



# The Key

## 92<sup>nd</sup> TSO Texas State Denton Convention June 17-19, 2021

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### WELCOME TO 2021 DENTON CONVENTION!!!

The 92<sup>nd</sup> TSO Denton Convention will be held at the Denton Convention Center which is adjacent to the Embassy Suites. There will be plenty of rooms for breakout sessions, general meetings, and vendors. First thing to do after checking in is to pick up your convention information packet and peruse the convention program book so that you are aware of all of the exciting events and the times they will be happening. Also, stop to chat with friends in the comfortable chairs available and enjoy Denton's jazzy ambiance as it is captured through the art, pictures, and culture throughout Embassy Suites. The meeting room names reflect aspects of Denton's life, characters, and geography.

**Come and explore your Possibilities!!!**



### Why attend the convention?



**By Lezli Collins, Denton Convention Steering Committee Secretary**

Attending the TSO Convention was not a priority for me when I was invited to join Delta Kappa Gamma back in 2003. I was a DKG baby and didn't really see the importance of it and didn't know many other members either. As I began to become more involved in my local chapter, I started to feel more comfortable and confident, so I registered for my first convention which

was held in Beaumont.

First of all, if you have never attended the Texas State Organization Convention, you are missing out on so much. For me, what I appreciate most is that it forced me to grow as an individual. I sat in workshops with people I did not know. I attended the First Timer workshop and sat in the middle of a group of women I had never met. I had lunch with ladies from other chapters and attended the Presidents and Founders Banquet where I sat at a big, round table full of friendly but unknown faces. For some, being an introvert is not an issue. For me, it was, and I give credit to Delta Kappa Gamma and the TSO conventions for making me become a more well-adjusted person who can sit anywhere with anyone and strike up a conversation about almost anything. That is pretty good for a girl who cried in third grade because she did not want to stand in front of the class when she was chosen during the Quiet Game.

**"Come join us in Denton. You will reap benefits you may never have dreamed you needed."**

**By Janis Besselaar, Denton Convention Steering Committee Treasurer**



I will never forget my first convention! I attended the El Paso Convention in 1997 with several friends. Yes, 24 years ago but I still have vivid memories of that convention.

This being my first convention, members of my chapter had warned me that I needed to learn the Delta Kappa Gamma song. They also mentioned that at the end of convention, everyone would form a big circle, hold hands (just like we did at the end of our meetings), and sing the Delta Kappa Gamma song without help of the words—both verses! So, I made a concerted effort to learn it. I sang it in the hot tub, while taking a shower, and when I was alone in the car.

As it was about a 6-hour trip for us by car, we decided to fly. This was the first convention for another member of our group, and she and I practiced singing the song all the way to El Paso. I am sure other travelers were glad to see us get off the plane!

This is just one of many memories I have of the 1997 convention. It was the year Sandy Whitney came to the dais from one of the tables in the back, joking all the way, to accept the Presidency. It was 105° but magically cool in the shade. And then there was shopping in Juarez! What a trip!!

At the end of the evening, I was glad that I knew the words so that I could sing our beloved song proudly with my head up. Looking around in that huge room, everyone holding hands, and singing "The Song", gave me such a warm feeling of belonging to something bigger than myself. The feeling you get is one of being in a room with friends, hundreds of friends.

**This is what keeps me coming back to convention year after year.**

### Reserve Your Room Today

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton, Texas  
reservation desk is ready to take your  
reservations for the**

**TSO Denton Convention  
June 17-19, 2021**

**Call 844-684-9427  
Use the group code DKG**

## Convention Procedures

Make your registration easy by bringing address labels with you to place on the back of your tickets for:

- The Presidents and Founders Luncheon
- Celebration of Life
- The Celebration Brunch
- Box Lunches
- State Personnel Dinner
- Use your address labels for other items requiring name and contact information

### Embassy Suites by Hilton: Block of Rooms

- The hotel contract requires attendees to occupy an allotted number of rooms for a convention, called a block. It is important that we meet our block so we do not have to pay for our meeting rooms and the ballroom.
- Please encourage chapter members to register at the Embassy Suites but not to over book. When those rooms are cancelled, it can cause us not to meet the required number of rooms and can add thousands of dollars to the convention expense.

### Sessions, Luncheons, and Meetings to Experience

- President's and Founder's Banquet
- Celebration Brunch
- Unifying Project
- Children's Art Show
- Necrology Service
- Installation of Officers
- Leadership Development of Chapters Presidents
- First Timers session
- TSO Business Meeting
- 50+ Reception
- ASTEF Annual Meeting and event

## The Little Chapel in-the-Wood

### Texas Woman's University



When you visit The Little Chapel in-the-Woods, you are entering a tradition. Built during the Depression, the chapel was dedicated by Eleanor Roosevelt a few months before the first wedding was conducted in September 1939; 182 years ago. It is a place of tranquility and beauty, originally built as a retreat for private meditation and prayer for the students of TWU. It is surrounded by stained glass windows and Texas stone and has been named as one of Texas' most outstanding architectural achievements that has influenced Texas architectural history. This serene location on the TWU campus is a great place for pictures to add to your memory book of your convention adventure.

Pictures by Lezli Collins-Iota Chapter, Area 16



## Convention Information

Log on to <http://www.dkgtexas.org> to access:

- The Winter 2020 Lone Star News
- The 2021 TSO Denton Convention Website

Log on to [dkgtexas2021Convention.weebly.com](http://dkgtexas2021Convention.weebly.com) to access:

- The Registration Form
- The Convention Schedule and Speakers
- The Hotel Registration/Reservation
- The 2021 Convention *The Key* Newsletters
- Applications for:
  - Presenters - if you would like to present during a breakout session
  - Vendor /Exhibitors - a great place for chapters to sell their products
  - Advertisements
  - Visual Arts

## UNIFYING PROJECT

**CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates of Denton County** serves children who are in foster care due to abuse or neglect through trained community volunteers who advocate for the best interests of the child. Their vision is to provide a safe, permanent, loving home for every child. They also provide various needed resources that enables a child the opportunity to grow and learn in a happy, healthy, environment with the assistance needed.

We will be collecting gift cards as a donation for the Unifying Project - CASA on behalf of the 2021 Denton Convention. More information on where to turn in your gift card will be provided soon.

