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Leadership Links

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Chapter Checkup from Chapter Strengthening Committee

Along with your other New Year's resolutions about eating healthier and getting more exercise, why not add one for your chapter? Why not resolve to make your chapter healthier in the coming year? Need a little help figuring out how to do that? The Chapter Checkup document (see the attached file) from the 2016-2018 International Membership Committee is a great starting point. It identifies the vital signs of a strong, healthy chapter but also provides tips and suggestions to improve areas that need a little work.

Find this and other Chapter Strengthening tools and ideas on the DKG.org website. Also, remember that your area director and members of the Xi State Chapter Strengthening Committee are eager to help.

Contact Dr. Dorrie Powell if you have questions or concerns. Her email is powelld1@hardemancountyschools.org.

New Chapter Officer Trainings Set for April 2018

Xi State officers, related personnel, and selected committee chairs are looking forward to training your newly tapped 2018-20 chapter leaders in April.

East Tennessee – Knoxville – Saturday, **April 14**

Middle Tennessee – Nashville – Saturday, **April 21**

West Tennessee – Jackson – Saturday, **April 28**

We will provide meeting locations and the registration form in the February *Leadership Links*, but the dates will allow your leaders to make plans to attend the training most convenient for them. Feel free to participate in a training outside your part of the state if that would work best with your schedule, but plan to send at least six members for training in these specific areas:

Chapter president – full day – 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Membership – full day – 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Program/Educational Excellence chair – half day – 9:00– 11:30 a.m.

Treasurer – half day – 9:00– 11:30 a.m.

Website/Communications – half day – 9:00– 11:30 a.m.

Rules – half day – 9:00– 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served for everyone between 11:30 and 12:30 for a cost of \$5.00 per person due with registration. If your chapter has the funds, it would be nice for chapters to pay for your leaders' lunches in exchange for their travel and time volunteered to serve your members.

Legislative Symposium Dates Set for February 6-7, 2018

The Legislation Committee Chair Joan Howell and her committee members invite you to join them for the Xi State Legislative Symposium **February 6-7, 2018**: Tuesday, February 6 - Legislative Panel – 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 7 – Morning Assembly – 7:00 a.m. followed by visit to legislators on Capitol Hill. Hotel reservations may be made at the Millennium Maxwell House in Nashville and are the responsibility of each attendee. The cost per room is \$115 per room + \$10 per person for hot breakfast buffet voucher in hotel dining room + tax. Walk-ins are welcome for the hotel breakfast buffet Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. – 7 a.m. for \$12/person. In order to book a room at the DKG group rate, we recommend that you make your reservation with the hotel by **January 5 but no later than January 15, 2018.**

Register for Legislative Symposium on the Xi State website (www.xistate.org) by **January 10, 2018.** Reserve hotel room by clicking [here](#) and using the Group Code for \$115 room discount **1802DELKAP** if needed or by calling the hotel toll free at (800) 457-4460 (Monday through Friday 7am – 7pm Central Standard Time).

Apply Now for the Beginning Leadership Management Seminar in March

The Xi State Leadership Development Committee chair Tracy Collier and her committee would like for interested members to participate in the Spring Beginning Leadership Management Seminar. The seminar will be **March 23-34, 2018**, at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport, TN. The Xi State Leadership Management Seminars have been of great benefit to so many of our past, current, and future leaders in DKG. Participants come away with a renewed love of DKG, and many are able to find the true leader within themselves so that they can use those skills in their chapters, schools, and communities. Please consider applying to our spring seminar and find the leader within yourself! The application is now available on the Xi State website and included with this issue of *Leadership Links*. The **deadline is January 10, 2018.**

Personnel Committee Seeks New Executive Secretary and Treasurer

The Xi State Personnel Committee under the leadership of chair Dee Dee Rives is seeking qualified applicants for two positions: Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Please see attached flyers for both positions and application due **March 31, 2018.**

Special Events Committee Sets Guidelines for 2018 Silent Auction

Chair Patsye Jones and the Special Events Committee would like to share the message below:

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready for 2018. A new year means Xi State Convention is approaching fast. The Special Events Committee would like to remind you of the guidelines for the Silent Auction.

2018 SILENT AUCTION GUIDELINES

- The items can be individual items or in a basket. They can be crafts, art, handmade or store bought.
- There may or may not be a theme for the basket (ex. Father's Day, baby, teacher, hobbies, gardening, etc.).
- SMALL DOES NOT EQUAL INEXPENSIVE.

