



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Texas State Organization

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Dear Area 9 Chapter Presidents,

In 2019, Patti Belknap, 2019-2021 state president, introduced her biennial theme, logo, and goals.

Theme--

YOU are the key.

Logo--

See the logo in the top left corner of this letter.

Goals--

Unlock the door to cooperative strategic planning through:

KNOWLEDGE of the Society's mission, purposes, and traditions.

ENGAGEMENT in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement.

YEARLONG involvement in recruiting, mentoring, and leading.

SUPPORT from officers, mentors, and others to increase stronger members and chapters.

What doors will YOU unlock?

I am excited to continue serving Patti and Area 9 chapters as area coordinator. Key words in Patti's theme and goals still grab me—*YOU, cooperative, KNOWLEDGE, mission, purposes, traditions, ENGAGEMENT, purposeful programs and projects, increase member involvement, YEARLONG involvement, recruiting, mentoring, leading, SUPPORT, increase stronger members and chapters, YOU.*

Patti's theme and goal words and her question—*What doors will YOU unlock?*—call for a thoughtful response. **So that we in Area 9 can cooperate with Patti to fulfill her goals, here are my area goals.**

1. **KNOWLEDGE** of the goals of our Founders. **Let's learn the words of our mission statement, the key words of our seven Purposes, and any three key traditions of our Society.**

2. **ENGAGEMENT**...to increase member involvement. The *keys*? Purposeful programs and projects. **Let's offer a program (or segment) to engage active teachers and another program (or element) to engage retired teachers; programs (or parts) to engage members in international, state, and local projects; a program (or spot) to engage members in ASTEF; and, of course, "genuine spiritual fellowship" opportunities at each meeting.**

3. **YEARLONG** recruiting, mentoring, and leading. **Let's use the Recruitment Plan to recruit members, plus mentoring and leading to retain them and to reinstate members.**

4. **SUPPORT** to increase stronger members and chapters. **Let's call on our chapter officers, area coordinator, state mentor, and state officers to help us strengthen our members and chapters.**

"Hand in hand, our loyal band,"

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