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TSO Regional Conferences Set to Inspire Educators

Join your DKG friends for a day of connection and inspiration at the TSO Regional Conferences on Saturday, June 20, 2026. The event promises a robust agenda featuring professional development, leadership training, and collaborative activities to support the mission of the Texas State Organization (TSO).

The day will begin with a continental breakfast, offering attendees a chance to "meet and greet" long-time friends and new colleagues alike and a keynote speech by TSO President Dr. Stacey Arnold, followed by a series of diverse workshop sessions. Organizers have curated a selection of topics to ensure there is something for every participant. Key highlights include:



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Region / Areas Venue Name/Address
Northeast - Areas 1, 9, 17 Greenville High School 3515 Lions Lair Rd. Greenville, Texas 75402
Southeast - Areas 2, 3, 18 Cleveland High School 1600 E Houston Street Cleveland, TX 77327
South Coastal Bend - Areas 4 & 5 Wm Adams Middle School (WAMS) 901 E 3rd St Alice, TX 78332
Central - Areas 6, 7, 8 Marble Falls High School 2101 Mustang Drive Marble Falls, TX 78654
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Northwest - Areas 11 & 12 Polk Street Methodist Church 1401 S Polk Street Amarillo, TX 79101
Southwest - Areas 13, 14, 15 Westminster Presbyterian Church 4901 Maple Ave Odessa, TX 79762

Leadership Training: Dedicated sessions for incoming chapter presidents and treasurers to equip them with the tools needed for the upcoming biennium.

Committee Insights: Workshops covering the majority of TSO Committees, providing updates and strategic guidance.

Creative Engagement: Several "make and take" workshops, offering hands-on experiences that participants can bring back to their local chapters.

The midday luncheon will serve as a centerpiece for celebration and fellowship. In keeping with tradition, the program will also include various formal recognitions typically presented at the state convention, including the distinguished 50-year and 50+ year members

The Unifying Project, *ASTEF Red Bag Campaign*, encourages each member to donate at least \$5.00 to support the Project & Aspiring Educator funds. A cash donation is preferred to help simplify the collection process.

The learning continues after lunch with a second round of workshops. The event will conclude with a brief closing assembly, ensuring that all attendees are ready to head home by 3:30 p.m.

Registration is currently open, but don't delay. The deadline to register is May 15, 2026, all for \$50.

"Dare to Dream: ACT"

Aspire to create positive change through collaboration, service, and leadership opportunities.

Cultivate growth of members and chapters.

Thrive together by fostering a sense of belonging and celebrating success.



Dr. Stacey Arnold
Texas State President
2025—2027



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The upcoming International Convention of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Aurora, CO, marks an important moment in the organization's history. Members from around the world will gather not only for professional fellowship and learning, but also to participate in critical votes that will shape the Society's future direction: voting on proposed revisions to the Society's governing documents and electing a slate of officers for the 2026-28 International biennium.

A link to the draft of the proposed Bylaws and a series of videos explaining the document's sections can be found at www.dkg.org under Events/Conventions/Upcoming Convention. I encourage you to review this information. All members who register for the convention and attend the business meeting when voting occurs will be able to cast a vote.

The International Executive Board will elect the new slate of officers who will guide DKG through the coming biennium. As the Texas State President, I serve on this board and will be casting the votes for Texas. There are two positions with two nominees:

- President - Connie Rensink, Texas, and Candi Martin, Arkansas
- Second Vice President – Teresa Cowan, North Carolina, and Belinda Cliff, Oklahoma

A link to candidate biographies is posted on the International Convention page, and there will be a "Meet the Candidates" Zoom session on April 28th at 12:30 pm (information is available at www.dkg.org). I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the candidates and share your input with me so I can make an informed vote.

The convention in Aurora promises to be both celebratory and consequential—a time to honor tradition while shaping the future of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. I hope you are planning to attend!

