

# Chapter Birthday Ceremony and Celebration

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Happy \_\_\_ Birthday to \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma

Members of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter will dress in dressy/formal wear for the Birthday Celebration as they did in early years. Plan to share a potluck or catered meal together before the program. Invite charter members to the meeting if they don't already attend. Plan to bring enough cupcakes for each member or guest in attendance. Keep one cupcake for the charter members at the head table. Bring enough birthday candles for each cupcake.

Birthday Ceremony Program:

~The President of the chapter will read a script of how their chapter was founded. Look through yearbooks for where your chapter had their first meeting, date of charter, who was there, number of charter members, sister chapters, etc.

~We will begin our ceremony with remembering our founding charter members. The names of each of our charter members will be read aloud. Distribute the names of each charter member to the members in attendance (may read more than one name). A candle will be lit at the head table for the charter members.

~Let us continue to honor (Chapter Name) with birthday wishes

(1st speaker)

*Chapter Name,*

*On this special day, for your \_\_\_\_\_ year*

*We members bring good wishes and birthday cheer-*

*Wishes of friendship and of loyalty,*

*Wishes of helpfulness in our Society.*

(2nd speaker)

*As we begin your \_\_\_ year,*

*We will Seek New Members and Opportunities*

*To Unite Key Women Educators in a Genuine Spiritual Fellowship,*

(3rd speaker)

*We will also Open our Hearts, Minds, and Attitudes  
To Honor Women Who Have Given Distinctive Service in Education,*

(4th speaker)

*We will Act to Serve and Share  
Courage, Trust and Loyalty to the Needs of our Sisters,  
Having Faith in One Another,*

(5th Speaker)

*We will Reach to Renew, Respond, and Relate  
To Advance the Professional Interest and Position of  
Women in Education, and  
Encourage Growth of Members.*

These Society ideals to have and to hold

*Are sent to \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter*

*As birthday wishes, we hope you continue to SOAR!*

(6th Speaker)

*As we light the candles on our birthday cake  
representing \_\_\_ years, may we be reminded of that day  
with hopes and dreams that educators everywhere will continue to look  
to the key women educators of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as  
a symbol of excellence and the light for the future of education.*

~At this time one representative from each table will please light the birthday candles on cupcakes that have been placed at everyone's seat.

~Sing the "Birthday Song" and blow out the birthday candles..

Birthday Celebration Continues...

~We will ask our most senior members to answer these questions ahead of time.

- What impact did you see Delta Kappa Gamma having on Women Educators?
- What is a significant event/occasion that stands out in your Delta Kappa Gamma memory?
- What are the greatest changes that have occurred in Delta Kappa Gamma since you became a member?
- Who do you think has had a noteworthy impact or whose contributions are noteworthy to the chapter?

- In your teaching career, what is a funny story you remember?
- Is there a student you remember that really stands out in your memory?  
Make a few comments about him or her.

~Share some the answers at the celebration of the Chapter Birthday. It will be interesting to see how things have changed over time.

Continue the Birthday Celebration...

~Here are two activities to unite Chapter members in genuine spiritual fellowship in order to build trust and community.

DKG Song Shuffle-cut apart line by line, shuffled and table teams puts in order. Make it a goal for everyone in the chapter to learn the song by year's end.

Airport Gate Change-while changing gates at the airport, members will choose one of the prompts to discuss at the "Gate" with a partner. Each person will have 1 1/2 minutes to share and then when the timer goes off, the other person shares.



