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## Educator Tips

1. Meet your students at the door.
2. Whether in a meeting or a classroom, make a positive, personal contact with each person present.
3. Take the word “I” out of your conversation by focusing the conversation on “You”.
4. Set your goals. “By the end of this class or meeting “we” will be able to.....”
5. Be on your feet! Teach and present by moving around to make personal contact throughout the time you are together.
6. Keep current. Make sure you know what is going on in education, in DKG, and in your world.
7. Have fun! It is contagious.
8. Engage in active listening to show your interest and to learn more.
9. Pay it forward. Return a kindness by being kind to others or be the first link in the chain and be kind.
10. Have integrity!

## Mentoring Moment

Shift your focus! To be a successful mentor, you must shift your focus from yourself to others. Be positive and set out to develop meaningful relationships.

DKG Illinois State Organization leaders who visit chapters throughout the state are encouraged to pay attention to chapter leaders. When a visitor sees a member with potential, develop a relationship with them. After the meeting, talk to them and say positive things about their presentation and don’t hesitate to relate what they do to state or international organization projects. Follow up with emails. Then recommend them to state or international committees.

The results are that you get a new woman educator involved and a new relationship and network is created. That is what mentoring is....building relationships!

## Recent Activities

### DKG Town Hall Meetings

As membership has declined, DKG has realized that to move forward the leadership needs informed and strategic decision making. Member feedback and input is very important to this process. Become a part of the conversation and join the DKG leadership for a series of Town Hall meetings. The first conversations in April will focus on future conferences and conventions. Two meetings are scheduled for May 3 and 20, 2023. The May 20, 2023, meeting will be with the Administrative Board. Join the conversation. Details can be found in Upcoming Events on the DKG website.



DKG Membership Director Trisha Woodley and President Dr. Debra LeBlanc visit with members during a ZOOM meeting.



### Did You Know?

In Puerto Rico where there has been so much devastation from storms, the state organization asked, “What can we do better?” Many areas still have little or no reliable internet and schools were seriously affected as were students. The state organization goal was to make things better. They provided backpacks with needed materials for classroom teachers and over 100 children received backpacks with school supplies. The state also mentored teachers about how to best manage online learning.

## EEC Booklist

## Featured Blogs and Articles

Mentoring has been set as a guidepost for developing leadership and membership in our society. One of the most interesting stresses that we have to stop focusing on ourselves and move our focus to others using positive behaviors to build relationships. The author may surprise you as one is an NFL coach Tony Dungy who with Nathan Whitaker has written *The Mentor Leader: Secrets to Building People and Teams that Win Consistently*.

Women for so many years have been ignored because they are women. Read how one woman was *The Only Woman in the Room* written by Marie Benedict. This woman used that belief to become a famous actress and inventor. She was Hedy Lamarr. Read her story.

Another is about a woman who was placed in a mental institution when her husband felt threatened by her intelligence and independence in the late 1800's. Read *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore who also wrote *The Radium Girls*.

### How to Protect Your Peace

Select this link

<https://www.clevergirlfinance.com/blog/protect-your-peace/> which gives you 11 useful and practical tips to aid you in having peace of mind each day.

### Travel

Do you like to travel? Try *My Itchy Travel Feet!* It is a great site to find travel ideas, gear and tips. This site especially focuses on baby boomers. For family travel, check out *Carful of Kids*.

### Women

Go to the National Women's History Museum and read the biographies of some of the most influential women in the United States...Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Jane Addams, Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks and so many more.

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