Stacey

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TSO Headquarters

NEWS TO KNOW FROM TSO HQ

TSO HQ TIPS: Spring checklist and timely information

Chapter leaders: please transfer this information to your calendar, to-do list, or reminder app. Refer to the dynamic calendar found in the President's Kit of the DKG Texas website.

Regional Conference:

- By May 10: on-time registration \$50 to the chapter treasurer
- By May 15: treasurers submit payment to the Regional Conference treasurer
- By June 1: late registration payment to the Regional Conference treasurer
- June 20: attend Regional Conference for chapter officer training and personal interest options

Chapter Membership:

- By April 10: print Chapter Roster—this is the official beginning roster for 2026-27
- By May 1: ensure Form 6 Report of Death has been submitted to International Membership for recognition at the International Convention in June 2026 (TSO Necrology also needs it for recognition at TSO Convention June 2027)
- By May 30: collect dues from returning and new chapter members for 2026-27
 - : put paid members in a Dues Order (Chapter Connect / Dues Portal)
 - : update member contact information (Chapter Connect / Dues Portal)
- By June 30: mail due payments to International in Austin and TSO in Dallas
 - : submit Form 18A Report of Dropped Members to International and TSO

Chapter Officers:

- ASAP (was due March 15): Report 2026-28 chapter officers on the TSO Google Form <https://forms.gle/PidxD3voKRPeNxcC9> (Also linked at DKG Texas under Resources & Forms)
- By May 15: Current chapter president sends Form 110 Report of Chapter Officers to International HQ and TSO HQ (form 110 found at Chapter Connect)

International News you need to know:

- Registration & Hotel available for the Convention in Colorado on the International website / Events
 - : Voting on approval of International Bylaws to replace Constitution/Rules
 - : Elimination of 1/2 dues cycle up for vote again
- April 18 @ 10 a.m. Central: Treasurer's Talk Zoom with International Finance Committee
 - Zoom link available at Chapter Connect and DKG / Events / Virtual Events
- April 28 @ 12 p.m. Central: Meet the International Officer Candidates
 - Zoom link and information available on the International website / Events / Colorado / Nominees and Bios (we have 2 Texans on the ballot!)

DEADLINES

- April 20 • Annual Report 1
- May 1 • Five Star Newsletter
- Int'l Cornet App.
- Lone Star News submissions
- Form 6 Report of Death has been submitted to International Membership and TSO Necrology
- May 11 • State Leader's Expenses
- May 15 • Chapter Officer Form 110 to Int'l & TSO
- May 30 • Chapter Dues and updated information

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International Deadlines

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Parliamentarian

Parliamentary Procedure has five core principles.

- **One Subject at a Time:** Only one motion can be considered at a time, and only one person should have the floor,
- **Equal Rights and Participation:** Every member has equal rights, privileges, and obligations; each person has the right to speak and vote
- **Majority Rule:** Decisions are made by a majority vote, ensuring the will of the majority prevail.
- **Protection of the Minority:** While the majority rules, the rights of the minority to voice opinions, debate and be heard are protected
- **Full and Free Debate:** Each member has the right to engage in full discussion and debate on any motion before a vote, ensuring all views are heard
- These principles ensure meetings are structured, orderly, fair, and respectful, enabling fair decision making.

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Lone Star News

Members are encouraged to submit information to be used in the **Lone Star News** to Connie Hernandez lonestarnewstx@gmail.com
Fall edition goes out Sept. 10th
•Deadline for submissions August 1st
Winter edition goes out Jan. 10th
•Deadline for submissions Dec. 1st
Spring edition goes out April 10th
•Deadline for submissions March 1st
Summer edition goes out June 10th
•Deadline for submissions May 1st

Information Sources

DKG Texas Website

www.dkgtexas.org

DKG Texas on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/tso.deltakappagamma>

ASTE F Website

www.astef.org

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www.dkg.org

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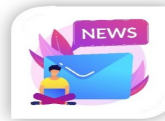


STAR2026 One for the Books

STAR2026 hosted 103 members and guests at beautiful Camp Allen in Navasota. A special guest this year was International President Beverly Hall-Maughan. Members arrived on Friday at Early Bird Crafts and learned about this year's Service Project. Friday night brought two Quick Crafts and a focus on the No Sew Heart Pillows, this year's project. Members traced, cut, tied, and stuffed heart-shaped pillows to be given to patients recovering from breast cancer or other surgeries. The Service Project was a huge success with 73 pillows made and given throughout the state.

