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Texas Ambassadors Needed



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Are you a Texas member wondering **how to help at international**

convention?

To spread our Texas welcome, we will need Texas Ambassadors to serve as **table hostesses** at the luncheon on Tuesday, July 17, and at the banquet on Friday, July 20. You may be asked to collect tickets, make sure the table members introduce themselves, provide conversation starters, and help any members at your table who do not speak English. Wait..., how can you help others if you do not speak other languages? Free phone apps are available to translate English into other languages and other languages into English. If you have this app on your phone, you can communicate with others regardless of their language. So, before you come to convention, get this app and practice using it.

STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat) has made **bluebonnet pins for all Texas members who attend convention.** When you register at convention, go to the Texas table, and get your bluebonnet pin. Wearing this pin will let other members know

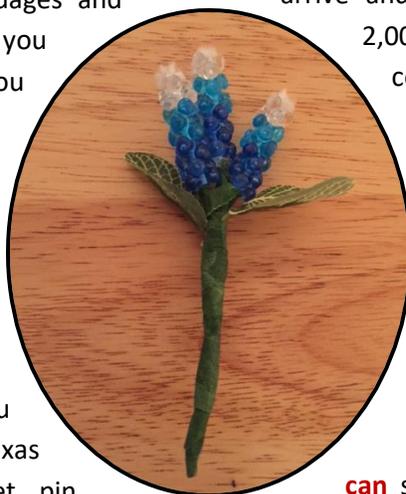
that you are willing to help. If you are familiar with the information in the convention booklet that you will receive, know where the bathrooms are on each floor of the hotel, and smile often, then you will be a wonderful Ambassador! We will be asking some members to be in the hallways to help people find rooms during breakout sessions. Some ambassadors will be by the escalators to give directions.

Some Texas members will be asked prior to convention to perform **specific convention tasks** such as help at registration, help with breakout sessions, help states take their state pictures, serve as a friend/mentor to first-time attendees, help in the Marketplace on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, and do other convention tasks.

Chapters are busy making **"welcome note cards"** that will be given to members when they arrive and register at convention. Possibly 2,000 to 2,500 members will attend convention, so we need many cards.

When your chapter's cards are completed, make sure a member takes them to the state convention in Waco. The international convention steering committee will collect the cards and take them to international convention.

Please register as soon as you can so that we know you are coming and are willing to help. Y'all come!



Be an Ambassador to a First-Time Attendee



By Laura Packard,
Convention Co-Chair

One way Texas members can serve as Texas Ambassadors is to

connect with first-time convention attendees.

How exciting for these First-Timers—to attend their *FIRST* International Convention! Yet, **First-Timers will not be sure what to expect, what to wear, what to bring**, and they would love to have a personal contact *prior* to convention. **So, we want to connect them beforehand with a Texas Ambassador.**



The first face-to-face connections at convention for the Ambassadors and First-Timers will occur Monday, July 16, 2:30-3:00 p.m., or you can schedule your own meeting.

Wouldn't it be FUN to be an Ambassador for a First-Timer or two and become new friends?

Even if you yourself have never attended an international convention, you'll feel at ease as a Texas Ambassador to a First-Timer because **we'll provide you with talking points.**

Sandi Causey, official convention registrar, will be giving us the list of TSO members registering for convention. If you are not already on our volunteers list, we'll add you when we get your registration information from Sandi. Then, **we'll be in touch to give you the contact information for a First-Timer.**

2018 is the first time an ambassador program has been used at an international convention. **Texas members, let's make this a huge success!**

Registered for Austin?

If yes, congratulations for being on top of things!

If not, **better get crackin'** so you don't miss out on all the fun at convention in Austin!

Note to volunteers:

When you register, use the "Host State Organization Volunteer" rate. That's \$169.

The regular registration fee is \$185.

Enjoy the savings!

Where can you find the registration form?

- ✓ http://www.dkg.org/DKGMEMBER/DKGMEMBER/Events/2018_International_convention/2018_Austin_International_Convention.aspx
- ✓ Or, your copy of the Jan/Feb 2018 *DKG News*.

Are You "in the Know"?

Have questions about convention?

Want to stay informed about convention?

All Convention Times newsettes and Texas Edition newsettes are posted at www.dkgtexas.org.

Coming in the Next Edition

More about...

Warren Hood Band

Texas Night at the Convention

Monday, July 16

**violin, guitar, bass, drums,
Americana, country, blues,
rock, bluegrass, jazz**



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