



January 2026 President's Page

Hello Ladies.....

Another year has arrived. You know that old saying “Time moves faster the older you get”, well it is true! I don’t know where 2025 went!! I guess it is time to look forward.

2026 is going to be an exciting year. We will have our State Convention the end of June and the International Convention begins the end of June.

Our State Convention is in the planning stage and we will be meeting by ZOOM on Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 10:00-12:00. Members.....please let me know if you have any questions or concerns for the agenda. We have two more dates on the meeting schedule: Saturday, March 21, 2026, ZOOM, 10:00-12:00 and Saturday, May 23, 2026, ZOOM, 10:00-12:00. The State Executive Board Meeting is on ZOOM, Monday, June 22, 2026 from 10:00-12:00. The State Convention will also be on ZOOM. It will be from 10:00-2:00 on Thursday, June 25, 2026. Thanks, Ladies for being on this committee.

Information on the DKG International Convention in Aurora, CO is now available on the International website. You will find the registration form and hotel registration information. ALSO, if you are interested in being a presenter, your submission is due by close of business, Monday, January 5, 2026. I hope one of you have a great program planned.

Dr. Joyce King (Gamma), past state president, will make a Presentation on “Gratitude” by ZOOM on Saturday, January 24, 2026. I have attached the invitation to attend. ALL state members are invited but PLEASE let Dr. King know you wish to attend so she can send you the link. Hope to see you there.

Did anyone send in their request to be our State Ambassador? If you did, will you let me know? If anyone is still interested, please let me know.

Please go on the International website and check out the Visionary Network programs offered and Leadership Resources. I have attached a great set of questions for Chapter Presidents. This is from the West Virginia State Organization. There is so much more to check out and read.

Also, on the International website is “Impact Spotlight” Please read over requirements for submission.

Do you want to travel? Collette Tours is offering a 14-day trip to Japan in October 2026. Information on cost, itinerary and booking is available on the International website.

Now to State Chapter reminders:

It is time to plan for your Chapter elections. Chapter Presidents, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents and Secretaries are elected in even-numbered years. Your Treasurer is appointed not elected. Further information can be found on the State website, dkgnv.org, in the State By-Laws.

It is also time to consider which of your Chapter members deserves to receive your Rose of Recognition. Your submission is due to Judy Merz (Epsilon) by February 15th, jrmerz@aol.com.

All nominations for the State Exemplary Award are also due by January 15th to Judy Merz (Epsilon), jrmerz@aol.com.

- Criteria and submission forms for the Rose of Recognition and Exemplary award are available on our State website, dkgnv.org, in the State Standing Rules.
- I have also attached a list of DKG International and State due dates for you.



I think I have covered most everything I had wanted to but I am sure I have forgotten something.

I will close up for now, but please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. If you are having a ZOOM Chapter meeting, I would love to attend.

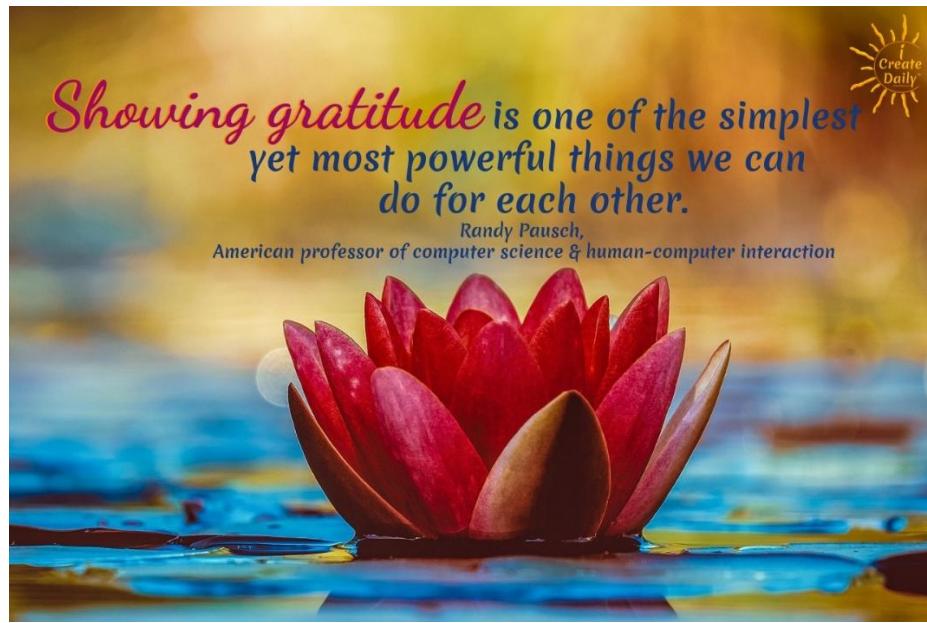
I wish you and yours a wonderful start to this brand-new year!