Saturday brought a choice of 20 classes ranging from glass etching, embossed pots, a nature walk, and even cookie decorating. Saturday night, celebrated the arts with a western-themed melodrama written and produced by member Trudy Holland. After the drama, it was time for dancing and chair yoga. The event ended on Sunday with a slide show of the fun attendees had at Camp Allen. If you have never gone, consider going. It guarantees to be a weekend of fun and fellowship. Registration is on the TSO Website's Home Page.

Communications and Publicity



Important Position for Your Chapter

As your chapter elects new officers, there is one more position you need to consider, that of your chapter newsletter editor. This important person is charged with keeping members informed and helping build relationships among them. They will also communicate updates from State and International. The TSO Communications and Publicity Committee needs to know who this person is. Please send their name and email address to TSO State Chair Dr. Barbara Derrick, communicationsptso@gmail.com. Please include your chapter name and area as well. If your editor is remaining the same, there is no need to send their information, only send if this person is new to the role of chapter newsletter editor. Please encourage the chapter editors to attend the Communications Breakout Session at their Regional Conference. For questions, please contact Dr. Barbara Derrick.

Important Change Is Coming

For those of you who are published authors or working to become one, this change applies to you. Beginning this biennium, the Member in Print award, given to published author members, will be presented every other year at State Convention. The TSO Executive Committee made this change and is currently working on new guidelines and an application. Be on the lookout for more information that will appear on the DKGTexas website. If possible, information will be shared during the Communications and Publicity Committee's breakout session at the Regional Conferences.

Personal and Professional Enrichment



The Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee and the State President are encouraged by the number of CPE requests we have received from across the state. Thank you for your interest in offering CPE credit through your chapters. Currently, we have approved 13 CPE sessions since the start of the school year. The following chapters are offering these sessions: Epsilon Sigma, Kappa Theta, Theta Alpha, Theta Iota, Theta Beta, and Lambda Omicron. Way to go!

If your chapter is interested in offering CPE credit, we want to support your work. Please visit our PPE committee website for more details: <https://www.dkgtxas.org/personal-and-professional-enrichment-committee.html>. If your chapter decides to complete a PPE CPE application, please review the link labeled "Standard Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Information Overview" on the PPE page listed above. It provides tips for completing the PPE CPE application form. Because our CPE authority is governed by the Texas State Agency, there are requirements concerning the context and content of the session or workshop we deliver. Please read through the guidance referenced above to support the approval of your work.

Additional questions may be directed to Tracy Shea, PPE Committee Chair, at tshea@c-isd.com. Together, Texas educators can continue learning - and certify it!

Technology



Cyber Security Tip

Click with Confidence

Tip #1: Pause Before You Click

Never click links or open attachments in unexpected emails or text messages. Scammers often create a sense of urgency (“Your account has been locked!”) or fear to pressure you into acting quickly.

Before responding:

1. Hover over links to preview the actual URL.
2. Check the sender’s address carefully for subtle misspellings or unusual domains.
3. Go directly to the official website by typing the address into your browser instead of clicking the provided link.

When in doubt, pause. A few extra seconds can prevent identity theft, data loss, or financial fraud.

Anita Callaway, Technology Chair

Achievement

Search for Legacy Jewelry

The TSO Achievement Award presentations will be announced at the June 20th Regional Conferences. Each recipient will be presented with a beautiful gold Texas or rose pin, which becomes a legacy pin when returned to TSO Headquarters by the recipient, her family, or her chapter when she will no longer wear the pin.

Receiving a legacy pin is such an honor. Please consider designating your gold Texas or Rose Pin to continue this cherished legacy in DKG.



