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ASTEFL and RAW: An informational and fundraising team

TSO is trying a new concept this summer: instead of a statewide convention, regional area workshops will be held on June 22, 2024, in seven Texas regions. State officers, mentors, area coordinators and planning committees have been working tirelessly to bring this concept of regional area workshops to fruition. TSO conventions traditionally have a unifying project where members are asked to bring gift cards to show support for the area nonprofit selected by the convention's steering committee. All RAWs this summer will have Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation as their "unifying project."

Conventions, with their events and games, have been the main source of donations to ASTEF through the years. This year ASTEF is depending on the generosity of RAW attendees to help provide funding for project stipends and Aspiring Educator Grants.

All members are asked to bring to the RAWs a cash donation for ASTEF of at least \$5. If a chapter member cannot attend, she can just send it with a friend!

The RAWs will be fun mini-conventions filled with officer training, breakout sessions, fellowship, food, and fun. The ASTEF Board of Directors will present a session at each RAW, providing information about the foundation with a little fun mixed in! And just like at convention, lucky chapters will receive project stipend awards!

Here are the top five benefits of attending RAW:

5. Food
4. Training by pros
3. Fabulous sessions with no hotel fees
2. Bonding with DKG sisters from other chapters and areas
1. **Contributing to ASTEF and experiencing the excitement of project stipend awards presented to your area chapters**

TSO trio accepted into DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders

Offered in even-numbered years, DKG Ignite brings women from all over the world together in Austin on the campus of the University of Texas at the McCombs School of Business to delve into modern and relevant leadership training.

Congratulations are extended to the three women of TSO who have been accepted for this summer's week of training.



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Are we SOARing yet?

As we have launched into 2024 with executive board meetings, chapter meetings, completing the slate of new officers, planning for the Regional Area Workshops, finding potential members, reading the Avenue M report from international, planning to go to National Harbor, Maryland for international convention and all of the other things that each of us has on our plate, I encourage you to stop and say, "What will I do for me so that I can do for my chapter and TSO?" YOU are the most important person, and you need to make sure you take care of yourself. How do we do this? We SOAR! How do we SOAR?

Take time at your chapter meetings to get to know those you do not know well. Hearing their stories and finding similarities will energize you. You may even find a carpooling partner for the next meeting.

Decide how you will serve your chapter. You have so many gifts, and being an officer, doing the yearbook and newsletters, planning programs, finding venues, scheduling field trips and making sure FUN is happening every time you meet are just a few of the ways to serve. When you serve, you feel like you have accomplished something, and it feels good to help others.

Register for the Regional Area Workshop (RAW) on June 22, 2024. Being with your DKG sisters is always enjoyable. You can attend sessions where you can use your talents or find a new strength. A group of DKG sisters can make you laugh, cry, think, laugh, ponder, consider, laugh, and truly fill your heart and spirit. Do not miss attending the Regional Area Workshop. Registration forms are available on the TSO website under events.

Bring \$5 (or more) to Invest in Education for ASTEF. Helping students, staff and educators across Texas is rewarding, and you can be a part of it. A quick donation to ASTEF will fulfill the hopes and dreams of so many. If you cannot attend the Regional Area Workshop (RAW), give your donation to someone who attends. I am asking all 6000 Texas members to donate \$5 so we can raise \$30,000.

Look for new members that you can shepherd and mentor. Meeting a new friend invigorates you and gives you something to look forward to. Think about a person that you see every day or every week, and you have never asked them to join DKG. ASK! Finding and inducting a new member is as much for you as it is for them.

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Bonnie Moore
Texas State President
2023 - 2025

TSO HQ Tips: Spring Checklist & Timely Information

Chapter Leaders: Please transfer this information to your calendar, to-do list or reminder app. Refer to the dynamic calendar found in the Presidents' Kit of the DKG Texas website.

- March 1-31: Dues portal closed all month
- March 1: Chapter Officers for 2024-26 in place
- March 1: TSO Membership Snapshot from Dues Portal — comparison of chapter membership to last March 1 for recognition at Regional Area Workshop for membership growth or maintenance
- March 15: Google Form due for incoming chapter president and treasurer contact information for training at Regional Area Workshop
- March 30: Chapter members begin registering with chapter treasurer for Regional Area Workshop
- April 1: Contribution postmarked to ASTEF funds and TSO Eula Lee Carter Fund for recognition at Regional Area Workshop
- April 30: Chapter members continue registering with chapter treasurer for Regional Area Workshop
- May 1: Form 6 Report of Death of a Member to TSO Necrology Chair and International Membership for recognition at Ceremony of Remembrance (TSO at Regional Area Workshop, International at convention in Maryland)
- May 15: Chapter treasurer sends chapter registrations to Regional Area Workshop treasurer and registrar
- May 15: Current chapter president sends Form 110 Report of Chapter Officers to International HQ and TSO HQ (Form 110 found at Chapter Connect)

