



October 2026 – President's Page

Hi Ladies,

It looks like the fall season is upon us! The stores are full of creepy things and fall decor. I hope the start to holidays is going well for you.

To start this page off, I will try to cover the basics of our Executive Board ZOOM meeting. It was well attended, Thank You. Cheryl Anderson (Delta) started us off with a report on membership. As I know you have figured out, our attendance has dropped from 152 to 122 with chapters dissolving and with the passing of three of our members. Financially, the state is still doing fine.

We had a long discussion about the restructuring of the Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee is looking for ways to allow part of the accrued funds to be used for a Master's Degree and/or other professional advancements without altering the original intent of the scholarship. There was also the recommendation to increase the maximum amount awarded by the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship. Final recommendations will be made at a future Executive Board meeting.

Our 2027 State Convention venue is set. It will be at the SureStay Best Western April 30-May 1, 2027. THANK YOU to Maxine Emm (Delta) for all her hard work. Registration information will be coming in the new year. A wonderful and exciting new event will be added to this convention – AN ART EXHIBIT!!!!. Judy Silker (Nu) is getting this organized and will send out more information before the convention. Get ready to bring your artistic offerings for all to admire.

Marlene Killian (Omicron) and Judy Silker (Nu) are working hard to update our State Bylaws and Standing Rules. A lot of things have changed at International making our two ladies' job all the more difficult. Thank you, Ladies, and if I can help, please let me know.

One great future plan that has been put in motion is the Virtual Chapter. We are looking for ladies who would like to be part of DKG but have time restraints. They would meet four times a year by ZOOM or more if they so choose. Reach out to other educators and if they seem interested ask them to contact me, Susan Neal (State) sneal@gmail.com or Rebecca Weeks (Gamma) weeksr1@nv.ccsd.net.



Judy Merz (Gamma) and I will be getting together a group to plan a Leadership Seminar/Training. If things go as planned, it will take place during our 2027 State Convention.

Candy Rooney (Delta), rcrooney88@charter.net, would like each chapter to send her their list of officers, meeting schedule and photos. She is getting the Online Yearbook ready for the Convention.

If your chapter makes a donation to the Emergency Fund directly to International, will you please let Marlene Killian (Omicron), mkillion.wmca@gmail.com, know because International does not notify her of your donation.

As part of our State Initiative to increase membership, many years back, we instituted the State Apple Award. I know that has been difficult for some chapters, but remember the amount awarded, whether small or large, is determined by the chapter. I am encouraging all chapters to reach out to those educators who need financial assistance for either a small or large project and find out how you can help. It will help our children and also let others know of our DKG organization.

I hope you all have had a chance to go on the International website because it has a lot of information in MANY areas that may be beneficial to you and your chapter. There is a big push on for Supporting Early Educators, Girls Fund (Every Child - name change effective July 2027), Leadership and the Visionary Network. The Visionary Network covers such topics as AI, Travel, Crafts, Authors and more. Check it out!

Well, it is time to close but wishing you a Happy Halloween!

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