



To Tell The Truth: DKG Activity and Orientation
Presented by the Iota Xi Research Committee,
IotaXi Chapter, Area XV

Host:

- You are here this evening because you have been recognized as an outstanding educator and we have invited you to become a member of our organization.
- Tonight we would hope you will learn more about Delta Kappa Gamma so that you can make an informed decision about joining this special Society.
- Before you stand three women educators. They will each share some information. Can YOU tell which one is telling the Truth?

Question !-

- So let's begin at the beginning...Let's hear from three of our members...Perhaps they can shed some light on who first organized Delta Kappa Gamma? When and where did Delta Kappa Gamma begin? And maybe they can tell us why it was started.

Member #1

- Delta Kappa Gamma began in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. Juliette Low was a dynamic elementary teacher. She was a lover of nature and an adventurous woman. Juliette was noted as the first woman flight instructor. She founded this organization so that women would be treated fairly and would have the same opportunities as men in the field of education.

Member #2

- Educator and nurse, Clara Barton, founded Delta Kappa Gamma in 1881 in Boston. She was a noted teacher who later worked in the US Patent Office. Clara was the first woman to gain employment in the federal government. She founded this organization so that women would be treated fairly and would have the same opportunities as men in the field of education.

Member #3

- Annie Webb Blanton from Austin, Texas, started Delta Kappa Gamma in 1929. She was a remarkable teacher who became the first woman president of the Texas State Teachers Association. She founded this organization so that women would be treated fairly and would have the same opportunities as men in the field of education.

Host:

- Contestants... Who is telling the truth? Hold up card #1 if you believe member #1 is really telling the truth. Or card #2 if member #2 is actually telling a true story. Or Card #3 if you believe Member #3 has told you who really started Delta Kappa Gamma.
- Congratulations. #3 was telling the truth!

Host:

- Annie Webb Blanton founded Delta Kappa Gamma in 1929.
- Annie Webb Blanton was such a highly respected educator in Texas that when she passed away flags were flown at half-staff.
- She invited 11 others to join her in beginning this special organization.
- Annie wanted women educators that represented the best in the profession and that came from diverse backgrounds to join together in order to support women educators in a plethora of ways.
- And that is why you were invited here tonight. You are following in the footsteps of these 12 dynamic educators-these 12 co-founders of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Question 2-

- Does Delta Kappa Gamma have any special symbols? If so, what are they and what do they mean?

Member #1

- Delta Kappa Gamma was founded in Texas so our symbol is the Yellow Rose. Our colors are yellow and blue...yellow for the Yellow Rose of Texas and blue for the Texas bluebonnet. Yellow and blue are the colors for our organization. Our shield has an olive branch representing peace and the Texas star representing a star to light the way toward better education.

Member #2

- While that sounds logical...actually our colors are red and gold. The red rose is a flower symbol that we frequently use in our ceremonies. The shield that our organization uses contains a laurel wreath to represent honor and the cup of knowledge.

Member #3

- No, no, no.... The reality is that green and white are the colors of Delta Kappa Gamma. Green for hills and fields of Texas and white for the clouds overhead. The shield contains a book and an apple-traditional symbols for education.

Host:

- Contestants... Who is telling the truth? Hold up card #1 if you believe member #1 is really telling the truth. Or card #2 if member #2 is actually telling a true story. Or Card #3 if you believe Member #3 has told you about the real symbols for Delta Kappa Gamma.
- Congratulations.... #2 was telling the truth.

Host:

- Show the large cloth shield and explain each symbol.
- Hold up a membership pin-our "key".

Question 3-

- And members... Can you tell us about the core beliefs, the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma?

Member #1

- Our women's group is focused on the following five factors:
 - To be of service to other women educators,
 - To strengthen tenure and reduce class size,
 - To promote integrity in the workplace,
 - To increase salaries, and
 - To advance world understanding, goodwill and peace, through its fellowship of women educators around the globe.

