



## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>, [jrmerz@aol.com](mailto:jrmerz@aol.com).

All nominations for the State Exemplary Award are also due by January 15<sup>th</sup> to Judy Merz (Epsilon), [jrmerz@aol.com](mailto:jrmerz@aol.com).

- Criteria and submission forms for the Rose of Recognition and Exemplary award are available on our State website, [dkgnv.org](http://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! .....

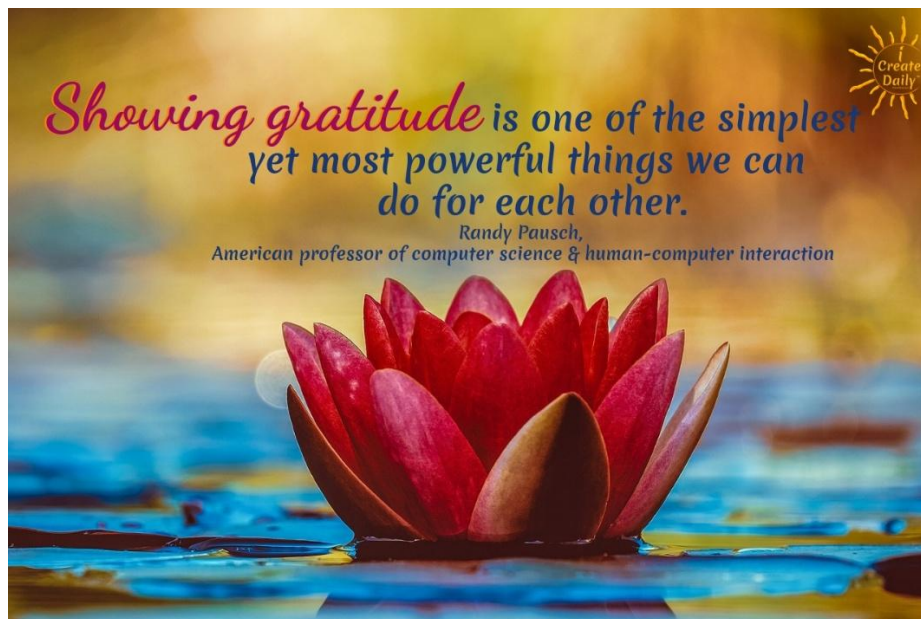
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Websites: International – [dkg.org](http://dkg.org)

State – [dkgnv.org](http://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](mailto: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**



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## QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



**DKG™**  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY  
FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

**West Virginia  
State Organization**

### 1

## INVOLVEMENT

Are you involving all your members in chapter activities and leadership?



### 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

### 3

## MEMBERS

Do your members feel welcome, inspired, and empowered at your meetings?

### 4

## MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT

Where and how do you promote DKG in your communities?



### 5

## CONNECTION

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

