



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Texas State Organization

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Dear Area 15 Presidents,

Congratulations on saying "yes" to your chapter's nominating committee. If this is your first time to serve as president, you are in for a wonderful experience. If this is your second time around, think about what you can accomplish through your second biennium. Working together I know we will forge a shared journey for a productive, satisfying year for you and your chapter members. Please know that I'm here to assist you in any way possible to meet your chapter goals and those of our TSO President, Dr. Jo Murphy

Dr. Murphy's theme, **Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow**, speaks to making strong connections with each other, within our Area 15 chapters and with TSO. Her goals for the 2017-2019 biennium are:

1. Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
2. Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
3. Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
4. Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide

How can we work together to accomplish these goals and those of your chapter?

1. Strive to increase your membership diversity by developing creative ways to invite potential members to chapter meetings and then to membership. Use the TSO Recruitment Plan. Try calling former members about reinstatement. Membership recruitment is a "year-long" conversation!
2. Encourage attendance at all meetings and contact those who are absent to let them know they are missed. Stay connected! Plan programs that bridge our Society heritage to the challenges of today's educators. Seek new and varied perspectives that will engage and motivate all members to "anxiously await the next meeting!"
3. Work together as a team to connect in new ways that strengthen your chapter, Area 15 and TSO.

As your Area Coordinator (AC), I serve as a liaison between your chapter, Area 15 and the Texas State Organization (TSO). My responsibilities include regular communication with our chapter presidents to carry out the work of our Society, chapter visits and serving as a resource to you and your members. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email, phone or text with any request, concern or simply to share a joy.

Sincerely,

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