Membership



The TSO Membership Committee is focused on one simple idea: meeting members where they are and providing practical, relevant resources to support your membership work.

Membership Matters highlights chapters across Texas that are seeing membership growth. If your chapter has tried something that worked, big or small, we'd love to share your story on the TSO website. Submit your chapter story at: <https://bit.ly/TSOMembershipMatters>

We're also offering **My DKG Story**, a simple, reflective program that helps members reconnect with why they joined and how their experience in Delta Kappa Gamma can inspire others. Chapters may request a Membership Committee presenter here: <https://bit.ly/ChapterProgramRequest>

Looking for ongoing support? Join us for **Membership Momentum**, a one-hour Zoom held every other month for Chapter Membership Chairs and interested members.

You can find other helpful tools on the Membership Committee page at dkgtexas.org.



Dr. Shannon Manley, a member of Beta Lambda Chapter in Texas State Organization, is Clinical Instructor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at East Texas A&M University. Manley received her EdD in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment from Walden University. Her classroom teaching experience includes both elementary grades and middle school math. Manley currently works with preservice teachers at the undergraduate level and within the Collegiate Community of Beta Lambda. Her research interests include preservice teacher preparation in the areas of literacy and effective mathematics instruction.

DKG Bulletin features TSO writers

Congratulations to two women for being published in the **DKG Bulletin, Issue 92-3**

Dr. Katie Moses, Upsilon, "*Improving Professional Development Programming for New Community College Faculty: Insights from a Phenomenological Study*"
Dr. Shannon Manley, Beta Lambda, "*Teacher Voice in Professional Development for Mathematics Intervention Examined Through a Multicase Analysis*"

Dr. Moses' and Dr. Manley's articles can be found in the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin available on the International website. www.dkg.org



Dr. Katie Moses, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at Sam Houston State University, is a new member of Upsilon Chapter in Texas State Organization. With more than 20 years of experience as a teacher and professor, she is committed to mentoring educators, supporting families, and advancing professional development in early childhood education.

Remembrance of TSO members

TSO mourns the passing and celebrates the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to the Texas Necrology Chair Dr. Cindy Kates. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at the time of death using Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, found at www.dkgtxas.org under Committees - Necrology.

- Beverly Gail Krohn, Iota Rho - 2, Nederland
- Jo Ann Owens, Epsilon Beta - 6, San Antonio
- Sue Tabor, Iota Omicron - 16, Wichita Falls
- Ellen S. Daniel, Sigma - 1, Jacksonville
- Barbara Compher, Theta Theta - 10, Haltom City
- Marilyn Russell, Theta Omicron - 13, San Angelo
- Lillian Frances McGregor, Alpha Pi - 17, Texarkana
- Linda L Hartman, Eta Pi - 4, Victoria
- Marilyn Jo Tyson, Gamma Omega - 7, Brenham
- Tena Margaret Alexander, Alpha Gamma - 10, Cleburne
- Amy Bice, Lambda Sigma - 4, Sugarland
- Brune I. Torres, Zeta Xi - 14, Midland
- Janice Loreen Barnes, Kappa Delta - 10, Haslet
- Delores Nadyne Gartman, Alpha Theta - 7, New Braunfels



A Tribute to Amy Bice, Lambda Sigma and Area 4 Coordinator

Lambda Sigma members paid tribute and remembered their fellow DKG member, Amy Bice last month. They welcomed her husband Michael and their daughter, Jessica, as honored guests to their chapter meeting. They were able to see and hear the scope of Amy’s leadership and service within Lambda Sigma. She passed away in a tragic scuba diving accident in St. John’s while traveling with her husband, Michael. Amy Bice was slated to serve as Chapter President for 2026–2028 biennium. Amy has served as TSO Area 4 Coordinator, a member of Leadership Seminar’s Soaring Sisters ’25, and president of the local AAUW chapter.



February Meeting Special Guests

During our February Birthday Meeting, Lambda Sigma Chapter welcomed two very special guests, Michael Bice and his daughter, Jessica, to honor the life and legacy of our beloved member, Amy Bice, who was lost in a tragic accident. Their presence reminded us that Amy’s influence extended far beyond our meetings and programs.

