NEW: Online Only Registration

Registration for 2020 Convention Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2020 NC DKG Convention to be held May 1-3 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro.

This year registration for the convention will be done online using the Google Form found at http://bit.ly/2020NCDKGConvention. Payment will be by credit card or check following the directions on the form. A copy of the registration form for your records will be sent to the email address provided in the form. Registration deadline for the early bird pricing is April 15, 2020.

Payment by credit card will be made using the secure online portal provided by Square. There will be a $4.50 processing fee. An invoice from Square will be sent via email when your registration is processed. If you choose to pay by check, print the Registration Invoice that will be emailed to you and mail a check payable to NC DKG Convention to Myra Aderholdt, Convention Treasurer, 6100 Pintail Court, Oak Ridge, NC 27310-9776.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Myra at myraaderholdt@gmail.com or Cynthia Wooten, Registrar, at cynthia.wooten4@gmail.com.

Presidents Take Note: With the change to online registration, please allow time at your upcoming meetings to help anyone who may need assistance with the online process.

Hints to Editors: Please share so members will know about this change. Encourage them to register early to avoid problems.

Headquarters Pavers Project Complete

The brick pavers are down and look great! The bricks, purchased as part of a fundraiser to support Headquarters, cover the porch. Watch for more info about them in the upcoming NC DKG News.

Book Your Room at the Convention Hotel

In addition to being closer to all the activities, there are other benefits to staying at the convention hotel. Here are four good reasons for booking your room at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro:

1) Enjoy free breakfast (included for hotel guests)
2) Enjoy free afternoon reception and drinks (included with two drink tickets for hotel guests)
3) Enjoy a place to relax between sessions
4) Help meet the hotel block (room commitment); this helps lower the convention costs

Reserve your room now using the code DKG. Call 336-668-4535.
See How We GROW!
From the Mountains to the Seas

From the mountains to the seas, NC DKG members and chapters are “getting their hands dirty.” Let me share examples of Ready, Set, GROW! in action.

See Gamma Delta GROW!
*Generational Diversity* presentation by Dr. Kim Simmons

See Delta Sigma GROW!
*Plus/Delta Research Instrument* used to evaluate the chapter’s annual fundraiser

See Delta Rho GROW!
Dr. Lisa Chapman accepts *Opportunity for Leadership* as President of Central Carolina Community College

See Upsilon GROW!
*Well-Defined chapter fundraising program* — organized Shoe Drive in conjunction with Funds2Org

At the executive board meeting, I shared a passage that said it was often hard to “bloom” when no one notices. I promised I would notice! I, and others, will continue to notice but most importantly you will notice. Bloom in your own time and in your own way while never forgetting to do what you were meant to do.

Once again a question, “What are you meant to do as you Ready, Set, GROW!”?

Presidents Take Note: Having trouble completing your strategic plan? Not sure what goals it should include? Let NC DKG’s *Strategic Plan* be your guide. Following this plan will enable your chapter to align its work with the state and International plans. The strategic plan for the 2019-2021 biennium, which includes a few subtle changes approved at the state convention, is on NC DKG’s website and lists five goals: Membership, Global Awareness, Leadership Development, Community Connections, and Build Resources. Please contact Barbara S. Keller, chair, Planning Committee, if you have questions.

**Parliamentary True or False?**

50% plus one can be used when determining a Majority Vote?

**False**

The word "majority" simply means *more than half*. Not 50% plus one; not one more than half. Simply *more than half*.

For example, 17 votes are cast on a motion, 9 in favor and 8 opposed. 50% of votes cast is 8 1/2, so 50% plus one would be 9 1/2. With that erroneous definition, one would say it didn’t pass. But “*more than half*” would be 9. Therefore, it clearly did pass by a majority vote. (*Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised [RONR]*)


Celebrate a Teacher

The NC DKG Educational Foundation’s 101 Donations Challenge encourages members to celebrate teachers who are making an impact in our schools and our communities by making a donation in their honor. Each NC DKG region is challenged to recognize 101 teachers with a contribution of $10 each to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. All donations will support the Foundation’s Grants Program. All of the information, forms, and Celebration Certificates are available on the Foundation website at http://www.ncdkgef.org/101-challenge.html.

Hints to Editors: Please share in your newsletters! This project not only supports the Educational Foundation, it will recognize any and all teachers—a win-win!

