

ACRONYMS and Common Terms USED IN TEXAS **& ELSEWHERE IN THE SOCIETY**

AC Area Coordinator- Area coordinators (AC) are appointed by the state president to work within a defined area as liaison for the state president. The State Executive Board defines the boundaries of areas. The work of the area coordinator is to extend the reach of the state president, with only delegated jurisdiction and authority in the area assigned to her.

Achievement Awards – Every level of the Society has designated awards for outstanding service. The Texas State Achievement Award was designed by Miss Phyllis Ellis, Alpha State Executive Secretary for many years. It is a small Florentine gold guard in the shape of the state of Texas with a small diamond. The Golden Rose Award, designed by Tommye Sandlin in collaboration with Alpha State President Ruth Johnson was instituted in 1993. It is a pin of French gold, circular in shape with a full-blown rose and a rose bud superimposed on the circle. A committee at the state level determines if nominees meet the requirements for these awards. Chapters may also give an achievement award for outstanding service.

Annie Award – TSO Award to Chapter for outstanding programs. This award been renamed the ANNIE EXTRAVAGANZA and chapters now submit a program of their choice in a digital format for the purpose of sharing program ideas and the joy of showing their work and creativity to fellow members and chapter.

Archives - Society memorabilia that are specially designated for keeping as records and keepsakes. TSO archives are primarily housed at Texas Woman's University in the Woman's Collection at the Blagg-Huey Library in Denton. Other archival items and records are displayed or stored at TSO Headquarters in Dallas. Chapter archives are kept by the Chapter.

ASTE^F Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation - The Educational Foundation of TSO. The Mission of ASTEF is to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas, and to promote educational excellence for Texas students. More information about the Foundation can be found at astef.org

Bylaws & Rules - The two governing documents of the Texas State Organization that keep the state organization aligned with the International governing documents. Many questions you may have can be answered by reading these documents. They are found by going to dkgtxas.org, clicking on the menu (three horizontal lines in upper left corner of screen) and then clicking on Resources. Chapter Rules govern the work of the chapter and should be reviewed every biennium.

Ceremonies — Programs that reflect the customs and traditions and the Society’s rich heritage, both of DKG and TSO. Chapters, as well as the state organization may have a Ceremonies Committee and there is a printed document to assist these committees.

Constitution — Primary Governing Document of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Constitution can be found on the TSO Website at dkgtxas.org and on the international website at dkg.org

Coordinating Councils — A coordinating council is composed of chapters within the same geographical area. They are allowed by the International *Constitution*, but are not required. Not all Texas chapters are in a coordinating council. Most councils consist of several chapters from within a larger number of chapters in an Area. Some are very active, and others have a combined meeting of three or four chapters once a year to celebrate Founder’s Day. A few offer scholarships or grants in aid.

CPE Continuing Professional Education - Professional growth for members that is current and sanctioned by the Texas Education Agency. TSO works to enable members to attend workshops and breakout sessions throughout the year that in-service teacher- members may use for credit toward their professional education requirements for continuing certification.

CTAUN Committee on Teaching about the United Nations - Most of the Society’s NGO (see explanation below) representatives are also involved with The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations, an organization of representatives from a variety of NGOs with an interest in education. CTAUN provides educators opportunities to learn about the United Nations and its work. Through events and resources available on the website, CTAUN assists teachers in efforts to incorporate global awareness into classroom curricula and activities.

DKG The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — The official name of our Society ($\Delta\text{K}\Gamma$ – Use *symbol font* on the computer to get the Greek letters)

EEC Educational Excellence Committee — This committee coordinates the work of its component committees to fulfill the Society Mission and Purposes. The committee consists of the chairs of global awareness, legislation, music, personal and professional enrichment, programs and service projects, research, and women in the arts committees. The TSO first vice-president is the EEC chair.

Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund — This fund was established after the death of Dr. Eula Lee Carter, a Texas state honorary founder, who completed the task of installing the first chapter in Mexico, Mexico, D.F. The fund provides grants for educational advancement to Society members in Latin American countries in the Southwest Region. The grants have a finite amount of \$750.00

Expansion - The process of considering creation of new chapters where the short- and long-term possibilities may warrant a new chapter; with particular attention to chapters with more than 70 active members, multi-county chapters, growing communities, and new campuses.

GG International Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar – An International Fund, established in 1979 to commemorate the Society’s 50th anniversary. When money is available, interest from investments and contributions are used to finance the Leadership Management Seminar or LMS. Read more about this by going to dkg.org, clicking on Committees, then clicking on Golden Gift Fund. See LMS below.

IRS 990-N ePostcard – This is your chapter’s IRS tax return. It is NOT optional. The penalty for not filing is revocation of your chapter’s non-profit status, resulting in the reorganization of the chapter by the IRS.

ISF International Speakers Fund – This fund facilitates exchange of Society speakers among member countries and helps to unite women educators of the world. DKG members may submit an application to become a speaker. Once received, they are on a selection list for two years. State organization presidents review the list and apply to the committee for funding to bring the speaker to them.

ISR International Standing Rules – Along with the Constitution listed above, a primary Governing Document of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Can be found on the TSO Website at dkgtexas.org and on the International Website at dkg.org

LDCP Leadership Development of Chapter Presidents - Training for incoming chapter presidents at state convention in even-numbered years, and an update session at convention in odd-numbered years. Members of the Executive Committee serve on this committee with a chair and others.

LMS Leadership Management Seminar (see GG above) – The Leadership Management Seminar put on by the Golden Gift Fund Committee in even numbered years. This is an International event. Members are chosen by an application process and the seminar currently lasts for 2 weeks.

LOSP Leadership Orientation for State Personnel – Training session for incoming state personnel (state officers, committee chairs, and area coordinators) within one month after the state convention at the beginning of each biennium. The person chairing the committee for this event is the past state president who has been out of office one biennium.

LSN Lone Star News – The TSO state newsletter published 4 times a year. Two are online only and two are published and mailed. The Editor/Photographer is a paid employee of TSO

Necrology — The act of record keeping, making plans for honoring and celebrating the life and work of members who have passed while members of TSO.

NGO Non-Governmental Organization — Since 1995, DKG has been proud to maintain Non-Governmental Organization status with the United Nations Department of Public Information. The Society was also granted consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 2003. DKG has eight representatives who are charged with familiarizing members with the activities and programs of the United Nations, especially those relating to education and human rights.

PACE *President's Award for Chapter Excellence* Currently suspended

PSP Past State President - All Living former TSO state presidents are referred to as PSP's and they serve on the State Executive Board as voting members. They also serve in an Advisory Role to the Current State President

RONR *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition, 2011)* - Used as guide to parliamentary procedures for TSO/DKG meetings

SPA *Strategic Plan of Action* – Systematic and measurable plan of action determined for TSO that provides for actions to be carried out and measured during specific time increments.

TSO **Texas State Organization** — The official legal name of the State Organization as printed in Charter No. 080440-1

Texas Leadership Seminar — Three-day seminar for 30 TSO Women chosen by application during the spring of the second year of the biennium.