Her family has expressed a sincere desire to learn more about her organizational involvements, the committees she served on, the initiatives she supported, and the impact she made within our chapter and the broader community. As we gather these reflections, we not only document her service but also preserve the story of a woman whose commitment and spirit strengthened Lambda Sigma in lasting ways.



Tribute to Amy Bice’s S.T.A.R. participation along with sample activities from Salethia Morris and Joan Eubanks. Photo: L. Russell.

Jessica and Michael Bice
Photo: L. Russell

The Impact of a Legacy in Bloom



What a remarkable transformation it has been, from the past to the present. Time, like the turning of seasons, moves steadily forward. Spring blossoms where winter once lingered, and each new bloom reminds us that change is not an ending, but a continuation.

The heroes of yesterday, whether community leaders, beloved mentors, or even the stars who once lit up our screens, gradually fade from the spotlight of the present. Their voices grow quieter. Their faces become memories. Yet we must ask ourselves: what truly disappears?

Not their impact.

What remains is far greater than fame or recognition. They leave behind legacies woven from perseverance and passion, from trials and errors that taught resilience, from hopes and dreams that inspired courage, and, most importantly, from wisdom and kindness that shaped lives. Their influence does not vanish with time; it deepens. It echoes in classrooms, in conversations, in quiet acts of generosity. It continues to shape those who follow in their footsteps.

As members of DKG, we are both beneficiaries and guardians of that legacy. Hope endures within our organization by the memories, ideals, and purposeful actions of those who came before us. May their dedication guide us in moments of uncertainty. May their vision steady us when challenges arise. And may their example inspire us not merely to preserve their ideals, but to expand them, to contribute our own convictions, our own compassion, and our own courage to the story still being written.

As we continue to step into 2026, let us honor the past while boldly embracing the future. Let us recommit ourselves to what matters most: our faith, our family, our friends, our county, our educational community, and above all, the young lives entrusted to our care, each filled with promise, potential, and a future waiting to bloom. Through our guidance, they inherit not only knowledge, but possibility. They are not simply learners in our classrooms; they are the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and dreamers.

The seasons will continue to change. Faces will come and go. But if we remain faithful stewards of the legacy we have received, our influence, too, will bloom long after our own springtime has passed. Let us aspire, cultivate, thrive, and above all, dare to dream.

Dr. Cindy Kates, a member of Area 3, currently serves as Necrology Chair for the Texas State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

A Necrology Committee Reminder

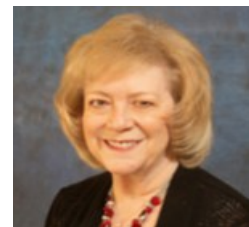
The Necrology Committee reminds all chapters to complete Form 6 within three months of a member's passing. Be sure to include the member's preferred name or nickname. Please remember: International Form 2 (Chapter Necrology Annual Report) is no longer required.

Submitting Form 6 does not automatically remove the deceased member from your chapter roster. To remove them, the chapter treasurer or president must submit Form 18A, found on the international website, www.dkg.org.

Gold Piece



As springtime approaches, I begin to think about the upcoming DKG chapter ceremonies that need planning. These include the Founders' Celebration, Kappa Gamma's 50th birthday, and the installation of new officers. Keeping ceremonies dignified, meaningful, and innovative can be a challenge, but one I have learned to enjoy. The script for installing officers is relatively easy because very little needs to change each biennium; however, the Founders' and birthday celebrations require more thought and creativity.



Judy Mezick
Kappa Gamma, Area 7

Thinking back to my first experience on a Ceremonies Committee, TSO President Catherine Davis asked me to serve on the state ceremonies committee. I immediately began thinking about how to explain my lack of creative genes and my lack of previous experience at the chapter level on this committee. However, I realized Catherine's intentions were strong, and I was not going to change her mind. Her exact words were, "This is where I need you to serve." That was that, and I finally agreed to what turned out to be one of the best experiences I have ever had working on a state committee.