Survey on Website

A new feature on the NC DKG website is a survey so every member has input into decision-making. It’s on the top right of the homepage.

The current survey question deals with favors at the state convention. Make sure you have answered the question so your voice will be heard in planning for the 2020 state convention.

Watch for new questions periodically and let your voice be heard!

Hints to Editors: The survey questions are for everyone, so please share in your newsletter to keep your members informed of this new addition to the website.

Paying It Forward Through Dollar$ for Dorian—It’s Not Too Late to Contribute

Before the September NC DKG Executive Board meeting, President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan challenged board members, “How can NC DKG chapters and members make a difference?” She reminded leaders that last year other states helped NC members with donations to Fund$ for Florence and suggested that attendees bring Walmart, Target or Amazon gift cards or checks or cash to support the Dollar$ for Dorian campaign.

Although the target deadline for donations is October 15, it is not too late to give. If you or your chapter want to contribute, send your gift cards or checks to Leslie Black at 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609. Every contribution to Dollar$ for Dorian will make a difference.

Ready to Grow? Consider This!

Do you know a NC DKG member who is READY to Grow? We need someone who:
- Is an active Society member in good standing.
- Supports the purposes and missions of the Society and possesses knowledge of the Society at all levels.
- Has had leadership experiences at the state and chapter levels.
- Demonstrates effective interpersonal, communication, and time management skills.
- Has strong writing and computer skills and is prepared to update these skills regularly as technology advances.
- Has the willingness and available time to GROW personally and professionally in service to NC DKG!

SET! If this fits for you, please apply yourself. If you know someone who fits this description, encourage her to apply for the position of Executive Secretary which will be vacant in July 2020. Watch for the job description and application to be posted online by November 1, 2019.
How Does Your Membership Grow?

Retired members often state that recommending women educators for membership is difficult when you are not working in schools each day. As a member anticipates retiring, please encourage her to actively recruit younger educators and continue to mentor them after retiring. This practice will facilitate active involvement of older members.

Internal Marketing

The Sept/Oct Get Connected from the International Communications and Marketing Committee talks about using the DKG website for internal marketing. Promoting DKG’s Purposes, Mission, projects, and benefits to members so they see the value is one way to encourage members to continue their membership. Chapters often work on recruiting members (external marketing) but forget to work to keep the ones they have (internal marketing)! As of October 1, 2019, DKG had lost over 3,300 members this year alone, so internal marketing is needed!

Share Get Connected with your members. It is found on the International website → Publications tab → Newsletters and on the NC DKG website → C&M Committee page. This issue also includes startling facts about the decline in membership and chapter numbers over the last five years.

Important

Remember chapters can reinstate members at any time with no fees. The reinstated member will need to pay dues. Treasurers will go into the Chapter Connect portal, click on Members → Manage and then on the green reinstate button.

Changes to International Website

A couple of minor changes to the International website might have escaped notice but will make finding things easier! The “Tools” and “Resources” tabs have now merged and are all housed under “Resources.”

Find Chapter Tools on the Resources tab, which includes new member kits, chapter leader calendar and guidelines, and ideas for chapter strengthening and keeping members engaged.

Other resources include ceremonies, logos and music, videos/PowerPoints/templates, brochures/flyers, the Leadership Lab, and DKG App, plus tools for state organizations, scholarships, communications and marketing, and finance.

The Constitution and International Standing Rules; the Guidelines, Actions, Policies and Procedures (GAPP); the Strategic Plan; and the Go-to Guide are now housed under a new “Governing Docs” tab.

Check it out and stay informed!

Save the Date July 7-11, 2020

Plans are well under way for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, July 7-11. The City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection has much to offer attendees outside the convention times.

The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown is the official convention hotel. (Registration for the hotel will open in January.) The hotel is attached by a walkway to the Reading Terminal Market, one of America’s largest and oldest public markets featuring more than 80 vendors of a wide variety of products, such as fresh produce, baked goods, meats, flowers, and jewelry, as well as a variety of eateries. Be sure to plan time in your convention schedule to visit the market.

Watch the DKG convention webpage for registration materials, session forms, and announcements. Watch the convention invitation videos to learn more.

Convention Dates

May 1 - 3, 2020 — NC DKG Convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro, Region VII
July 7 - 11, 2020 — International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
April 23 - 25, 2021 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort
July 11-14, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

International Website: https://www.dkg.org
NC DKG Website: https://www.ncdkg.org

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