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# THE AZ RECORD



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### President's Message

February has certainly gotten off to a busy start. So many events to attend and to plan. Also busy at home with new flooring throughout the house. Beautiful, but oh what a mess. Now, you see why I am late in getting this newsletter out. My apologies.

Our first in person state convention since 2019 is shaping up to be an educational and fun filled weekend. The theme is "Recognizing the Past , Embracing the Future." Our International Guest will be Janis Barr, Southwest Regional Director. The committee is now calling for presenters for the breakout sessions. We are looking for a variety subjects. We want to appeal to both working and retired members. Please contact Susan Halliday or Kathi Houtcooper if you are interested in presenting.

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**Friday, March 4**

**Arizona State Legislative Day**

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Virtual Event

**March 6-8, 2022**

**US Forum**

**National Legislative Seminar**

Washington, DC

**June 3-5, 2022:**

**State Convention**

Sheraton Phoenix

Crescent Hotel

Phoenix, AZ

**July 12-16:**

**DKG International**

**Convention**

New Orleans, LA

## President's Message continued

You may have noticed that all personal email addresses have been removed from our state website. This was done because officers were getting scam emails using other email addresses found on our website. Anyone needing a electronic copy of the state directory can get one from me .

Recently, members of my chapter have been receiving bogus emails with infected attachments. These emails were supposedly sent from other chapter members. It has been suggested that we send all group emails by blind copy. Address it TO you and BCC to your group. This way no one is able to see your contacts. It is sad that it has come to this, but these are the perils of technology.

I hope that you all are staying healthy, happy, and active.

*Susan*

## Important Deadlines

- **International Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery February 15**
- **Friend of Education nomination March 31**
- **Arizona State Scholarship application April 1**
- **DKG Media Award nomination April 15**
- **State Achievement Award nomination April 15**
- **Volunteer and Educator Spotlight Awards May 1**

All state applications and nomination forms can be found on the state website  
[www.azdkg.weebly.com](http://www.azdkg.weebly.com)

## DKG SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

This year we are elated to be able to offer more scholarships to members of Arizona DKG. There is a wide variety of educational advancement opportunities that a member would be able to apply for: advanced degrees, specialized endorsements, national board certification and other possibilities. If you are thinking of moving up on the pay scale or just want to take a few classes to finish an endorsement, a Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship is waiting for you!

There is also another opportunity to receive money to enhance your classroom, virtually or in person. The Jo Regenold Fund was set up in her honor to help defray some of the out-of-pocket expenses that would enrich student learning. Some examples of what this fund could be used for are: supplies for art, music, or math activities, or a field trip. Previous awards have included seminar registration and 4th grade science materials.

Please consider applying; you have until April 1, 2022, to apply for either of these DKG awards. The Scholarship Committee is waiting for you to apply! The applications can be found on the Arizona DKG website.

## Legislative Day

Sponsored by AZ Delta Kappa Gamma and All Arizona School Retirees Association

The annual **Legislative Day** is scheduled for **Friday, March 4th**, as a zoom meeting due to the health security (Covid) issues at the Arizona Capitol. Times for the zoom meeting is from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. We are asking the Senators and Representatives as well as the State Superintendent of Instruction to respond to one of two talking points.

1. At present there are over 2000 classrooms in Arizona with unfilled teacher vacancies or staffed with non-certified personnel. Arizona is ranked nationally at 49th out of 50 states for teacher salaries. How will you address these issues in the legislature this year?
2. We are very interested in the fiscal well-being of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS). As a legislator, what are your goals, interests and concerns about the ASRS? Do you believe it is important to support, protect and improve this defined benefit pension system for public sector employees in Arizona? What legislative actions would you sponsor and/or support to further these goals.

Please set aside that afternoon to inform yourself with the issues related to these two topics. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89779142371?pwd=UVdSbytXZnhVTZlUXJYSzNBcDVjQT09>

### National Legislative Day

Interested in enhancing your advocacy skills and discussing federal legislative issues that affect women, children and education with Key Women Educators? Attend the 2022 DKG US Forum in Washington, DC. Participants hear first-hand from informative speakers, focus on the latest legislative issues and have a chance to meet with their Legislators. The seminar is March 6-8, 2022., the cost is \$210. The registration links can be found on the website: [dkg.usforum.com](http://dkg.usforum.com). This includes a link directly to the Holiday Inn for preferred room rate of \$169. The DKG rate will only be available until February 20, 2022.

### 2023 International Conference

The International Executive Board approved the recommendation that Arizona, specifically the Phoenix area as an international conference site in 2023. The specific site has not been set but the Wild Horse Pass Sheraton and Kierland Westin are being considered. Having the conference in Arizona will not put extra duties on state members. The Executive board instead, now requests volunteers from all members attending the event to take on the conference responsibilities. The second international conference will be held in Detroit, Michigan.

[WWW.DKG.ORG](http://WWW.DKG.ORG)



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