



## **Xi State Organization**

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### *Leadership Links*

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### *Two Xi State Members Nominated for 2018-20 International Positions*

Congratulations to Alpha Lambda chapter's **Becky Sadowski** for being nominated for International First Vice President and to Rho chapter's **Elaine Warwick** for being nominated for Southeast Regional Director. Becky and Elaine, Xi State is proud of you! See all of the 2018-2020 biennium nominees at <https://goo.gl/yV2Ahj>. Make plans now to attend the International Convention in Austin, TX, **July 16-20, 2018**, to support these two Xi State members!

### *IRS Form 990*

All DKG entities in the U.S. **MUST** file a 990 form electronically with the IRS between July 1 and November 15, 2017. Please send your emailed confirmation of submission to Xi State Treasurer Nancy Davis at [nini02@embarqmail.com](mailto:nini02@embarqmail.com) before the **November 15 deadline**.

### *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**.

### *Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar*

The 2018 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar application is now available on the International website and attached to this issue. Please consider applying for the two-week summer course conducted by the McCombs School of Business Platinum Executive Education program at the University of Texas – Austin. If you attended the breakout session offered by our Marsha Brewer (Beta Upsilon) at Xi State last June and were interested, now is the time to apply! Your completed application must be submitted electronically by **December 1, 2017**, and one of your supervisors and your state organization president will need to submit recommendations, too, so make sure to start the process soon! The application is included with this issue of *Leadership Links*, and more information is available at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

## *High School Essay Contest Moved to the Fall*

The often-quoted American journalist Sydney J. Harris once wrote:

*“Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times; few are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”*

While the students may incorporate this quotation in any way they wish, it must be the basis of their essay. The students may agree or disagree with the writer’s statement as they support their own opinions. The students may also choose to draw on their own personal experiences or observations to illustrate their point.

The guidelines for submitting essays have changed. Essays will be submitted electronically, instead of being mailed. A Gmail account has been set up to receive the electronic submissions. The contest information, guidelines, deadlines, and cover sheet are posted on the Xi State website and were included in the October *Leadership Links*.

The student will email his/her essay to one school official (teacher, guidance counselor, instructional coach, etc.). The school official will email the essays to the contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter by **December 8, 2017**. The contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter will attach all of the essays from the school in one email and send them to [xistate.essay@gmail.com](mailto:xistate.essay@gmail.com) by **December 15, 2017**.

In the case that a chapter is sending essays from more than one school, each school’s essays should be sent in separate emails. In the subject line indicate your chapter name and the name of the school. If you have any questions, you can email Allison Maynard at [allison814@comcast.net](mailto:allison814@comcast.net).

## *Remember to Submit Your Chapter Yearbooks*

Please submit your chapter yearbooks and evaluation sheet electronically to Dr. Beverly Hall, Xi State First Vice President, by the **December 15<sup>th</sup>** due date. Form included with this issue and available at [www.xistate.org](http://www.xistate.org).

## *Xi State Vision Foundation Opportunities for Members*

The Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Grant applications are due in two short months. One Liz Whorley Bradley Award can be awarded each year, and up to four Vision Foundation Grants can be awarded. The maximum for each award/grant is \$500. Applications and guidelines are attached to this issue of *Leadership Links* and available on the Xi State website in the Forms section. All applications must be submitted by **December 31, 2017**.

## *Updated Forms Now Available*

Several committees worked to update their forms that are now posted on the Xi State web site and attached to this issue of *Leadership Links*. Liz Whorley Bradley Award and Vision Foundation Grant, High School Essay Contest, Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence, Yearbook Evaluation, and Order of the Rose nomination form.

### *Legislative Symposium Dates Set for February 6-7, 2018*

The Legislation Committee invites 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](http://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 is excited to announce the dates for 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**.

### *Orientation Presentation Now Available in Video Format*

The Orientation presentation, *Pride in the Big Picture*, has not only been updated recently but also is available in two formats: PowerPoint and video. The presentation can be presented by a chapter member using the PowerPoint presentation and can be edited to provide chapter and state organization-specific information. Notes are provided in the “Notes” section for each slide and can be printed for use by the presenter.

A new format is also available which may be more comfortable and convenient for many presenters. The video format includes the presentation of the slide show with a “voice over” of the presentation notes. You can download it for viewing from your laptop/computer or you can watch it streaming video from the DKG website and the DKG YouTube channel.

Both formats are available at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under the Resources tab. Click on "Orientation."

## *November "Hint" from the Membership Committee*

Actively seek new members and work to retain current members. Make sure everyone in your chapter has a responsibility to keep her engaged. Remember to consider "non-traditional" members who are actively teaching others such as school nurses and technology coaches.

### *Take action NOW so you don't miss an issue of the Presidents' Page!*

In order to simplify processes and streamline operations, all future issues of the Presidents' Page from International will be sent by email only. The E-News format will be sent to you at the email address currently on file in the Society database. It is critical that Society Headquarters has your current email address. In addition, be sure that your email provider will accept bulk emails from the "dkg.org" domain. Here are two steps you can take to be sure you do not miss future issues of the Presidents' Page:

- Check and change your contact information (including your email address) by visiting the "My Account" area of the DKG website under the My DKG tab ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)). You have an account with membership, so simply sign in using the first six digits of your member ID as the username and the default password, dkg2014society (unless you have previously changed to a preferred password). We will also be glad to update your member record if you call us at (512)478-5748 or email us at [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org).
- To ensure the dkg.org emails are not rejected by your email provider, please add [publication@dkg.org](mailto:publication@dkg.org) and [info@dkg.org](mailto:info@dkg.org) to your address book or, if the Presidents' Page is quarantined in your spam folder, choose to "whitelist" the email address. We recommend that you use a personal email because many educational institutions do not accept emails from a ".org" email address and usually block all bulk emails. For assistance or to update your email, you can email [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org) or call (512)478-5748.

### *Attachments to this Issue*

- ❖ Personnel Committee Flyer
- ❖ Personnel Application 2017 – due March 31, 2018
- ❖ Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar application – due December 1, 2017
- ❖ 2017-18 High School Essay Guidelines and Contest Directions – due December 8/15, 2017
- ❖ Updated chapter yearbook evaluation form – due December 15, 2017
- ❖ Liz Whorley Bradley Award guidelines and applications – due December 31, 2017
- ❖ Vision Foundation Grant guidelines and applications – due December 31, 2017
- ❖ Beginning Xi State Leadership Management Seminar application – due January 10, 2018
- ❖ Legislative Seminar information sheet and chapter registration – due January 10, 2018
- ❖ Updated Order of the Rose nomination form – due March 15, 2018
- ❖ The Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence form – due April 1, 2018