International News you need to know:

- ❖ Convention hotel & registration is active on the website
- ❖ TSO proposed three amendments to the Constitution: (1) eliminate Jan. & Feb. ½ price dues and (2) move the auto-drop date from Oct. 1 to Aug. 1 (3) Collegiate membership to be counted toward scholarship eligibility

Dates to Remember

March 15

- Chapter Officer Slates Due to TSO

March 30

- State Leaders' Annual Reports Due

April 1

- Contributions for Recognition to Eula Lee Carter & ASTEF
- LSN Summer Edition Deadline
- Member in Print & Media Award Nominations
- Spotlight on Program & Project Submissions
- TSO Guideline Updates to TSO President

April 15

- International Convention Art Gallery Submissions

April 30

- Dissertation Recognition
- Presidents' Kit Letter - Year 2 Due

May 1

- DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD Application
- State Personnel Expense Reports & Travel Logs Due
- Five-Star Newsletter Deadline

May 15

- Regional Area Workshop On-Time Registration
- *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions
- Report of Chapter Officers

June 1

- Regional Area Workshop Late Registration

Workshops & Conventions

June 22, 2024

TSO Regional Area Workshops

July 9-13, 2024

International Convention
National Harbor, MD

Annie Award to Chapter Spotlight

“Forward, moving ever!” is an important phrase in the DKG song. Annie Webb Blanton and the Founders’ vision for the Society was to meet the needs of women educators. Remember the formal dresses for the President’s dinner and the “invitation-only girls’ club”? My, how times have changed!

Another case in point...the Program and Project Committee’s current Chapter Spotlight recognition. It was originally known as the Annie Award and was one component of the President’s Award for Chapter Excellence or PACE Award given to chapters that accomplished a stringent list of requirements for the year. Begun in 1993 by President Ruth Johnson as a way to encourage chapter excellence, the PACE Award and the Annie Award were discontinued during Dr. Jo Murphy’s biennium. The Annie Award was replaced with the Chapter Spotlight.

Another big change is how program information is shared. In the past, chapters selected for an Annie Award were required to create poster boards or tri-folds to promote their outstanding programs. These poster boards were shipped or carried by airplane or car to the TSO Conventions, viewed in a Gallery setting, and only seen by convention attendees. Transitioning to electronic media that could be shown in large venues at conventions was the next step. But, soon, photos of chapter programs in action will be available on the TSO website.

The program committee needs your help in refreshing the program idea list by providing information about successful chapter activities. Your Chapter Spotlight information can help other chapters SOAR when it’s added to the expanding list of ideas. It takes just a couple of minutes to complete the Google survey and you can add photos too! Form <https://forms.gle/6vhm1kUeM3bhjTdM8>. Unlike the Annie Award, there is no committee to assess the topic/theme or quality of the program information submitted; all unduplicated ideas are accepted for inclusion in the list.

Programs and Service Project ideas can be seen at the following links.

Links to presentations from conventions :

McAllen 2023 <https://www.dkgtxas.org/2023-mcallen-convention.html>

Lubbock 2021 <https://www.dkgtxas.org/2022-convention-lubbock.html>

Program and Service Project Committee <https://www.dkgtxas.org/programs-and-service-projects.html>

DKG International <https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects>

DKG ASTEF <https://www.astef.org/resources1.html>

Scholarships, Leadership, Projects, Grants <https://www.astef.org/purposes.html>



TSO Chapter Spotlight
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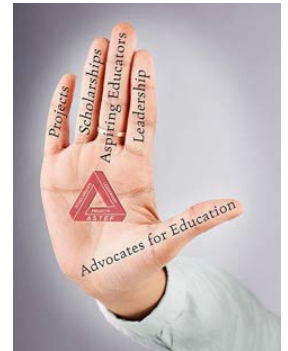
Consider attending the DKG Society International Convention in National Harbor, Maryland. Travel to see unfamiliar places and things, meet new DKG sisters from across the globe, let your voice be heard by voting on the constitutional amendments, meet the new DKG officers and party on Texas night. Registration and hotel information is on the DKG website under events.