My next ceremonies experience came during the biennium with Dr. Vicki Davis. She asked me to be the Ceremonies chair, encouraging and reminding me that committee members have collective strengths and that inspiration would come as we all worked together to generate fresh ideas.

My goal became to make each member feel important to our team's mission. I found that the ladies who agreed to serve on this committee were so talented and full of ideas that we mapped out our activities for the entire biennium in one day. Ideas quickly took shape. We decided to celebrate our DKG Honorary Founders, Dr. Clara May Parker in Waco and Dr. Eula Lee Carter in McAllen, through videos. We created the "Found Her" scavenger hunt, the visual arts collection, the breakout session agenda, and the Info-Mart table. Everyone participated. What a joy to serve with those seventeen ladies!

Since that time, I have served my chapter as Ceremonies Committee chair and have consistently sought out new ideas for celebrating Founders and chapter birthdays. I remember hearing at the state convention one year that we do not need to be rigid about how and when we celebrate. I have looked for themes that combine the two celebrations into one activity. One year, we enjoyed "The Golden Girls of DKG," incorporating the television show theme song and personalities of those golden ladies as we talked about our Founders. Is there anything more fitting for DKG members than "Thank you for being a friend"? We have also used another television show, "Who Do You Think You Are?" This year, we will celebrate Kappa Gamma Chapter's 50th anniversary and the USA's 250th anniversary. The comparison between our Founders and the Founding Fathers, the rose symbol, the colors, and many other similar traits will make for a very interesting ceremony.

Through my service on the Ceremonies Committee and my many other DKG experiences, I have three thoughts I keep in mind. First, be totally objective in evaluating my own skills. Second, trust others' instincts in recognizing my skills. Third, be willing to step up and step out. I encourage all members to try the same.



ASTE F Happenings—

Greetings from ASTEF! The foundation is pleased to report outstanding participation in this year’s Aspiring Educators Application program. Interest from future educators has been strong, reflecting a growing commitment among students who are passionate about pursuing careers in education. The level of engagement demonstrates the importance of supporting and encouraging the next generation of educators. The Project Stipend application process has ended, and lots of applications have been received. Participation reflects educators’ enthusiasm for developing innovative ideas that enhance learning in the classroom. The interest highlights educators’ commitment to pursuing creative projects that benefit students and support educational excellence.

Members are encouraged to visit the ASTEF webpage and explore the **Resources** tab for helpful program ideas and tools. One featured program, titled *Dr. Blanton’s Chapter Cardiac Care Visit*, is designed to support and strengthen membership efforts by providing strategies and activities that chapters can use to engage members this year or next while planning programs. Members can find practical ideas to help grow participation and enhance involvement within the organization.

As a reminder, copies of the new ASTEF brochure can be printed directly from the website. The updated brochure is located on the **Resources** tab. Printing and sharing these brochures helps spread awareness of the foundation’s mission. Members are also encouraged to take a moment to read the latest *Hey Girlfriend* article written by Lady Secret Sister that is featured on the ASTEF homepage. The article offers an engaging update and is a feature that members will not want to miss.

Together, the continued support and participation of members help ensure that ASTEF can inspire, support, and invest in the future of education.

Hopefully, this next bit can be included in the newsletter, set apart from the other ASTEF information, so everyone can see what was raised. We want to give a BIG thank you to everyone.

Another HUGE Thank You!

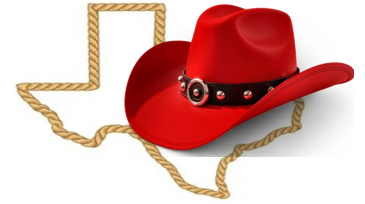
ASTE F is proud to share the success of its recent campaign, “**Ignite the Heart: Invest in Education through ASTEF.**” Thanks to the generosity and support of members and supporters, the campaign raised an impressive \$9,953.74. The ASTEF Board of Directors extends heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to the campaign. The support helps continue important programs and opportunities that strengthen education and inspire future educators.

