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Renew - Reach Out - Recognize

President's Message



Happy New Year! I send the wish for a prosperous and wonderful 2023 to all DKG sisters. We have reached the beginning the end of this biennium for ASO officers and committees. But wait. there are still more events ahead. We have the Creative Arts Retreat in less than two weeks. I look forward seeing many of you there. The AZ Legislative Day is planned for the first week in March. It will be virtual again this year. This is to give more members the chance to take part as we hear from and speak to our Arizona's elected officials. The Nominating Committee will soon be announcing the slate of candidates to lead Arizona in the 2023-2025 biennium. Scholarship applications and award nominations are coming due. Then, committee reports will be due and it will be time for our annual state convention.

So much to look forward to in 2023.

Susan

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, January 10 INSIDE INTERNATIONAL Zoom meeting 10:30 am MST

Jan 14 & 15, 2023 Creative Art Retreat Spirit of the Desert Carefree, AZ

June 2-4, 2023 State Convention Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites

July 18-22, 2023 DKG International Conference Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass Phoenix, AZ

The Arizona Sahuaro

The Arizona Sahuaro will be sent to you in March. Chapter presidents and committee chairman please let everyone know your activities and accomplishments. Write an article and share your pictures. Submissions are to be sent to sahuaroeditor@gmail.com by February 1st. This will be a print edition. it will include the convention registration form and the biographies of the proposed slate of state officers.

Arizona DKG chapters are always so generous with their time and resources for schools and the community. Now, get recognized for your work!



It was my honor to present Josephine Morgan with her DKG 50-year membership certificate and pin at the **Beta Chapter November** meeting.

Annual Chapter Necrology Report



Chapter presidents please help the state Necrology Committee to prepare a complete Remembrance Ceremony for the state convention. We want to be sure honor all of sisters that have passed since our last convention. Please send your DKG Form 2 Annual Chapter Necrology Report to Kathi Houtcooper. Be sure to report deceased members since last year's report. Remember that all names listed in this report are to have been sent to Society Headquarters on Form 6. This form is found on the DKG website under Forms - Membership. Form 2 is not updated on the DKG website but should be soon. It can be found under Forms -Reports.

You can email the form to Kathi Houtcooper at essmott@cox.net





Rejuvenate & Reenergize with DKG



The Arizona State Organization Convention is set for June 2-4, 2023, in Tucson. Join your sisters from around Arizona for a weekend to "Rejuvenate & Reenergize with DKG." Mark your calendars to meet at the Tucson Sheraton Hotel & Suites at 5151 E. Grant Rd. The 2023 Convention Steering Committee is hard at work to bring members together for a weekend of education, fellowship, fun, and relaxation.

Anyone interested in presenting or suggesting a presenter for a breakout session on Saturday please email Susan Halliday at shalliday3@gmail.com













DKG Members and Guests

You are invited to attend the upcoming event sponsored by the Virtual Teachers' Lounge.

Saturday, January 14, 2023 12:00 noon-1:30 pm ET (Webinar)

Dealing with Educator and Student Mental Health: Sharing Successful Strategies

Register here: https://forms.gle/odh1mWRAcNnxwKAVA

The discussion leaders are members of the DKG and founders of the Virtual Teachers' Lounge.

Karen Gross is an educator and author of adult and children's books and a former college president. She serves as an instructor in continuing education at the Rutgers School of Social Work, a visiting professor at various colleges, and a consultant to school systems across the United States. She was an author in residence at Molly Stark Elementary School in VT.

Sakina McGruder is a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) with more than 18 years of experience with elementary and intermediate school students and their families. She currently teaches kindergarten and works on programs to improve the lives of teachers. Pat Neal served as a teacher in the DC Public Schools. Later, she served as a teacher and school counselor for elementary and middle school students and as the Director of Student Services in the Fairfax, Virginia Public School System. She is a recognized leader of educational organizations across the United States including the 2019-2021 president of DKG DC State Organization.

Questions? Contact Pat Neal at patneal60@gmail.com

Scholarship Deadlines

International scholarships DKG.org, Apply/Submit deadline is February 1st

Arizona State Organization scholarship, azdkg.weebly.com deadline is April 1st

Jo Regenold Fund is always open and available to active educators. Apply anytime azdkg.weebly.com