- We are asking that each basket/item has a \$25.00-\$50.00 limit when making it. This will help the Chapter feel the bidding is adequate for the cost spent. You may have more than one item or basket per Chapter, just remember to stay within money frame.
- If your chapter chooses not to send an item for auction, you may give at least a \$25.00 donation to Xi State. This will secure your chapter a certificate of recognition and credit toward the Chapter Excellence Award.
- Please remember the money raised goes to the Leadership Development Committee. This money helps to plan programs and speakers that will advance the leadership skills of our own chapter members. The more we raise, the more options available for them.
- There will be an APPLE AWARD presented to the chapter whose item brings the largest bid.

Another project we are asking for help is that of selling the Iris Notepads. You may purchase 1 pad for \$2.00 or 3 pads for \$5.00. We will be selling these throughout the convention and also in the silent auction area. The purchase of these pads will help with points on the excellence award and money will go the Leadership Development Committee.

At the 2017 convention, we raised over \$4,800 with over 120 items. One of our goals is to increase both of those amounts this year. Another goal is to sell all the notepads, so we can possibly begin another project involving the Iris symbol. With your chapter's help, we will be successful!

2018 Xi State Scholarship Application Now Available

The Xi State Scholarship Committee under the leadership of chair Marsha Rains has updated the 2018 application for members seeking financial assistance with expenses for earning advanced degrees.

1. Scholarships available to be awarded:
 - a. **The Lois Jones Special** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for pursuing a doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D.).
 - b. **Isabel Wheeler** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for pursuing a doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D.).
 - c. **Maycie K. Southall** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for study beyond the Master's Degree.
 - d. **Mary Hall** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - e. **Evangeline Hartsook** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - f. **Lottye McCall** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - g. **Louise Oakley** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - h. **Eleanor Osteen** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.

***Not all scholarships will be awarded each year; decisions to award or not will be made based on availability of funding and/or the number of qualified applicants**
2. Eligibility:
 - a. Applicants must be members of a Xi State chapter for at least **three** calendar years.
 - b. Service to Delta Kappa Gamma is an important criterion in the selection of a recipient.
 - c. Applications that are electronically submitted on/before the deadline (**February 1st** of the year awarded) and are complete will be scored using the Application Review Form. A minimum score is required to be considered for a scholarship. Please review this rubric carefully.
Incomplete or late applications will not be eligible for consideration.
 - d. Former recipients of a major scholarship (\$3,000) may not reapply.

The application and rubric are attached to this issue of *Leadership Links* and are available on the Xi State web site. Please be aware that the new application process requires online submission of

information via Google Docs so applicants will need to create a Google email account including a photo. The submission date is **February 1, 2018**. [Link to Xi State Scholarship Online Application](#) Please contact Scholarship Chair Marsha Rains at marsharains@yahoo.com if you have questions. Members may also apply for one of the 30 International scholarships granted yearly - \$6,000 for graduate degree, \$10,000 for doctoral degree. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.dkg.org>. Application deadline is also **February 1, 2018**.

Updated Forms Available on Xi State Website and Attached to this Issue

Please plan to nominate one or more of your chapter members for the Xi State Achievement Award or the Order of the Rose recognition. Updated nomination forms (**due March 15, 2018**) accompany this newsletter and are now posted on the Xi State website. Also, complete the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence form (**due April 1, 2018**) so that your chapter can be recognized as Gold, Silver, or Bronze at our Awards Luncheon June 8 during the convention.

Plan to Attend the Next State, International Convention and Regional Conference

Please let your chapter members know that the International President Carolyn Pittman has invited members to the International Convention in Austin, TX, the birthplace of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, **July 16-20, 2018**, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. The hotel room block opens for reservations January 2, so you may start making your plans right away. Also, Southeast Regional Director Linda Navorska has extended an invitation to North Carolina **June 27-29, 2019**, for the Southeast Regional Conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort in Asheville, NC.

Attachments to this Issue

- ❖ Chapter Checkup tips and suggestions
- ❖ Beginning Xi State Leadership Management Seminar application – **due January 10, 2018**
- ❖ Legislative Seminar information sheet and chapter registration – **due January 10, 2018**
- ❖ Xi State Scholarship Application and Rubric – **due February 1, 2018**
- ❖ Updated Achievement Award nomination form – **due March 15, 2018**
- ❖ Updated Order of the Rose nomination form – **due March 15, 2018**
- ❖ Personnel Committee Flyer and Personnel Application – **due March 31, 2018**
- ❖ The Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence form – **due April 1, 2018**
- ❖ Silent Auction Guidelines for 2018 Xi State Convention