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Why I Go to Conventions



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I go to international conventions for several reasons.

One of the most important is the **networking** with other DKG members from around the world. I like the stimulation of discussing educational issues with women from different parts of the globe, and I appreciate discovering our commonalities and differences.

I find it's always great to see "old" **friends** and meet "new" ones, too. Attending conventions gives me the opportunity to meet women I would never have a chance to meet otherwise.

Also, I have the opportunity for **professional learning**. I've heard keynote addresses by thought-provoking educational trailblazers, and I've come away from breakout sessions with new ideas to take back to my school.

The 2018 International Convention in Austin should be especially invigorating as we discuss and vote on amendments to the Constitution and Standing Rules that will **determine DKG's future** direction.

I hope to see you there!

Why 2018 Is BYOCB



By *Carolyn Pittman*, 2016-
2018 international
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Why are we going
BYOCB (Bring Your Own
Convention Bag) for the
Austin convention?

1. Members carrying a bag from another DKG event will give **evidence of our global diversity and depth of professionalism**.
2. A bag from another DKG meeting will be a **conversation starter** and give YOU the opportunity to share your DKG experiences.



3. Bringing a bag to give to someone who forgot will be a **great way to network**.
4. Bringing a favorite bag that you already own will be **good stewardship**.
5. Recycling/repurposing will be **stylish and ecologically responsible**.
6. You probably **already have a dozen convention bags**.
7. **SIMPLIFYing** will look good on us.

So, grab your bag and get to Austin for the 2018 convention!

Start Planning for Austin!



By Joan Hester, Convention Co-Chair

What kinds of activities will interest you when you come to Austin?

Austin's famed **"quirky and weird" side?**

For an "Austin style" experience, you might opt for one of many tours on the list at the Austin Visitor Center website. A brunch bus, a craft beer tour, an amphibious vehicle tour, a kayak tour, a ghost walking tour, a Segway tour, a public art tour—this list names only a few tours. These tours, and many more, can be found on the Austin Visitor Center website at www.austintexas.org.

A popular out-of-the-ordinary attraction for locals and visitors is watching the bats emerge from the Congress Avenue Bridge at dusk. You can witness the spectacular sight by standing on the bridge and watching or by going out on the bat-watching boat on Lady Bird Lake. Bridge watching is free and very close to the convention hotel, but for viewing by boat, visit www.capitalcruises.com (512-480-9264) for information and reservations.

Interested in Austin's **historical parts?**

Numerous historical tours visit different



places, such as the University of Texas campus, the Texas Governor's Mansion, the

Texas State Capitol, and Congress Avenue.

Want to experience a **night of live music?**

When visiting the "Live Music Capital of the World," you'll want to take advantage of the many musical performances throughout the city. On any given night, seasoned and up-and-coming musicians are playing in venues large and small. Many shows are free, and all

welcome new listeners to hear their music. Steps from the convention hotel are some local



favorites, including The Elephant Room for jazz, Antone's for the blues, and Cedar Street Courtyard for dance music.

If you're interested in getting the "lay of the land" or simply an Austin **overview**, you might wish to hop on a red double-decker bus for an open-air ride around the central part of town (www.doubledeckeratx.com). July means hot weather in Texas (even after dark), so perhaps you'd prefer an air-conditioned coach ride that would present a broader sweep of Austin. You can get information and make reservations for a variety of tours on the following websites:

www.austindetours.com

www.aotoursaustin.com

www.accessatx.com

In short, the Austin Visitor Center website has a wonderful collection of tours, upcoming



events, access to a visitor's guide, and much

info to make the most of your visit to Austin.

We're excited for you to come and experience all our city has to offer!

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