

## **DKG Texas State Organization Leadership Seminar History**

In 1991, Texas State President Ruth Johnson appointed an Ad Hoc committee for 1991-1993 to Study the Feasibility of Alpha State Leadership Management Seminars. She noted in her annual report that “Golden Gift L/M Seminars had changed the professional direction of numerous recipients and she looked forward to being able to share this vision of leadership for the future of other members.” The Ad Hoc committee recommended that a seminar be instituted, and completed an initial schedule with their recommendations on curriculum and presenters. They formulated a plan for action to be submitted to the convention for action and set a tentative timeline for a possible first seminar to be sponsored by the Texas State Organization. The members of the Ad Hoc committee were Dr. Dolores Akins, chair, Mrs. Mary Beak, Mrs. Carolyn Larrison, Mrs. Liz Whorley Bradley, Mrs. Ann Rogers, and Mrs. Bradley Sue Howell. The committee gathered ideas about the possibilities for a state Leadership/Management Seminar.

At an executive board meeting in 1992, Dr. Dolores Akins, chair of the Leadership Seminar committee gave her report and the following three recommendations.

1. That a state Leadership Seminar Fund be authorized, with monies for the first fund to be accumulated from members’ contributions, and with the provision that the principal of the fund shall remain intact and only the interest be used to finance any future state Leadership Seminar.
2. That each member be asked and encouraged to make a contribution to the state Leadership Seminar Fund, and that chapters whose members of all types participate 100% in giving at least one dollar (\$1) each during a year shall receive at state convention the high honor of being named “Journeyers for Leadership Enlightenment.” Those chapters whose members of all types contribute at least two dollars (\$2) each during a year shall be given the even higher accolade of being named “Trailblazers for Leadership Enlightenment.”
3. The the Alpha State Leadership Seminar Committee be made a standing committee under “Educational Services” and henceforth be called the Leadership Seminar Committee, for the purposes of (a) planning and presenting a biennial state Leadership Seminar for selected participants, chosen from applicants who have not attended an International Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar or a state Leadership Seminar, and (b) planning and presenting an advanced Leadership Seminar to be offered periodically as an update and refresher for

Texas members who have participated in a previous International Leadership/Management Seminar and/or state Leadership Seminar.

The endorsement of these recommendations was accepted. The recommendations were presented at the state convention and were moved and approved.

The Ad Hoc committee received Sixty-nine (69) applications on time and the committee ranked the applications. The first Alpha State Leadership Seminar was held for thirty (30) selected participants February 26-18, 1993 at the Embassy Suites Hotel near Love Field, Dallas. The committee received and analyzed evaluations from participants to plan for future seminars. Suggestions for the next committee included early planning to encourage members to apply, particularly from areas which had no participants in the first seminar. All members who applied but were not chosen the first time were strongly encouraged to reapply.

*Summarized from Ruth Johnson's President Book and  
1991-1993 Convention Book records*