SOARing means we must get up and rise above where we have been. That is how YOU take care of yourself. Fill your time, spirit and life with things that make you SOAR. When you SOAR, TSO SOARS. Let's SOAR TOGETHER!!

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ASTEF's High Five Celebration

ASTEF members and friends, please join in celebrating the wonderful work of Texas teachers and educators, as well as the achievements and learning of their students. All throughout Texas, students are learning and growing under the care of well-educated teachers who possess strong leadership skills because of the generosity of ASTEF. The students are learning via projects that are designed by their educators and funded by ASTEF donors. It's time to High Five their success by continuing to invest in ASTEF. Leadership, Scholarship, Projects, Aspiring Educators, and the Advocates for Education, the foundations of ASTEF, have all provided avenues for student and teacher success. Please give a financial High Five to ASTEF and invest in the future at any time on the ASTEF website, astef.org.



Founders' Award recipients fund Backpack Bonanza

Beta Eta Chapter in Area 3 received the Founders' Award for their Chapter Project, "Back to School Backpack Bonanza" at the TSO Convention held in McAllen.

They had a goal and a timeline of what was to be done! Their project would impact not only the 120 students but families and teachers. Members of the church and community—as well as the members of Beta Eta—experienced the love of neighbors helping neighbors.



During the "Back-to-School Backpack Bonanza 2023," data was collected when the backpacks were given out, including the number of families and the number of students receiving the backpacks as well as the name of the school and grade level. On July 29th, 200 backpacks were filled with school supplies by 11 Beta Eta members, 3 family members and members of Faith Missionary Baptist Church. On August 5th, a "drive-through" event was held at Faith Missionary Baptist Church. 150 backpacks were given to 52 families from 38 different schools in 7 school districts serving 9 PK students and 141 kindergarten through 12th

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grade students. On August 11th, 4 Beta Eta members delivered the remaining 50 backpacks to 6 different schools in 2 different school districts. A few extra supplies are being stored for the next Backpack event in August 2024.

All of the \$3000 received was spent either on backpacks or school supplies. Additional funds were used from monetary donations from Beta Eta members and members of Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

July 29th: 11 Beta Eta members and 3 family members, along with members of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, filled 200 backpacks with school supplies.

August 5th: 8 Beta Eta members and 4 family members, along with members of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, gave out 150 filled backpacks to the community.

August 11th: 4 Beta Eta members delivered the remaining 50 backpacks to 6 different schools in 2 different school districts.



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The TSO Membership Committee has 18 members representing each of the areas in the TSO organization. The committee started immediately on meeting with one another via ZOOM in July. The details for each of the RAW presentations have been sketched out and are being developed by three subgroups. The presentations for RAW will include the following: Membership, Recruitment, and Retention-Engagement. There will be a combo presentation for those RAW areas not requesting the latter two will have an opportunity to have a presentation which will combine Recruitment and Retention-Engagement. The committee has been very diligent about meeting with each of their subgroup chairs, and the input from each of them has provided many ideas for the upcoming RAW presentations.

Additionally, the report coming from Avenue M from International has been very eye-opening and informative to the members of the committee. As committee members, we encourage you to read the information coming out of the International Membership and Expansion Committee that has been very useful. As members of TSO, the committee highly encourages each member to check out the resources available to each member. The DKGSI Podcasts are very engaging and useful. This would be an excellent program idea or even part of the engagement prior to a meeting, to listen to the various podcasts before coming to a meeting or listen as a chapter and have the discussion continue into your own chapter meeting. This is only one tip, but the committee knows each of your chapters is unique and has many ideas to share with one another.

Texas State Organization Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to the Texas Necrology Chair Dianne McCorcle, between November 25, 2023 and March 1, 2024. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at the time of death using Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, found at www.dkgtxas.org under Committees - Necrology.



Grace V. Holtkamp, Gamma Omega - 7, Sealy
Heather K. Smith, Gamma Omega - 7, Sealy
Karlvene Hall, Theta Nu - 1, Tyler
Patti Lee Peil, Eta Alpha - 11, Darrouzett
Nancy Gayle Newton, Iota Pi - 10, Burleson
Barbara Jean Edwards Abels, Zeta Theta - 9, Sherman
Pauline M. Campbell, Delta Psi - 5, Corpus Christi
Richie Jane Butler, Epsilon Psi - 3, Beach City
Earnestine Malone Jackson, Zeta Nu - 18, Houston
Laura Ann Whitson, Alpha Phi - 4, Cuero
Marcia P. Vogelsang, Epsilon Omega - 4, Rosenberg
Sarah Ann Stallings Widener, Alpha - 7, Austin
Joyce F. Freeman, Delta Psi - 5, Corpus Christi
Margaret P. Cowden, Zeta Xi - 14, Midland
Coye Janette Emmons, Zeta Tau - 18, Houston
Betty Jean Garrett, Gamma Chi - 1, Crockett
Pamela Baker, Nu Gamma - 9, Wylie
Carrie Jo Wilson, Zeta Theta - 9, Sherman

Member News



Cynthia Villalovos, Iota Epsilon (18), successfully defended her thesis and has received her Ph.D.

