

Birthday Luncheon
TSO Convention, 2017

First Speaker:

What is a birthday without cake, friends and gifts? Here we are with friends and cake, but where are the gifts? I wish I had thought to bring gifts for everyone, but it's too late now.

Second Speaker: interrupting

Oh no, we have gifts for everyone and they won't even have to be packed into **luggage** to take them home. The first gift is a basket full of collaboration, cooperation and communication. Those three "Cs" are always a part of DKG and they are ours to use. Enjoy them.

Third Speaker:

I have another gift for everyone. It is the gift of enthusiasm...the enthusiasm we have for our Society work and for our own endeavors in education. When DKG members get together, the enthusiasm is contagious.

Fourth Speaker:

Let me tell about a gift we can use constantly...this gift is leadership. There is no better way to develop leadership skills than through DKG opportunities such as seminars, conferences and programs. Many of you have opened this gift many times as you have served in your chapters, in our state and in other areas of life.

Fifth Speaker:

Excitement is a gift that just can't be contained in a box or bag. It just overflows. We can feel the excitement today as we celebrate another Society milestone. It is exciting to know that our members have influenced education since our beginning and will continue to be a driving force in the future.

Sixth Speaker:

I think I see where we are going with this spelling of gifts. So, I bring the gift of beauty of friendships made through our Society. We cherish that beauty of both long-term and more recent friendships.

Seventh Speaker:

Everyone likes recognition and that is a gift we get through our membership in DKG. Our chapters recognize us through various honors and TSO honors us through the recognition given with the Achievement and Golden Rose Awards and acknowledging our achievements in other ways.

Eighth Speaker:

I have a gift to share also. Accord and agreement go hand in hand when we work together to carry out our purposes and our mission. Even though we have diversity of ideas, we are able to work in harmony to reach our goals.

Ninth Speaker:

Look around and you'll see our next gift...a twinkle in the eye. As educators, we have all had that twinkle when a special student made it all worthwhile. That twinkle also comes as we meet our longtime friends and make new ones when we get together for convention.

Tenth Speaker:

Inspiration comes to us in many ways and it's a gift we can cherish. Our sister members may inspire us to dream our dreams and work to make them realities. That inspiration can help us spread our wings to see how high and how far we can fly.

Eleventh Speaker:

Opportunity abounds in our Society. Opportunity to serve in many ways in our chapters. Opportunity to lead in projects and activities. Opportunity to grow as educators through all the resources available to members. Accept the gift of opportunity any time it is presented.

Twelfth Speaker:

The last gift is a little nudge...a nudge to celebrate this birthday. A little nudge to do something exciting or new. A nudge to make at least one more new friend during this convention.

Thirteenth Speaker:

Now you know our gift to you is a celebration of who we are and for all we've accomplished through the years.

Happy 88th Birthday TSO and DKG! Celebrate!

