to forum chairs.</p>		
<p>6:05: The Constitution names the International President as a voting member of all committees except Nominations. Also, no Society Headquarters professional staff is assigned to serve as member ex officio on the committee. This very often creates a vacuum of information that all other committees and boards share. Lack of such a communication conduit has created miscommunication or lack of accurate communication from biennium to biennium. The International President is in the position to be a credible communication conduit without interfering with the committee’s responsibility to select nominees.</p>		
<p><i>Proposer:</i> The Administrative Board</p>		
<p><i>Fiscal Impact:</i> None</p>		
<p><i>Administrative Board Recommendation:</i> Adopt</p>		

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*Rationale:* This service of stipends to members is being provided more frequently and up to \$2,000 by the Educational Foundation Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award.

*Proposer:* The International Golden Gift Fund Committee

*Fiscal Impact:* None

## Kudos to the Leadership Management Class of 1991

During a Spring 2011 reunion of members of the International Leadership Management Seminar (LMS) Class of 1991, a seminar-funding discussion led to an agreement to fund one "seminar seat." Class members agreed to generate \$3,000 among themselves and to challenge other seminar classes to do the same.

That 1991 class has met its goal. Other classes have worked toward a

similar goal.

The cost for a participant is approximately \$6,000. With continuing low interest rates on the fund principal, a 2014 seminar is jeopardized. The biennial interest from the account is approximately \$16,000. The remainder of the approximately \$180,000 cost of each seminar depends on donations.

Why is the LMS important to all

members? The knowledge and skills participants receive bring world-class training to schools and classrooms in every country represented by the Society. Graduates give back to the Society for this opportunity through continuing leadership at the chapter, state organization, and international levels. Everyone benefits.

Kudos to the class of 1991 for initiating this drive to **See KUDOS,11**

## Educational Foundation announces Cornetet Seminar Awards

Since the Cornetet Seminar Awards began in 2005, the Educational Foundation has awarded a total of \$63,730 for professional development programs. Four DKG groups will receive funding for Seminar Awards this year.

Area X, Washington State Organization received \$600 for "Closing the Achievement Gap: Effective Instruction for Homeless and High Poverty Students." This seminar, held January 11, 2012, in Bremerton, Washington, focused on homeless students, resources available and effective instruction strategies for teaching these students. With 81 participants attending, Pat Bennett-Forman, seminar organizer, said, "Thanks to the Educational Foundation for its support. We could not have done it without the Cornetet Award."

Estonia State Organization will receive \$4,000 for "Hilda Taba's Contribution to the 21st Century Teachers' Professional Excellence," to be held December 7-8, 2012, in Tallinn, Estonia. Presenters from Sweden, British Columbia, Finland and the United States will focus on curriculum development and the contributions of Hilda Taba to education.

Oregon State Organization will use its \$3,000 for "Gabe and Izzy – America's Voice for the Bullied," to be held April 19-21, 2012, in Eugene, Oregon. Nationally-known motivational speaker on bullying, Gabrielle Ford and her dog Izzy, will present at school assemblies, a public forum and an Oregon state organization convention workshop.

A \$2,400 award to the International Society will offset some of the expenses for "How to Teach Students Who Don't Look Like You," a pre-convention seminar

on Monday, July 23, 2012, at the Sheraton Hotel in New York City. At this pre-convention seminar, Bonnie Davis, Ph.D., an experienced teacher and consultant, will focus on how to deal with students who have cultural backgrounds that are different from the teacher or administrator.

Cornetet Seminar Awards are offered annually to state organizations, districts or areas within state organizations and regions of the Society. Visit the Educational Foundation website, [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org), for further information on these and other awards and projects offered by the DKG Educational Foundation.

## Guidelines booklets updated and mailed

Guidelines booklets provide helpful tips for incoming presidents, treasurers, membership and communications chairs. Booklets are updated each biennium.

Nita Scott, membership services administrator, says, "the role of the chapter Membership Committee chair is vital to the sustainability of the chapter." The *Guidelines for Chapter Membership Chairs* is designed to expedite the work of the Membership Committee in dealing with initiation, member satisfaction, orientation, reorientation, and other aspects assuring the success of the chapter and the Society.

*Guidelines for Chapter Presidents* assists new chapter presidents with understanding the importance of their leadership, responsibilities to the state organization and finances. It provides a month-to-month calendar of to-do items for the entire biennium. From an outline of a meeting agenda to Q and A topics, guidelines offer a plethora of help for chapter presidents.

### Go-To Guide for Chapter Members Handbook of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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1 — \$3  
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30 per set — \$55



In the *Guidelines for Chapter Treasurers*, chapter treasurers are lead through the filing of 990 forms each year, collecting dues and initiation fees, maintaining chapter finances and completing Form 18s.

New communications chairs learn about many methods of connecting with members in print and electronic means in the newly revised *Guidelines for State Organization and Chapter Communications Committee Chairs*.

All booklets are mailed to state organization presidents for distribution to chapter presidents and chairs of membership and communications. Treasurer booklets are sent with the Form 18. Many state organizations use guidelines as part of training. Shipments of booklets began in early March.

Look forward to receiving this helpful booklet from your state organization. Take advantage of the information provided. Implement a fresh new idea. Encourage chapter participation in events and activities.

# Membership makes a difference: share your involvement

**By Corlea S. Plowman**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

He walked down the aisle of the plane and motioned that he was sitting by the window in my row. Of course, I smiled and stood to let him squeeze into the space. (He was rather thin, but those airline seats are getting smaller!) His hair was blond, he was dressed all in black and he had a nice smile. We settled in and listened to the usual flight attendant announcements.

