

Presidents' Page

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



Greetings Chapter Presidents,

We join everyone who has wished you a Happy New Year! As we begin 2022, we are reminded that a new year is nature's reset button. A fresh start, a clean slate, a new year!

With six months left in your biennium, it is never too soon to begin preparing members to take the helm as your chapter's next leaders. Consider collaborative strategies when planning for chapter activities: involve all members in program planning, create a team using a leadership approach by sharing responsibilities, open executive meetings to everyone in order to gain valuable insights, and cultivate a genuine fellowship by pairing each new member with a mentor. As chapter president, you have supporters all around you - former chapter officers, state organization personnel and the members of the various international committees and boards. And, of course, you can always find help at Society Headquarters by chat, phone, or email.

Any member who was on your roster in October 2021 but was dropped for non-payment of dues will be paying the full dues amount for both International and for your state organization. If the portal does not calculate these full dues amounts, please contact us via chat or phone for immediate assistance during business hours, or by emailing your issue to mem@dkg.org.

Inductions can be held at any time in person or virtual, or not at all as inductions are no longer a requirement for membership. A member becomes a member when she pays her dues.

Speaking of new members, be sure to show the Pride in the Big Picture to all your new members and the Sustaining the Pride in the Big Picture to all your returning members. These have been updated to show current content and can be found under Resources on the website. You have the option of a pre-recorded version or one that you have notes to read. Both of these are wonderful tools to keep members informed of the value of their membership!

The staff at HQ appreciates and values you and all of our members and are always glad to assist you in any way we can. May 2022 bring you both happy endings and fruitful beginnings.

Society Headquarters Staff



Don't forget to remind members to take

advantage of the DKG benefits available to them! Click [here](#) to view the benefits.

TREASURERS' TIPS

The dues portal is set to calculate the ½ dues for new members who have a join date after Jan 1, 2022. If you notice the amount is not correct in the dues portal for the ½ dues, please let us know by contacting us via chat, email at mem@dkg.org, or by phone.

As a reminder, please do not write in members or make changes manually on the orders page as this will significantly slow your order being processed. Please chat, call, or email one of our membership specialists so that we can manually correct any issue and get your order correct before you submit the payment.

Membership Specialists will be contacting treasurers who have outstanding orders in the dues portal that we do not show as paid. Please check your portal for any orders in the Billed Section and send your payments to International and your state organization.

New member cards are sent to the chapter treasurer for all new members from the month prior. The member's name should be entered into the dues portal system as they wish to be known, as that is where the information is pulled from for the cards. For example, if Annie Webb Blanton wishes to be known as Annie W Blanton, that is how the information should be entered into the system. As a reminder, members can print their own cards by going to their MyDKG Account and clicking on the Membership Card tab. They can print a card with a picture if they have downloaded one or without a picture. *** Note that membership cards for January and February 2022 new members may be delayed in printing and sending with our move to a new office location. ***

All new members are also invited to a Zoom meeting with our international president, Becky Sadowski the month after they join. For example, all new members with a join date of February and a paid through date of 06/30/2022 will receive an invite to participate in the March Zoom. It is important to enter an email address when you are adding these members to the portal so they receive the Zoom invitation.

The dues portal will close on March 1, 2022. Please make sure all members are entered and orders are created before that date and the payment sent. The portal will reopen on April 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 dues year.

Things to remember:

February

- ◆ February 1: Scholarship Application due
- ◆ February 1: Educators Book Award submissions due
- ◆ February 15: Submission window closes for Arts & Humanities Spring Gallery

March

- ◆ March 1: Dues portal closes
- ◆ March 1: International Achievement Award recommendations due
- ◆ March 1: DKGIEF Project applications due
- ◆ March 1: Proposed Amendments to *Constitution & ISR* are published in MarApr *DKG NEWS*
- ◆ March 1: *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- ◆ Mid-March: DKG App becomes available for convention registrants

April

- ◆ April 1: Dues portal opens
- ◆ April 1: ISF Speaker requests become available to SOPs
- ◆ April 30: Dissertation recognition due

President to President

by Becky Sadowski, international president 2020-2022

In recent messages I have focused on the importance of preparing members to serve in leadership roles. Chapter presidents often ask about **how** they might accomplish this in their chapters.

An important first step in this process is acknowledging that a willingness to delegate is critical. I have occasionally heard leaders say, "I think it is just easier if I do it myself." Including members in the planning and implementation of chapter programs and activities allows them to feel a real sense of ownership in the outcome. During these opportunities for shared decision-making and responsibility, members often begin to see themselves as contributors and to understand the value of teamwork.

Positive membership experiences like these help members realize that being a chapter leader does not mean doing everything alone. Creating a supportive and collaborative environment in your chapter is a great strategy for building strong relationships and growing future leaders!

Presidents, we need your help spreading the word! Encourage all of your members to attend the DKG International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. This city has so much to offer including food, music, museums, history, and of course, charm. At our international convention, participate in meaningful workshops, become inspired by motivational speakers, connect with fellow members, and help guide the future of DKG.

While visiting "The Big Easy" consider taking a tour of one of many historic cemeteries, cruising on a riverboat, touring a majestic swamp, visiting a historical home, catching a live jazz concert, and of course, eating some of the best food in the world.

Mark your calendars for July 12-16, 2022. The convention will be held at Sheraton Hotel on the famous Canal Street, located in the heart of the city. From Canal, you can ride a streetcar to the historical garden district, the famous French Quarter, the lively Frenchman Street, or down to Jackson Square. Consider heading uptown to see Mid City, City Park, or shop on Magazine Street. Regardless of what you want to do while visiting, make plans now to be part of this memorable convention. See old friends, make new ones, and celebrate with DKG. Stay tuned for information regarding speakers, workshops, shopping, music, food, and fun at the DKG International Convention.

Find speaker information, forms, the schedule at a glance, COVID safety information, and more on the DKG website under *Events* > [2022 Convention](#). Laissez le bon temps rouler!

HOW CAN A CHAPTER PROVIDE POSITIVE EXPERIENCES FOR NEW MEMBERS?

Inductees need mentors. New members often need assistance in becoming acquainted with other members and in attending local, area, district, and state organization meetings. They need to become involved by serving on committees and/or helping with programs and projects. Assign one or two members to each inductee to insure a feeling of being connected.

LAISSEZ LE BON TEMPS ROULER!

PLAN TO ATTEND 2022 DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 12-16, 2022 IN NEW ORLEANS

[Click Here to Register!](#)

[Hotel Information](#)

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