



State Annual Report
2017-2018. Area Four
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Goals:

1. Help chapters with finding new members.
2. Encourage chapters to get their members to attend TSO, International, Area Workshop and SW Regional meetings to fully appreciate the magnitude of this organization.
3. Make sure all members are aware of benefits of membership in DKG.

Accomplishments and activities related to goals:

A goal I didn't have in the beginning became the most important during, and following, Hurricane Harvey- making sure our affected members were safe, that they were applying for help from Emergency Fund, Member to Member and Campus Helping Hands.

There were so many questions from Chapter Presidents concerning dues payments, deadlines when they weren't in their own homes, stress on officers and members.

Lack of attendance and participation was another key concern and not all of that was related to the storm.

There are chapters who are going to be attending the international convention in Austin and have volunteered to help where needed. Some chapters have members who will be attending just one day, but they ARE coming! Unfortunately, there are members who are financially unable to attend both TSO and International and are having to make a choice.

Chapters are beginning to reach out past the traditional "teacher" member and are recruiting women educators in "non-traditional" areas of school or learning employment.

Suggestions to chapters:

(Five of these are the chapters which have lost members.)

Zeta Alpha has been struggling for several years with membership decline, lack of participation by the members they still had, aging members and lack of attendance beyond chapter meetings. The request to merge with Alpha Iota was a last ditch effort to retain the members they do have. Several of Alpha Iota's members and I will be attending their final official meeting in May and the members have been invited to Alpha Iota's final two meetings.

I made an unofficial visit to Lambda Sigma when Tim Lee visited them. We did have discussions during their business meeting concerning their membership decline. They already had one prospective member at that time and were making an effort to recoup their membership numbers.

My Psi in Tivoli wants to be an active chapter, but they are still struggling with getting back to normal lives. Kathy and I have been emailing frequently.

ETA Omega ,in the Brazosport area, is having trouble filling the president and first VP positions. After talking with Marilyn, I contacted Susan Geisler with some suggestions and offered to come visit with them. She is checking back with the Nominations Committee to see if they want to meet.

My next chapter visit will be with Epsilon Omega. We are are hopeful that an new slate of officers will encourage new members.

Gamma Omicron is our host chapter for our Area Four meeting in August, so we will be meeting several times over the next four months!