Then he asked, "Are you flying for business or pleasure?"

"Business," I responded.

Naturally, his next question came, "What do you do?"

My elevator speech filled the bill. As soon as I mentioned education and educators, his eyes lit up and he wanted more information. I was able to use several more paragraphs of my elevator speeches.

*I'm the executive director for an honor society of women educators. We have about 90,000 members in 17 countries.*

He nodded, so I continued.

*We help education and educators—members and non-members. Last year we donated about \$3 million in scholarships to members, college students, and high school seniors; and to women from countries outside of the U.S. and Canada so they can attend colleges in the U.S. and Canada for advanced degrees... many in conjunction with the Fulbright Organization. Our members support projects throughout the world by sending teaching supplies and teachers, and funding to help learners have books, musical instruments, buildings, computers, slates and chalk, administrative support and numerous other education-related items.*

His eyes widened. "That's impressive... Fulbright? Wow," he commented.

*We also have Non-Governmental*

*Organization status with the United Nations Department of Public Information, and we have seven passes from the UN's economic and social council to attend meetings. Our international project supports Schools for Africa, a U.S. Fund for UNICEF initiative.*

"And your members are all teachers?" he asked.

*Our members range from teachers, counselors, librarians, principals and superintendents to deans, head teachers, administrators and chancellors at pre-kindergarten to university level. We are an honor society of women educators who promote professional and personal growth of educators and excellence in education. We offer outstanding training programs for leadership at all levels of our organization. In odd-numbered years we travel to five regions (Southwest, Southeast, Northwest, Northeast and Europe) to train state organization leaders.*

"You meet in Europe?"

*This past summer we met in Germany, one of our 17 member countries. We have 79 state organizations: 50 U.S. states, plus Puerto Rico; states in Mexico; provinces of Canada; and we refer to countries like El Salvador, Iceland, England and the Netherlands as state organizations. These make up the 79 state organizations.*

"And you do leadership training at these meetings?"

*Yes, among other professional and personal development activities. The speakers this summer were outstanding. We also offer an outstanding two-week leadership/management program at the University of Texas in Austin that rivals programs presented by Harvard and other large universities.*

He stared at me with eyes that were beginning to become glassy.

I asked, "And what do you do?"

"Technology, integrated, for a large company based in California. I always thought that what we do is impressive—important. But wow—you make a difference worldwide!"

And so we do. He made me feel very good and you should, too.

## Save the date

September 22, 2012, at the

Thompson Center

The University of Texas

at Austin

Austin CTAUN Conference

"Undoing Intolerance:

Solutions for Change"

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data so that state organizations who do not offer such leadership training to their general membership might be encouraged to do so, or perhaps join with nearby state organizations or their region in offering training.

A resource list is also being prepared of International Leadership Management Seminar graduates who would be willing to present in state organization seminars, and the topics they would be willing to present.

Both the models and the resource list will be available by July 2012.

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save the International Leadership Management Seminar. State organizations, chapters and individuals are encouraged to take up the challenge and help fund another "seminar seat."

Contributions are tax deductible in most countries. The contribution form may be accessed and downloaded from the Society website. (Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and then select Forms from the Library.)

INTERNATIONAL ■ UPDATE

# Latin America develops plans

Forum planning and supporting educators has been the focus in Latin American state organizations. Panama state organization held its second convention in November 2011. Latin American state organizations closest to Panama, including Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica organized the first planning meeting for Forum 2012 to be held at the international convention. Members attending discussed what the Society offers to members, how they can make active membership more attractive for retaining current members and innovative strategies for gaining more members. The discussion will continue

during the 2012 Latin American Forum in New York City. An additional Forum planning meeting is set to be held during the Nuevo León Convention when state organizations of Mexico could attend.

Panama State Organization initiated six experienced and qualified members. The Latin American Representative assisted the state organization president with the initiation ceremony.

Puebla celebrated its 11th anniversary with a big event in October 2011. Although Puebla is only one chapter, members organized a full day of events. More than 60 teachers participated in presentations about bullying in the classroom, stress management and teaching children how to cope with adversity. Members plan to work with teachers who attended this event in hopes that they become new members.

Costa Rica and Panama benefited from the International Speakers Fund. Lucy Padilla from Puebla, international speaker assigned to Costa Rica, visited Panama during her trip. Arrangements were made for her to meet with Panama State Organization and share her informative topic in two places instead of just one.

Other Latin American state organizations are busy organizing different activities to support educators, some of them in the rural areas. Most of the activities include professional development offered by members, donations of educational supplies and mentoring.

Members of Latin America are searching for excellent deals for airfares in order for more to attend the 2012 International Convention in New York City.

This column is submitted on a rotating basis by the Europe regional director and the area representatives for Canada and Latin America.

Our purposes state that we "honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education." Many chapters may have knowledge of a first-year teacher's potential due to connections in pre-service internships, mentoring activities, or through supportive relationships in the first months of employment. Chapters can feel confident in their knowledge of the potential of these new teachers and feel that they can have a positive effect on their success in those early and crucial years of employment.

Our chapter is confused by part of the membership changes in the Constitution. How can we know anything about a candidate in her very first-year of teaching?

The Society has no "inactive" status. An educator can be a member of only one chapter in only one of the classifications of membership. (Active, Reserve, or Honorary)



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How does a member obtain "inactive" status?