



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Texas State Organization

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Dear 2016-2018 Chapter Presidents,

Congratulations on all of the success you experienced with your chapters last year, your first year in the biennium. I am looking forward to all you and your members will do this year, 2017-18 as you put the special touches on your biennium that will give all of you in your chapter a true feeling of a job well done.

Your TSO Executive Committee is here to help you, guide you, answer your questions, share your accomplishments and your woes, and then finally, to celebrate with you as we come out on the other side of your very special time as Chapter President. How can we help you? How can we serve you? Just call on us and we will be there.

Our new biennium theme for 2017-2019 is "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow" and I do so hope you were in Houston to hear me talk about what this means to me and what I hope it will come to mean to you. Bridges are strong structures and they can get us across to the other side when we need safe passage. Will you work with us to make our DKG bridges stronger? Will you be a part of moving us forward with strength? Find something in the four goals outlined below that you can "make your own" in your chapter during these next 2 years, and put on your hard hats and tool belts as we begin to build the DKG we want to see in the future.

1. Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
2. Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
3. Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
4. Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

Your Chapters and Areas have TSO Leaders that are ready and willing to help you grow in membership, develop strong leaders, excel in meaningful service in your homes, schools, and communities. Find out who your **TSO Mentor** is and invite her to come to your chapter. Ask her how you can live into DKG Purposes and the goals shared above. Check online to see what is happening in TSO at dkgtexas.org and in the international organization at dkg.org.

Next summer will be an exciting time in Texas DKG. We will have new chapter leaders to train in Waco in June. Then we will host all of DKG as they come to Austin in July, and finally in August and September we will have 18 Area Workshops where we will train members to do the work of our Society on a monthly basis for the next biennium. Your role is to be there, be present, be counted when it matters at the chapter level, the area level, the state level and the international level. Don't miss out on any of these FUN Events!

As I travel around TSO next year, I will be asking how strong your bridges are!

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