Regional Conference:

Red Bag Donation

Members are invited to participate in the **ASTE F Red Bag Campaign**, the Unifying Project for the upcoming regional conference. This special effort encourages each member to donate at least \$5.00 to support the Project & Aspiring Educator funds. Members who attend the regional conference on June 20th are encouraged to bring the donation with them. Those who are unable to attend may still participate by sending their contribution with a friend who will be present at the conference. A cash donation is preferred to help simplify the collection process.

TSO Chapter Round-Up



TSO Chapter meetings are far from boring! They have great member involvement, laughter, and fellowship.

- From yoga to pajamas,
- From cooking to milestone birthdays,
- From making goodie bags for teachers to learning the art of cookie decorating,
- From fundraisers to Girls' Night Out!



Alpha Nu, Area 5, members engaged in yoga practice.



Alpha Iota, Area 4, had a Pajama Party for their meeting.



Alpha Iota, Area 4, Members were busy making plates for their Scholarship Fundraiser. Ben's Chuck Wagon Chicken Fried Steak Dinner.

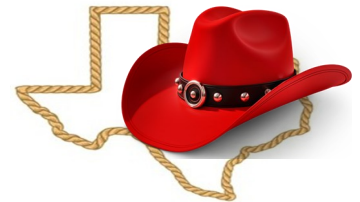


Beta Zeta, Area 6 celebrated their birthday and Founder's Day was 91 on March 23, they celebrated "Hats Off to Our Founders" and their 97th birthday of DKG. TSO President Stacey Arnold joined the group.



Gamma Epsilon, Area 16, listened to Christine Mann, from Refuge for Women, who presented a program on Human Trafficking. Several member had had the pleasure of hearing this presentation at the State Convention last summer and had invited Christine to speak to Gamma Epsilon further on this important topic.

TSO Chapter Round-Up



Nu Delta, Area 9 prepared Valentines' treat bags and hot chocolate jars for their adopted school, and then delivered their goodies.



Kappa Theta, Area 16 members had a great time at Friday Pay-Yay at the Old Town Wine House.



Xi chapter, Area 7 celebrated their 96th birthday on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Pictured is the incoming president, Cindy Loftis and current president, Vivian Ferchill.



Alpha Omicron, Area 10 had fun learning how to decorate Valentine cookies.



DKG Beta Phi
90th Birthday
Celebrated February 9th, 2026
Chartered February 29th, 1936



Mayor Jim Ross proclaims February 29th, DKG Beta Phi Chapter Day in Arlington. Beta Phi, Area 10, celebrated their 90th



The Orange Blossom Line Dancers Theta and Theta Psi, both from Area 2 are learning to have fun and stay fit in a great way, line dancing. Our Delta Kappa Gamma meetings give us the opportunity to meet with many interesting and diverse individuals and groups within our local community. Our February 2026 meeting was an excellent example. Rhonda Kratzer, Janet Menchaca and Coy Hammett from the Orange Blossom Line Dancers entertained us with examples of steps seen both in classes and performances. Upon invitation, several members of our Theta group joined the Orange Blossoms for a quick lesson to the Freeze dance, learning steps such as brush and touch.



Tuesday, April 28, 2026 Meet the Candidates: Your Voice, Your Choice @ 12:30 PM Central

Join members of the International Nominating Committee and the DKGIEF Nominations Committee for an exclusive session to meet the candidates for elected positions. This is your chance to get to know the leaders who could shape the future of DKG.



DKG will be 100 years old on May 11, 2029

What started **May 11, 1929** with 12 founders in one small chapter, in one big state, has spread to *all 50 states* in the United States of America as well as *16 countries*. With **THOUSANDS of women leaders** across the globe, the DKG Society International is impacting education worldwide!

The Centennial Committee is planning surprises and awards for our celebration at the 2029 International Conference in Austin, TX.