Member #2

- That sounds reasonable, but actually Delta Kappa Gamma has 7 goals.
 - Unite, honor, advance, inform women educators
 - Promote desirable legislation
 - Endow scholarships
 - To stimulate personal and professional growth in our members

Member #3

- Seven goals? That seems a bit extreme...
- The reality is that the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma is four-fold:
 - To grow and connect women leaders in education
 - To be the experts in cultivating great women educators for tomorrow while continuing to ensure high-quality education for today
 - To share proven research, innovations, and best practices; and
 - To empower members to advocate for their students and their profession.

Host:

- Guests.... Who is telling the truth? Hold up card #1 if you believe member #1 is really telling the truth. Or card #2 if member #2 is actually telling a true story. Or Card #3 if you believe Member #3 has told you about the real symbols for Delta Kappa Gamma.
- Congratulations.... #2 was telling the truth.

Host:

- Pass out seven purposes cards.
- Have members read the purposes and explain (briefly) how this Chapter supports each one.

Question 4:

- Members... What can you tell us about the structure of this organization? Tonight we are at a "Chapter meeting". Is there more to Delta Kappa Gamma than these monthly meetings?

Member #1

- I am so glad you asked that question. We can gather at a State or an national convention where we party all night long, participate in a noncommittal explanation about education and attend anything else that suits us.

Member #2

- Other than at just the state or national level. We have an intergalactic conference where members can attend. They offer workshops that have spectacular views of learning how members can orbit themselves in a classroom, lift off into a directional region of comprehension and many other exploratory ideas out in the unknown knowledge of the universe.

Member #3

- Beyond the local Chapters there are Areas, States, Regions and the International level that unite, honor, endorse and inform the many opportunities of being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Host:

- Well the most enlighten members here. It's that time again of who is telling the truth. Please hold up your numbers.
- Congratulation the number 3 is correct.

Host:

- We are a local Chapter called _____ that was established in _____, We are part of the California State Organization , we are in Area _____ in _____ County (or Counties). We are

located in the Southwest Region, and we are in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, These are all interconnected to bring a highly educated support system to teachers. (You can add information about your Area Conference, the California State Convention, Southwest Regional Conference or the next International Convention at this time.) Let's not forget we do have fun together as sisters in education.

Host:

Question 5:

- Members and guests, we are at the final question for tonight. How does Delta Kappa Gamma communicate within its organization of membership?

Member #1

- Attending a local Chapter meeting certainly gives you the 411. The state newsletter is sent quarterly, and the international newsletter is published bimonthly The web sites of both state and national offers plenty of information, blogs, aps, store, and so much more.

Member #2

- Well... You have heard earlier that we started our organization in 1929 and we love our "traditions". Annie Webb Blanton just loved sending us a written monthly newsletter and we still do that today.

Member #3

- We are of character and a formal meeting with proper attire is truly a must. Hats and gloves at all times. We receive any and all business at that time like gossip that perpetrates the meeting..

Host:

- Honestly, are you not glad this is the last question? Hold up your number and decide who's telling the truth.

Host:

- Congratulations #1 has the real truth.
- As for further communication we offer family groups in the local Chapter where a "mother" of that group will call you monthly with information. Emails and additional calls will inform you of information that is needed. The communication and support goes even further when you are a participant on a committee.
- Chapters can tell how they communicate with their members, These communication tools might include:
 - Chapter newsletter
 - Phone tree

- Chapter website
- Other ways the Chapter communicates
- Chapter members can show examples of how we communicate on the State and International level such as:
 - DKG California Connection
 - DKG Highlights
 - California State website (dkgcalifornia.org)
 - DKG International website (dkg.org)
- Thank you to all who volunteer tonight. Thank you to all who attended our meeting.

Notes about presentation: Each contestant was given a set of numbers 1, 2, and 3 on different colored card stock. After each question was read the three members would each read an answer. Then the contestants (all those present) would hold up a card indicating which answer they thought was correct. The host showed materials representing “DKG Truths” throughout the presentation.