

# Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



## Greetings Chapter Presidents,

With the holiday season quickly approaching and nature displaying the special beauty for this time of year, sweaters and coats are coming out of storage and some members have already reported their first snowfall. Remember to take a bit of time for yourself amidst all the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Allow time to recharge and renew your systems. If you are totally tired, you cannot do all of your wonderful magic for everyone else.

Following the holidays will be the beginning of a new year, which always brings thoughts of change — a time to look at past accomplishments and a time to look forward to new beginnings. This is a time to look back and evaluate accomplishments as well as a time for looking forward to completing your last six months of service in this biennium as president of your chapter.

Consider spending these last 6 months with your successor and sharing your ideas for a successful chapter. If you don't have a successor yet, use this time to find her!

We hope that all of you will experience peace and joy and that your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma will become even more meaningful.

We send our best wishes for success to you and your members! We hope you will continue to contact us for help at any time. We look forward to serving you in 2020!

*Society Headquarters Staff*

## TREASURERS' TIDBITS

- Training video link can now be found on your Chapter Connect.
- The 2018-2020 Administrative Board approved the dues process in full at the November 2019 meeting and we will continue to use it as the method to post dues. This year's dues process was an authorized Administrative Board pilot program.
- Please look in your portal for any orders that remain unpaid in the "Billed" section and send your check to international and your state organization, if you haven't already.
- Remember that a member who was on your roster for 2019-2020 but was dropped for non-payment of dues (or for any other reason) pays full dues when reinstated.
- Any new member who pays dues on or after January 1, will pay ½ the international dues and the amount stated in your state organization by-laws and chapter rules.

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 1**

**62,133**

## CTAUN Conference Provides Global Education Resources

**What:** Annual Conference of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)

**Where:** United Nations Headquarters, New York City

**When:** Friday, February 28, 2020

**Why:** "War No More" Honoring the UN on its 75th anniversary and the full implementation of its Charter "We the Peoples of the United Nations, Determined to Save Succeeding Generations from the Scourge of War..."

For additional information, conference registration forms and details about the conference hotel, visit [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org).

**D**id you know that the Educators Book Award has been awarding monetary prizes since 1946? Perhaps you know someone who could be the next recipient. The Educators Book Award guidelines for 2020 have been posted on the Society website. Look for them on the Educators Book Award Committee page which is found under the [About Us](#) tab by clicking [Committees](#) on the drop-down menu. Included along with the guidelines is info about the recipient of the 2019 award.

## SHOPPING WITH A "SMILE"

**S**till have presents to buy? Shop online and donate to the work of the Society without it costing you extra! AmazonSmile lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping as amazon.com. When you shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), 0.5% of your purchase price will be donated to the DKG Supporting Corporation that supports many of our funds. Go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and click on About Us>How to Become a Member>[Discounts](#). If you do not have an AmazonSmile account, open one and select DKG Supporting Corporation as your charity.

## Things to remember:

### December

- ◆ December 1: International Convention hotel registration opens
- ◆ December 15: Submission deadline for the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*
- ◆ December 21-31: Headquarters closed

### January

- ◆ January 1-5: Headquarters closed
- ◆ January 3: DKGEF project applications due
- ◆ January 6: Registration opens for 2020 International Convention
- ◆ January 6: Convention presentation proposal forms due
- ◆ January 15: submission period begins for DKG Fine Arts Gallery
- ◆ January 20: Headquarters closed for U.S. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

### February

- ◆ February 1: DKGEF Professional Development applications due
- ◆ February 1: International Scholarship applications due
- ◆ February 15: submission period ends for DKG Fine Arts Gallery
- ◆ February 17: Headquarters closed for U.S. Presidents' holiday

## President to President

by Cathy P. Daugherty, RP, international president 2018-2020

DKG has much for which to give thanks and to celebrate as the holiday season begins! In particular, we are thankful for the foresight of those members in 1936 and 1956 who invested in property and later constructed our current DKG Society Headquarters building. Their vision has netted an investment that will secure the future of our Society for decades to come.

During the past six months staff and Society leaders have met with real estate professionals and legal advisors to discuss multiple options associated with our property in Austin. As shared in the July-August 2019 DKG News issue, our unique location based on Austin's land use restrictions, density rules, and site views from the Texas State Capitol presents an opportunity for the Society to move forward in ways not realized earlier. The Administrative Board has studied the issue from all sides, discussed options with our real estate advisory group, and sought advice from local contacts with knowledge of state and city commissions. Hearing their reports and those from the AB ad hoc committee studying the disposition of our property, the Board has voted to authorize our real estate advisors to commence a confidential marketing effort to sell the property with no restrictions on the development of the property beyond those that the Historic Landmark Commission may impose (the Headquarters façade may need to be retained due to our National Register designation). We will consider all development options for the site. Those may include, but not be limited to, remaining on the site, leasing another office site, or constructing elsewhere.

The ultimate sale of the property will lead to investments that will sustain DKG well into the future and will insure that dues will not increase while member benefits increase. Most importantly we will be able to realize more fully the Mission, Vision and Purposes of DKG. Yes, we have much to give thanks for and to celebrate as we look toward a future built on the work of past courageous leaders.

## TECHNOLOGY TIPS

**H**ave you browsed the Delta Kappa Gamma website lately? Are you aware of the many resources available to you as a member?

Access lists of international officers with contact information. There is information about the history of the organization and orientation of members. Each international committee gives information about its work and goals. Order membership supplies from the DKG Store. Download all available forms and Society graphics. Apply to become a presenter at international conferences and conventions. Even update your contact info, including your mailing address, email address, and profile picture.

As a chapter president, you have access, through Chapter Connect, to your chapter roster where you can see a complete listing of all your members. Additionally, you can see your EIN number, PPT and PDF files for dues training, quick access to some of the most used forms, and access to the dues portal.

Remind your members about the valuable tools we have on the website. Visit the Society website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

## COME TO PHILLY IN JULY 2020

**T**he 2020 DKG International Convention, July 7-11, happens in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Will your chapter be there? Start planning for this trip! You'll have incredible opportunities for fun and entertainment while you learn at convention sessions.

Featured speaker at one of the general sessions will be American author and award-winning aerospace engineer, Olympia LePoint. LePoint has been seen by millions on CBS News and TED Talks. Make plans to attend! Hotel reservations open December 1, 2019, and convention registration will open January 6, 2020.

Apply to be a presenter. Application forms are on the website under the Events tab and are due January 6, 2020. Be sure to check the website and app for up-to-the-minute news and information.

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