Nancy Light, Alpha Chi (7), was honored by CISD for being the Most Innovative and Influential Educator.

Dr. Rosemary Anthony, Epsilon Omega (4), has been named Director of the Department of Multilingual Education in Lamar Consolidated ISD.

Amy Ray, Upsilon (18), co-authored the article “Exploring Mathematics Vocabulary Alignment in a Future Elementary Teacher’s Trajectory” in the May edition of the *Journal of College Reading & Learning*.

Amy Ray, Upsilon (18), presented at the 2023 School Science & Mathematics Association Conference.

Susan Harte, Upsilon (18), presented “The Empowered Faculty: How One COE’s Yearlong Residency Faculty Moved from Requesting Reports to Running their Own for Governance” at the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education 2023 Conference.

Ashley Crane and Heather Adair, Upsilon (18), led a workshop, “Building the Habit: How Information Literacy in Everyday Connects to Lifelong Learning.” They also presented the paper “Early-Career School Librarians’ Use of Information Literacy Skills to Master their Information Needs” at the European Conference on Information Literacy in Krakow, Poland.

Stefanie Wright, Mu Upsilon (2), was awarded the \$10,000 Wayne A. Reaud Excellence in Education Award.

Elva Garcia, Beta Pi (5), was a recipient of the E.L. Galyean Award in recognition of outstanding and unusual service at the state level of the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Check out the exciting things happening at the Regional Area Workshops Northeast (Areas 1, 9 & 17)

The Northeast Regional Area Workshop (Northeast RAW) will provide all the experiences that members would enjoy at TSO annual conventions, just compacted into one day. The Northeast RAW is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2024, in Rockwall, at the Dr. Gene Burton College and Career Academy. The 2024-2026 chapter presidents and treasurers will be trained, and a wide array of workshops will be available. Awards, ASTEF Project Stipends and 50+ Members will be recognized with a time of remembrance at the end of the day. ASTEF, with its Red Bag, is the Unifying Project. Registration is \$50 until May 15 and then \$65 from May 16 to June 1. Don't miss the Northeast Regional Area Workshop for a time of learning, achievement, and fellowship.

Southeast (Areas 2, 3 & 18)

SERAW SERAW - Join us!

Embark on an uplifting journey with us at the Southeast Regional Area Workshop on Saturday, June 22, 2024, in Cleveland, Texas, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm., where an enriching and enjoyable day awaits. Join engaging learning breakout sessions, seamlessly blending educational insights with lighthearted activities. The day starts with a delightful breakfast and an inspiring opening session, followed by specialized training for presidents in the morning and treasures in the afternoon, along with numerous other educational sessions designed to enhance your chapter and classroom experiences.

As we gather beneath the vibrant hues of a metaphorical hot air balloon, our planned hot lunch will have more celebrations by honoring 50-plus members, fostering camaraderie, and sharing moments. The afternoon continues with additional breakout sessions, culminating in an honorary remembrance of Necrology to honor our cherished sisters.

Participate in this transformative experience, aptly themed "SOAR to New Heights," for a registration fee of only \$50.00. As a token of appreciation, every attendee will receive a thoughtful gift, and the excitement lingers with the chance to win fabulous door prizes. Join us for a day filled with fun, learning, and delightful treats, and together, let's elevate ourselves as we SOAR to New Heights in 2024!

**At the Southeast Regional Area Workshop, unite with glee,
Areas 2, 18, and 3 are SERAW, can't you see?**

We will have learning, laughter, treasures, and more,

Join us on June 22 to SOAR to new heights galore.

Breakouts and breakfast, a day so bright,

Lunch, door prizes, a pure delight.

In 2024, let's rise above,

SOAR with us at SERAW for our sisters and love.