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Websites: International – dkg.org State – dkgnv.org

Happy New Year!





**Join Dr. Joyce King for a Gamma Chapter Zoom presentation
on Saturday, January 24, 2026
from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

**(We usually don't go the entire 2 hours and there
will be a short intermission.)**

**If you are interested,
Please send me your email and I will
send you the information you need to
get to the Zoom meeting.**

All are welcome!

**Links will be sent out during January to those who sign up. Contact Joyce King
at this email: kjlv29@aol.com**

Dr. Joyce



January 2026

Mon Jan 5 All day

2026 International Convention Workshop Proposals due

Thu January 15

Exemplary Service Award nomination to Judy Merz (Epsilon)

February 2026

Sun Feb 1 All day

Educators Book Award Submissions All day

Scholarship Application due

Sun Feb 15 All day

Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery

Sun February 15

Rose of Recognition

Submit to Chair, Judy Merz (Epsilon)

Yearbook Information

Submit to State Historian, Candy Rooney (Delta)

March 2026

Sun Mar 1 All day

Arts & Humanities Jury application All day

Bulletin: Journal submissions All day

DKGIEF Project Application All day

Editorial Board application All day

International Achievement Award recommendations All day

International Committee Recommendation

Fri March 1

Chapter newsletters submitted (at least one) to State Communication's Chair, Susan Neal (Kappa)

Chapter Necrology Report

Submit to State Membership Chair, Cheryl Anderson (Delta)

April 2026

Thu Apr 30 All day

Dissertation recognition

May 2026

Fri May 1 All day

DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD Application All day

SOPs to request international speaker from International Speakers Fund

Fri May 15 All day

Bulletin: Journal submissions All day

Report of Chapter Officers

June 2026

Mon June 22

State Executive Board Meeting by Zoom from 10:00-12:00

Thu June 25

State Convention via Zoom

10:00-2:00 on Thursday, June 25, 2026

July 2026

Fri Jul 31 All day

Chapter Treasurer Annual Report to SO

August 2026

Sat Aug 1 All day

Bulletin: Collegial Exchange Submissions

September 2026

Tue Sep 1 All day

International Speakers Fund Speaker application due

Tue Sep 15 All day

Arts & Humanities Gallery Submissions for Fall Gallery All day

Nomination Recommendations & Endorsement Forms for International Officers/Elected committees

Wed Sep 30 All day

All dues must be entered in the portal to avoid members being dropped Oct. 1st

October 2026

Thu Oct 1 All day

Bulletin: Journal submissions

Thu Oct 15 All day

Society Representative request

Sat Oct 31 All day

Website compliance renewal

November 2026

Sun Nov 1 All day

DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD application All day

DKGIEF Cornetet CSPD application

Sun Nov 15 All day

All Treasurers to file IRS 990 (US Only)

December 2026

Tue Dec 1 All day

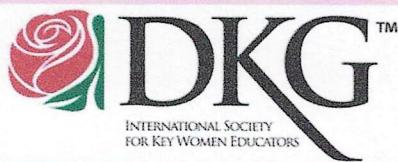
DKG Ignite (LMS) application All day

State Organization Treasurer annual report (Form 16)

Tue Dec 15 All day

Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions

FIVE QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



West Virginia
State Organization

2 BENEFITS

Do your members know about the benefits of DKG membership?

- Scholarships & Grants (WVSO and International)
- WVSO Disaster Fund
- International Emergency Fund
- and so much more

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MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT

Where and how do you promote DKG in your communities?



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CONNECTION

How are you connecting with members at the chapter, state, and international levels?

