



# Chi State Membership Newsletter

You Are the Key to Membership – Share the Gift!

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**MEET US AT....  
CHI STATE CONVENTION**  
*Set Your GPS for Fun and Learning!*

**Friday-Sunday, May 2-4, 2014**  
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE EVENTS**

**Friday, May 2, 2014** 7:15 – 9:00 PM  
General Session I: Celebrating Membership,  
Panel Discussion, Order of the Rose Ceremony

**Saturday, May 3, 2014** 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
Members Mall: Key to Membership

**Saturday, May 3, 2014** 1:45 - 2:45 PM  
Interest Session I – Stevens Creek Room  
“Unlock the Power of Membership”  
with Marlene Daniels, Membership Task Force  
Don't miss this opportunity to participate  
in this exciting interactive workshop.  
Handouts will be available.

**Sunday, May 4, 2014** 8:00 -8:45 AM  
Celebration of Life

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**MISSION STATEMENT** The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**VISION** Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



**Anna Dinter**

### How to Keep Membership Fun!

We in Delta Kappa Gamma know how much enjoyment we get from having fun and sharing with each other. We hope you are remembering to keep fun as an integral part of your Chapter meetings. It is a great way to destress and get to know each other better. We often ask why members may not be as active as they were when they first joined. Let's try to remind them of the joy they felt in belonging. Below are some suggestions to keep and/or add some FUN to your gatherings.

- Open each meeting with a joke, a story and inspirational quote, or an interesting statistic
- Of course, have food
- Do something that gets the group up and moving around
- Give a puzzle piece to each member and ask them put the puzzle together (Have a puzzle that relates to something going on at the meeting or relates to the chapter or DKG)
- Take about 2-3 minutes at the start of the meeting to have everyone ask the person on their right to share something exciting or unusual that happened to them since the last meeting
- Laugh and smile through the meeting
- Make time for music
- Designate a different person each month to be the "Fun Master" to bring a fun idea of activity to the next meeting
- Find fun ways to show appreciation for your members' efforts
- Be creative and enjoy yourself! If you do, your members will too.

Just the sound of the word "FUN; puts a sparkle in a person's eyes. Who doesn't want to enjoy themselves? What better way to get someone's attention than with laughter and a high-spirited attitude? Have FUN!!!! Come to Convention in May to get more ideas for bringing the fun back into your Chapter and destressing.

- Anna

## Membership Task Force Highlights

Eta Upsilon (Area I) - DKG fliers "You and Us" and "One and All" help in the Chapter's discussion of DKG with nonmembers. Holiday gift bags are also presented to the nonmembers.

Alpha Kappa (Area IV) - The Chapter membership chairperson presents an excellent orientation to new members. She uses the DVD titled, "From the Sparkle of the Past". She has shared that she would like to see the DVD updated.

Beta Psi (Area VI) - The Chapter makes school contacts and provides breakfast for teachers. This gives members the opportunity to market DKG.

Beta Kappa (Area VII) - The Chapter holds a membership tea in the Spring of each school year. They also promote membership at the Chapter's Annual Fashion Show Luncheon.

Delta Iota (Area X) - The Chapter invites all District's Teachers of the Year to a Chapter meeting.

Area XVI held their Area Spring Event on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The Area XVI Chapters initiated sixteen new members. Marlene Daniels, Chairperson of the Chi State Membership Task Force, attend the Area XVI Event and had a lovely time sitting at the table with Nu Chapter members. She was introduced to Mary Lee Anderson who was initiated into Nu Chapter in the early 1950s. Mary Lee has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for over 60 years. She shared several things about her initiation. New initiates wore long dresses for the initiation ceremony. She also shared that it was a very formal process when she was invited to membership.

Eta Theta (Area XVI) - The Chapter gives "Back To School Baskets" to the faculty at three different school sites, and with support from the LIFE Foundation the Chapter gave a \$200.00 grant to each of the sites.

Gamma Chi (Area XVI) - The Chapter begins each year with "Teacher Baskets" for DKG members and nonmembers working in the classroom. The members follow up with gift cards and notes throughout the year.

## Concerns About Membership

- Attracting and recruiting new, young, diverse, working members
- Attracting new members who would be actively involved and take on tasks
- Keeping all members involved
- Retaining members
- Finding time in busy lives with other competing obligations
- Developing leadership skills

## Membership Task Force Report

Eta Chapter has adopted Bret Harte Elementary School in the Long Beach Unified School District. Six of the Chapter members have been working as VIPs and reading tutors with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. A Chapter member gave a \$50 donation to support the school program in some way. It has been decided to start a book shelf in the library and label it DKG/Eta Chapter. During the Chapter's Book Fair in May at Barnes and Noble, members can buy children's books to donate to the library shelf. This will be a "win-win" situation for the Chapter as the library will get books and the monies raised from the Book Fair to go to BARK, one of the Chapter's Community projects. Another "win-win" for the Chapter is that the teachers at Bret Hart have been introduced to the Delta Kappa Gamma volunteers and are very interested in having more volunteers. What a way to market DKG to Bret Harte teachers to become members of Delta Kappa Gamma! Way to go, Eta Chapter!

- Marlene Daniels

## CHI STATE SEVEN PURPOSES

- 1 - To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
- 2 - To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
- 3 - To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
- 4 - To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation in the interests of women educators.
- 5 - To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
- 6 - To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
- 7 - To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

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Spotlight on...

## Successful Membership Strategies from Zeta Sigma Chapter (Area XIII)

### Tea of Excellence

Each year, school administrators are asked to honor a woman educator who has shown leadership and excellence in education. An invitation to a tea is sent to the administrator and their honoree. The tea, with light refreshments, takes place after school at one of the member's homes. The administrator is asked to say a few words about their honoree and a rose and certificate are presented. DKG is explained and the awardees are given an opportunity to attend a future meeting with the hopes that they will want to become a member. Zeta Sigma Chapter has attracted several members through this outreach.

### New Teachers' Bags

Each year, the Chapter makes welcome bags for new teachers. Members and companies donate items such as hand sanitizers, facial tissue, rulers, pens, pencils, markers, and \$5 gift cards. Bags are donated by Office Depot. A ring of cards is also included which gives inspirational quotes, educational websites, and information about the Society's Penne Ferrell Fund award that provides funds to add books to a classroom library for new teachers. The rings of cards are put together by retired members who volunteer. At the first fall meeting, the bags are filled by members and the following day they are delivered by retirees to the new teachers.

### Meeting Responsibilities

Members can be asked to be program presenters, give committee reports, share an inspiration, and be greeters. Members are invited to area meetings to learn about the Society beyond the Chapter level. This practice has increased knowledge and brought forth members willing to become officers.

### Newsletter

Leadership roles work best when they are matched with member interest and expertise. The Chapter newsletter is edited by a retired journalism teacher. The newsletter is sent by email to members and lets them know about past and upcoming events. One or more members are highlighted in each edition, so that members will get to know one another and find commonalities or opportunities for service.

### Buddy System

Members are encouraged to volunteer to check newer members who are not attending meetings to let them know that they are missed and answer any questions they may have.