South Coastal Bend (Areas 4 & 5)

South Coastal Bend Regional Area Workshop (SCBRAW) is off to a great start with Area 4 & 5 committee members meeting monthly via Zoom to plan, prepare and collaborate to “SOAR to new heights” together. SCBRAW will be held at Wm. Adams Middle School (WAMS), 901 E. Third St, Alice. Alice, the HUB City of South Texas, population 17,800+, is located two hours north of the Valley, two hours south of Victoria, two hours east of Laredo, and one hour west of Corpus Christi. The simplicity of the city makes it easy to get from location to location.

Entering on the east side of Alice will bring you to eateries, shopping, hotels and more.

Make your reservation at La Quinta Inn & Suites by calling the hotel directly at 361-661-1777, (code: SCBRAW) to receive the discounted price per night per room of \$95.20 (tax included.) See all Alice has to offer as you travel 8 minutes west of La Quinta to WAMS. “Only in Alice, Texas, will one find what the 1976 Guinness Book of Records calls the tallest concrete water tower in the world. The city’s water tower near downtown is 165 feet.” *From the “Handbook of Texas. Area Coordinators Robin Metting (4) and Sylvia Salinas (5) and Areas 4 & 5 mentor and TSO Parliamentarian Mellie Smithwick* look forward to welcoming you to Alice, home of the *Fighting Coyotes!* See you June 22, 2024.



Central (Areas 6, 7, & 8)



The Central Regional Area Workshop will be held at McNeil High School, 5720 McNeil Drive, Austin, TX 78729. During the registration hour, participants will enjoy a continental breakfast, shopping at chapter vendor tables, and fellowship with members from Areas 6, 7, and 8. In addition to learning about chapter officer and committee responsibilities, participants will be able to select from a variety of breakout sessions to meet member needs from the classroom and beyond. Participants will enjoy a Birthday Luncheon, have an opportunity to invest in education through ASTEF, recognize achievements, and remember our sisters with a Celebration of Life service. Spend the day learning and celebrating our organization, chapters, and members as we SOAR to New Heights in the Central Region!

North Central (Areas 10 & 16)

The North Central Regional Area Workshop is getting ready to *SOAR to New Heights*. The members in Area 10 and Area 16 are preparing for an uplifting day filled with informative break-out sessions and announcements of TSO Awards. All DKG members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for a one-day workshop/mini-convention. There will be hugs, laughter, new friendships, renewing of old friendships, and happy tears. The workshop will be held at the Decatur Church of Christ, 2601 S. FM 51, Decatur 76234. The registration form is available on the website or from your chapter president. Look for the NC RAW newsletter for more detailed information.

Northwest (Areas 11 & 12)

Blue skies and warm days are perfect for Areas 11 and 12 to Soar to New Heights at the Northwest Regional Area Workshop in Lubbock. St. Luke's Methodist Church has been chosen to house the NW RAW in June 2024. Attendees will have ample space to attend breakout sessions, general sessions, and a birthday lunch celebration. Janet Pipkin and Terri Egerton, Areas 11 & 12 Coordinators, as well as numerous state committee members, are ready to train chapter members and officers. Join Areas 11 & 12 for a "mini-convention" this summer. You will be glad you came.

Southwest (Areas 13, 14, & 15)



SOUTHWEST R.A.W. HOTEL INFO

SOUTHWEST RAW
SAT - 06/22/24 - 8AM-5PM
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
4901 MAPLE AVE, ODESSA

HOTELS:

FAIRFIELD SUITES (\$99/NIGHT) (432) 363-1900	HAMPTON INN (COST UNKNOWN) (432) 363-2900
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BOTH HOTELS ARE A BLOCK AWAY FROM THE MEETING SITE - WALKING DISTANCE

The Southwest Regional Area Workshop Steering Committee looks forward to welcoming all members of Areas 13, 14, and 15 to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4901 Maple, Odessa 79762, on June 22, 2024. Your registration fee will cover a continental breakfast, a catered lunch, and break-out sessions providing information for every member. We will honor 50+ members, announce Achievement and Golden Rose winners, and award ASTEF Project Stipends. The Fairfield Inn is one block from the church and is offering \$99.00 rates for those of you traveling from a distance who would like to enjoy a DKG slumber party. Registration can be done through your chapter Treasurer. See you there!

Nancy Newton remembered



Top: Dr. Vicki Davis shares memories of her lifelong friendship with Nancy.

Bottom: Ed Newton speaks about his beloved wife.

