

As the new school year begins and chapters return from summer break, now is the perfect time to hold a **RECOMMITMENT** ceremony. This ceremony includes information found on The Delta Kappa Gamma International website with organization and information provided by Texas State Organization Ceremonies Chairman Dr. Barbara Derrick (August 2023).

Materials Needed: The ceremony includes the use of battery-operated tea lights. Each member should have one. They should be displayed on a tray, in a basket, or on a table.

Prior to the ceremony, the narrator needs to have generated a list of all members and the decade in which they joined DKG. This information is often in your chapter yearbook.

The seven purposes of the Society should be printed and cut into seven pieces. Seven people should be asked to read one of the purposes.

Narrator:

Please take a candle when the decade of your induction into the Society is read. Please keep the candle unlit.

(Below is a sample)

1970 ---Martha

1980--- Barbara, Dianne

1990- Denise, Bonnie, Linda, Marsha

2000—Melody, Susie, Catherine

2010—Angie, Sig, Cindy, Mary, Sharon, Jeannie

2020 – Patti, Suzy, Stacy, Joy

Members of _____ chapter, upon induction into the Society you were recognized for your service to education and your dedication to the high ideals of: *Leading Women Educators -- Impacting Education Worldwide*.

As members of the Society, we are committed to give active support to the seven purposes upon which Dr. Annie Webb Blanton founded the organization in 1929.

As the purposes are read, please reflect upon the meaning they have to you both personally and professionally.

(HAVE ONE MEMBER READ EACH PURPOSE)

Narrator: Number 1:

Member reads number 1:

(This continues until all seven have been read)

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world

You have heard the purposes upon which the Society is built. Will you join me in upholding the values of DKG and recommit to these seven purposes? If so, please "light your candle" and repeat after me:

We, the members of _____ Chapter

(MEMBERS REPEAT)

Offer our cooperation, encouragement

(MEMBERS REPEAT)

and friendship to you

(MEMBERS REPEAT)

And we promise

(MEMBER REPEAT)

to help you in carrying out

(MEMBERS REPEAT)

the purposes and programs

MEMBERS REPEAT

of work of the Society.

MEMBERS REPEAT

Just as the candles unite to collectively form a larger light, we join together to create a LIGHT of promise, commitment, and friendship.

Dr. Blanton and the other founders purposefully placed the first purpose to remind us that we are key women educators of the world we should join together to form a genuine spiritual fellowship.

Often when members are asked, "Why did you join DKG?" or "Why have you continued to be a member?" members site the genuine fellowship they feel as a member and the friendships they have made.

This year as we recommit to DKG we will also work to strengthen that genuine fellowship.

To begin creating this bond, let's play "Me Too." This game is often played the first day of school for students to get to know each other better and to see that we are all more alike than we think.

When I read a statement and if it applies to you, raise your hand and yell, "Me too!" Be sure to look around and see how many others have this in common with you.

Here we go:

My favorite color is blue

My favorite season is Fall

I taught more than 10 years or I am in my tenth year

I traveled outside Texas this summer

I have a trip planned for later this year

I went to see a blockbuster movie this summer

I love Italian Food

I did one craft this summer

I read two or more books this summer

I learned something new this summer

As you can see, we are all alike more than we think. Most of use shared one or more things with each other.

Here's one more:

How many of you were a Girl Scout? "Me too!"

Do you remember that special song we all sang, "Make New Friends but Keep the Old?" "Me too!"

I think it would be fitting to sing it now as we recommit our membership to DKG and strengthen our friendship with our newer members and our veteran members.

(Sing "Make New Friends but Keep the Old." Can easily be found on the Internet).