



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Mission Statement:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Purposes:

Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International:

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators
- To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

Core Values:

- *Collegiality
- *Professional/personal growth
- *Leadership
- *Philanthropy/service
- *International diversity

Vision Statement:



Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

**THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF DKG
THE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL,
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION,
and
THE ALPHA BETA CHAPTER**



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded May 11, 1929, at the Faculty Women's Club at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Alpha Chapter of Alpha State Organization placed a plaque where the Women's Club once stood on campus. Dr. Annie Webb Blanton (pictured above), member of the faculty of the University of Texas and a former state superintendent of public instruction in Texas, conceived the idea of an organization for women educators. Eleven women educators from Texas, representing various professional positions in education, were initiated by Dr. Blanton. Alpha Chapter was installed on June 3, 1929.

These 12 Founders were Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, Austin, Texas; Miss Mamie Sue Bastian, Houston, Texas; Miss Ruby Cole, San Antonio, Texas; Miss Mabel Grizzard, Waxahachie, Texas; Dr. Anna Hiss, Austin, Texas; Miss Ray King, Fort Worth, Texas; Miss Sue King, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Helen Koch, Austin, Texas; Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax, Austin, Texas; Dr. Cora M. Martin, Austin, Texas; Mrs. Lalla M. Odom, Austin, Texas; and Miss Lela Lee Williams, Dallas, Texas. (All are deceased.)

Our Founders

Women of courage and vision who designed our future



The Founders believed that there was need for an organization in which women educators—rural and urban teachers; preschool, elementary, high school, college, and university teachers; librarians; school administrators; supervisors—might be united for efforts toward better professional preparation, recognition of women’s work in the teaching profession, and scholarships for those needing aid in improving their professional preparation.

The name Delta Kappa Gamma is a combination of the initial letters of three Greek words: Διδασκαοι—**D**idaskotikai meaning teachers; Κλειδουχοι—**K**leidouchai meaning key; and, Γυναικες—**G**ynaikes meaning women. Today we use DKG. “Society” designates the international organization.

Eight years after the founding of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the Pennsylvania State Organization was chartered in Philadelphia on January 23, 1937 and began its vision as Leading Women Educators who are Impacting Education Worldwide. Our International founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, traveled from Texas to participate in our state’s induction into the Society. Miss Jessie Gray former president of the National Education Association along with 16 other women (three of whom were state founders in other states) founded Alpha Alpha State (now Pennsylvania State Organization). The State had 11 charter members. Our first state president was Vesta Watson. Jessie Gray served as first secretary of the state organization and was also the first president of Alpha Chapter in Philadelphia. Today the Pennsylvania State Organization represents 50 chapters across Pennsylvania with over 2100 members.

In February 1948, some teachers in Bedford County received invitations from Blanche Foster, Alpha Alpha State President of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, to become members of the Society. Dorothy Felton, Belle Oberheim, and Martha Stailey accepted the invitations and were initiated into the Society on May 1, 1948 at the State Convention in Hershey.

The Alpha Beta Chapter of the Pennsylvania State Organization was founded on May 22, 1948 in Parlor A of the Bedford Springs Hotel. The 15 charter members of the Chapter were: Ruth Brice, Irma Diehl, Dorothy Felton, Dorothy Giles, Sara Gloor, Mabel Holderbaum, Evelyn Miller, Rosalind Mowry (first Chapter President), Belle Oberheim, Sara Palmer, Grace Rankin, Ruth Rohrer, Martha Stailey, and Madolin Taylor. We continue the legacy of our local founding sisters and we continue to forge new pathways of leadership for women educators in our region.

Symbolism of the DKG Crest:



Crimson Color	courage, fearlessness, and power
Band of Gold	faithfulness and zeal
Tudor Roses	helpfulness, loyalty, and friendship
Flaming Lamp	scholarship
Open Book	knowledge
Scroll	our pledge to the purpose of the Society
Laurel Leaves	achievement
Scythes	cup of knowledge
Torse of red and gold	inspiration

DKG is structured into five regions: Europe, NW, NE, SE, and SW. The NE and NW regions include Canadian provinces. The SW region includes Central America, Japan, and Mexico. The international offices for DKG are located in Austin, TX because the organization was founded there in 1929.



75,000 members



2,200 chapters



78 state organizations



5 regions



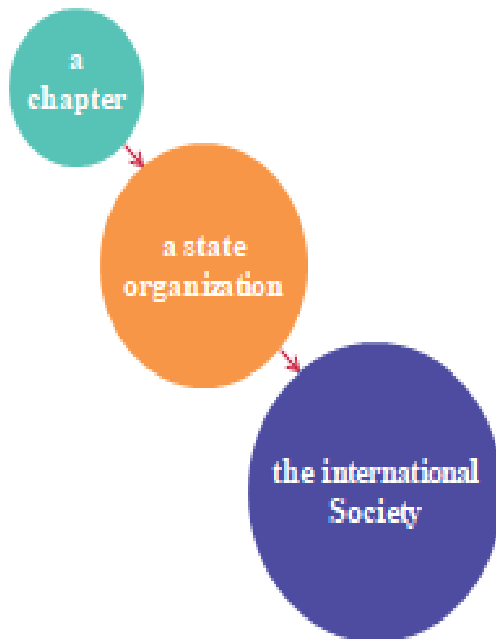
CHAPTER = ALPHA BETA (www.alphabeta-dka.uscblu.com)

STATE ORGANIZATION = PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION (www.dkausa.uscblu.com)

REGION = NE

DKG SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL = (www.dka.org)

Members of DKG belong to



**Extensive
networking
opportunities
and support
through DKG**



Opportunities through DKG



Leadership
Leadership
Management Seminar

Leadership growth
opportunities
sponsored by the
Eunah Temple
Holden Leadership
Fund Committee



Travel & Networking
International Speakers
Fund

International Convention
Regional Conference

State Organization
Convention

Area Workshops
(Purposeful Seminar;
Creative Arts Retreat)



Financial Assistance
Scholarships

Emergency Fund

Educational Foundation
grants



Discounts
Insurance

AmazonSmile

GoodSearch

GoAhead Tours

Capella

DKG news sources include The DKG News (Society), The Keystonian (State), Alpha Beta Bits Newsletter (Chapter)

Opportunities through DKG



Activism
Forums
Canada, Europe,
Latin America,
United States

UNICEF Projects

World Fellowship
grants



Publishing
*The Delta Kappa Gamma
Bulletin*

Professional journal
published 3 times a year

Collegial magazine
published 2 times a year

Fine Arts Gallery



Recognitions
Educators Award of \$2,500
presented annually to a woman
author or to joint authors
whose book influences
educational direction

Achievement Award

Doctoral recipients

Continuing education credits

Members contribute to the Society by...

- Participating in meetings, projects, and activities of the chapter, area, state organization, and international
- Sharing interests, talents, and professional expertise
- Seeking out opportunities to grow professionally and supporting others in their growth – we encourage each other
- Paying dues and fees
- Becoming involved in chapter life by attending meetings, and other activities, serving as a meeting hostess, by providing a favor at a meeting, and by using voice and vote in chapter business
- Accepting leadership roles



The Honor of Membership

Someone noticed your work.

Someone noted your standards.

Someone believed in your potential.

Someone sought your association.

Someone sponsored your invitation.

Someone honored you.

Remember that person's confidence in you.

Consider your membership invitation carefully.