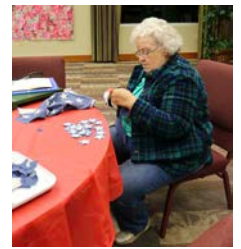


On January 27, 2024, those who treasured Nancy Newton, Past State President, gathered in Burleson to share memories and comfort. 150 DKG sisters joined with Nancy's friends and family to celebrate a life well lived.

Ed Newton, in his thank you message to those who attended, noted that there were only two in attendance at the celebration who knew Nancy longer than he did. One of those is our own PSP, Dr. Vicki Davis. She shared tales from getting to know Nancy when they were teenagers and continuing that bond through Delta Kappa Gamma.

As part of the remembrance, DKG sisters in attendance placed roses in a brass vase. It wasn't big enough to hold the roses that represented the sisters in attendance. A single white rose was nestled in with the red to represent Nancy.





STAR 2024 February 16 - 18 Camp Allen

For one weekend, women from all over Texas gathered at Camp Allen for fellowship and to try out new creative endeavors. Paint, Mod Podge, nail polish, washers, pine needles, jars, paint brushes—if it can be thought of, a STAR teacher will have their classes using it!

Attendees were well taken care of thanks to the preparations of the STAR team and the staff of Camp Allen.

Each meal, class and general session was a chance to sit with someone new to create new friendships and strengthen that DKG sister bond.

The highlight of Saturday night was the performance of the original play, “Politics in the Land of Oz,” written and directed by Jeannette Rhyan, Theta Chi-10. This whimsical commentary on modern election tactics pitted the Wizard of Oz’s chosen replacement, Scarecrow, against the Wicked Witch of the West in the race to be the new Wizard of Oz. Dorothy made a return to work with Scarecrow, while Hazel the Flying Monkey aided the Witch.

As it is with a DKG gathering, there was a charitable activity. Frances Ziegenhals, Alpha Iota-Area 4, brought Stars for our Troops to STAR. Retired flags, embroidered only, are put to use through the use of the stars. The stars are cut out and put in a baggie with a message. These stars are then redistributed to active military and their families, veterans and their families and first responders to honor their sacrifices and service to our country and communities. For more information about this program, go to starsfourtroops.org.

For anyone interested in attending STAR 2025, the registration is already up on dkgtexas.org. (Use the QR code to take a shortcut to the STAR website.) STAR 2025 will be held at Camp Allen from January 17-19, 2025.





2024 International Convention presents opportunities

Registration for the 2024 International Convention at the Gaylord National Resort & Conventions Center in National Harbor, MD is open online. The Convention will be held July 9-13.

Voting:

At this convention, 94 proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* will be considered and voted on. There will be a series of Q&A sessions via Zoom ahead of the Convention. Those sessions will be March 14 at 12:30 p.m., April 17 at 10:00 a.m. and May 1 at 10:00 a.m. The link for these Zoom meetings is available on the amendments page on the website. There is a link to this page on the Convention page.

In the Jan/Feb 2024 edition of the *DKG News*, the candidates for International officers and regional directors were introduced. Two positions will have nominees from the floor alongside the recommended candidate from the Nominations Committee. Vying for the position of International President are Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan and Connie Rensink. Dr. Hall-Maughan, of Tennessee, is currently serving the Society as Second Vice President. Connie Rensink of Texas is currently serving International as the First Vice President and will be nominated from the floor. The position of Second Vice President also has two candidates, Carol Herzog and Cynthia Moore. Herzog is currently the Indiana State Organization's executive secretary. Moore, who will be nominated from the floor, is a current International Member-at-Large.

Volunteering:

Greeters, registration table staffers, monitors, badge checkers—there are many jobs that need to be filled to make this convention run smoothly. There is a link to the Sign Up Genius to choose the job and time slots for all those things that need to be done. Serving in one of these positions gives a different perspective on the convention experience and gives attendees new opportunities to meet other sisters.



Exploring:

This time around, the Go Ahead Trip is actually after the Convention, July 14-19. It will include four sightseeing tours that will include the US Capitol Building, the Library of Congress, the major Monuments and War Memorials in Washington D.C., Ford's Theatre, the National Mall and more. All the details are available on the Convention webpage.

Use the QR code to go to the Convention website for registration forms, the link to the amendments page, Sign Up Genius link and Go Ahead Trip information.

International seeks executive director



The Executive Director position is open at International Headquarters in Austin. It is a full-time salaried exempt position. The position requires most work time to be in the Austin office. It requires frequent travel and weekend and evening hours. This position will serve the duties of both DKG and DKGIEF.

Use the QR code to check out the complete details of the position and requirements for submitting an application. The deadline for applications is March 15.