More information on International website:

www.dkg.org See videos: <https://>

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqsKf5cYj-

DKG™ Leadership Links

April 2026 Quick Peek

- April 3, 2026 Headquarters closed
- April 7, 2026 Inside International @5:30 PM Central
- April 14, 2026 Inside Connections @ 12:30 PM Central
- April 16, 2026 Inside Leadership @ 12:30 PM Central
- April 18, 2026 Treasurer’s Talk @ 10 AM Central
- April 23, 2026 Inside Impact @ 5:30 PM Central
Programs & Projects
- ***April 28, 2026 Meet the Candidates:
Your Voice, Your Choice
- April 30, 2026 Dissertation Recognition Forms Due
- May 1, 2026 Cornetet Individual Professional Development Applications Due
- May 1, 2026 State Organization Presidents request International Speaker
- May 5, 2026 Inside International @12:30 PM Central
- May 12, 2026 Inside Connections @ 5:30 PM Central
- May 15, 2026 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- May 15, 2026 Report of chapter officers due
- May 21, 2026 Inside Leadership @ 5:30 PM Central
- May 31, 2026 Convention registration fee increases as per governing documents
- June 2, 2026 Inside International @ 5:30 PM Central
- June 5, 2026 Last day to book Gaylord Rockies at discounted rate
- June 23, 2026 Last day to register for International Convention

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www.dkg.org

MEMBERS: Send address changes to your chapter treasurer or go to www.dkg.org/MyDKG to make any changes in your information.



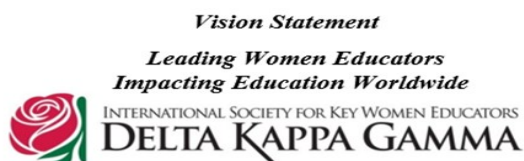
Elevate Potential, Embrace Change, Empower All

Join us for the 2026 International Convention at the stunning Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora, Colorado, U.S.A., from June 30 to July 4, 2026. This historic event will not only mark the 250th anniversary of the United States, but also bring together key women educators from around the globe to celebrate professional growth, leadership, and the shared mission of advancing excellence in education. Click on the link for more information.

[2026 Colorado International Convention](#)

ONLINE CHAT:

Did you know you can leave a message after using the CHAT feature on the [dkg.org](#) website? DKG is fortunate to have a wonderful staff who respond to member questions through this feature. Before ending a chat, you have the option to leave a quick emoji and message. Instead of closing the chat without a response, consider leaving a simple note such as “Thank you for helping me.” It is a small gesture, but a meaningful way to show appreciation for the time and care our staff give in supporting DKG members.



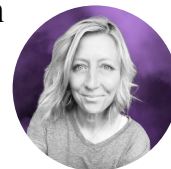
Keynote speakers named for DKG International Convention

Amy Wells

Author - Speaker - Dream Pursuer

Amy Wells loves inspiring others to pursue their dreams and believe in the greatness they possess. She is a former special education teacher and is excited to share her classroom experience and help you elevate, embrace, and empower.

Her first book, “Pursuit,” recounts her journey as Virginia Tech’s beloved HokieBird mascot and the life lessons that she took from that experience. What started as a high school dream became a win at the NCAA National Mascot Championship and a lifetime of memories, smiles, stories and special appearances. Today she brings those life lessons to audiences large and small with enthusiasm, fun and a deep sense of connection.



Terry L. Futrell

After teaching industrial electronics at the high school level for two years, Terry Futrell spent 45 years working in electronics engineering, industrial process improvement, and technology management in the nuclear industry. He concluded his professional career by leading an independent assessment of Information Technology within the Tennessee Department of Education. Since retirement, Terry focuses on US Civil War research, writing, photography, and songwriting. In the past ten years, he published seven books and two magazine articles, with two additional books in process. Civil War Sourcebook: Morgan County Tennessee received an Award of Distinction from the East Tennessee Historical Society. He currently maintains two podcasts. Terry used AI tools extensively for the past three years in support of his creative activities and maintains his own computer server on which he hosts several AI models for evaluation and developmental use. Terry is an Electronics Engineering graduate of the University of Tennessee.

