



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

"Reimagine Our Future and Reignite Our Purpose"

DKGNJ Convention Meeting

April 6, 2025

President Irene Maskaly welcomed everyone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Diane Roberts (Omicron) 2nd Vice President led the pledge.

Motivational Thought

Cathy Cleenput (Alpha) provided us with inspirational thoughts centered around the idea that the sisters honored in the Celebration of Life tribute will be forever in our hearts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention

Carol Schwartz (Gamma) thanked everyone for making our room block with over 150 sisters.

Jan Paxton (Alpha) said she heard that someone was inducted but hadn't registered for convention. Everyone needs to be registered to be covered by insurance when with us.

Sue Davis (Epsilon) reminded everyone to fill out evaluation forms and to be specific. She thanked everyone for being there.

Music

Laura Perrius (Alpha) submitted a committee report stating that chorus rehearsal, directed by Laura Perrius, was held Friday evening in preparation for Saturday's performance. This year's theme is "Getting to Know You", a piece included in the medley. Marches were played for the procession of the Chapter banners at the luncheon. Again, marches were provided for the procession of Officers prior to dinner. The chorus entertained following dinner. Soft prelude music was performed to begin our memorial service and an instrumental solo provided a moment of meditation and support.

President Irene Maskaly remarks:

I always find the Celebration of Life Ceremony to be such a touching and inspiring service. It is fitting that we CELEBRATE the lives of these women, for they led remarkable lives and truly left this world a better place. Many thanks to Jane Murphy for planning the ceremony this morning. She worked diligently to plan a special tribute to our sisters who have passed.

It's hard to believe my biennium is almost over. This has been a remarkable experience, to be given this honor to work with so many amazing women! I've thoroughly enjoyed this weekend. It is difficult to show my appreciation to each person who volunteered to help for the convention. I learned from many people during this process and am deeply grateful to all of those who played any part this weekend – big or small — you have my sincere gratitude for helping to make this convention a success.

I've participated in every convention since my induction into DKG since 2010, and have played various supporting roles, but never realized the coordination, effort, and energy that went into planning this event. Our convention chair, facilities chair, and registrar (Carol Schwartz, Sue Davis, and Jan Paxton) have done an outstanding job of keeping everyone on track so this event could run as smoothly as it did. Many thanks to them and to each chapter for their follow-through with their assigned convention responsibilities. An event like this takes many hands...I thank you all! Congratulations to our new state officers and wish you an amazing 2 years!

Candace, I was so glad that you were able to be with us this weekend. Hearing what's going on internationally from you was inspiring. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in July. Would you like to say a few words?

Candace Martin remarks:

"Wow! Everyone is truly amazing. DKG is amazing because you all are amazing." She said she got an overwhelming feeling of true greatness and humility. There were warm embraces, kindness and joy - what DKG is all about. She said the tribute to our lost ones was a great thing and special but reminded us, "before it's too late," to pay tribute to the living as well and let people know how they are making an impact. She thanked everyone. "I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you. Love You!"

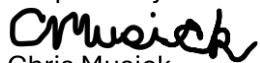
President Irene Maskaly continued:

Thank you Candi and it was an honor to have you here with us.

Announcements:

- Ellen reported that the money was locked up so she didn't have an exact total, but the basket auction raised over \$4,000.
- Saturday May 31st is the portfolio transition meeting and a chance to meet your new leadership team. See you there!
- The International Conference in New Orleans is July 31st -August 2nd. I hope to see many of you there!
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- Also, mark your calendars for DKGNJ 2026 convention April 17th -19th

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Musick

Recording Secretary