



Xi State Organization
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Leadership Links

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Help for Hurricane Harvey DKG Member Victims

Several Xi State members have contacted me to ask how chapters might support our Texas and Louisiana sisters affected by Hurricane Harvey. My recommendation is to contribute as a chapter or as an individual to the Emergency Fund which provides \$500 very quickly to those suffering losses. To contribute to the Emergency Fund by credit card, go to the [DKG website](#) and click on the link "Donate to DKG" on the home page. Accompanying this issue of Leadership Links is donation Form_43 to use if you or your chapter would like to mail a check. Contributions to the Emergency Fund fall under the umbrella of the DKG Supporting Corporation and are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law in the US. Gifts to international funds should be mailed to: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International P.O. Box 1589 Austin, TX 78767-1589.

Xi State to Nominate Becky Sadowski for International Offices

Executive Board members have voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Alpha Lambda Chapter's Becky Sadowski for both International President and International First Vice President for the 2018-2020 biennium. Becky currently serves as International Second Vice President, and prior to this biennium, she chaired the 2016 International Convention Steering Committee and served as the Southeast Regional Director. Officers will be elected during the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas, July 16-20. The slate selected by the Nominations Committee as well as those to be nominated from the floor will be published in the January/February *DKG NEWS* and published on the Society website. We enthusiastically support Becky and appreciate her willingness to offer her talents to our Society!

Tracy Collier Selected for DKGNext

Congratulations to Gamma Iota Chapter member Tracy Collier who has been selected as one of 10 members of the DKGNext Think Tank. This diverse group will spend the weekend at Headquarters in Austin, Texas, September 29-30 discussing the future of the Society. Please send your well wishes and any ideas to share to Tracy via email to tracycollier@sevier.org.

2018 International DKG Convention Information

Xi State members should make plans to travel to the birthplace of our Society, Austin, Texas, for the next International Convention to be held July 16 – 20, 2018. Members will also be able to submit proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules at this convention, so consult the proposal form attached to this email and submit no later than October 1, 2017. A highlight of this event will be the opportunity to tour our Headquarters building and to put a face with a name of administrative staff you may only know via emails and phone calls!

Fall Committee Planning Meeting September 15-16

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve as area directors, committee chairs, and committee members for the 2017-19 biennium. The fall planning meeting is set for Friday night, September 15, for officers, area directors, and committee chairs and Saturday, September 16, for all committee members. We will meet at Goodpasture Christian School in Madison, and those participating should submit registration forms to Ann Gann, Xi State recording secretary, via email at adgann@comcast.net. A special “Thank You!” to members from the 39 of 75 chapters listed below who have volunteered to lend their talents as Xi State leaders this biennium. If your chapter is not represented, please consider volunteering for Arts & Personal Enrichment, Communications & Publicity, Convention Steering, Leadership Development, Membership, Special Events, or State Projects by emailing elaineGalexander@comcast.net.

Beta	Alpha Alpha	Beta Beta	Gamma Alpha
Gamma	Alpha Gamma	Beta Gamma	Gamma Zeta
Delta	Alpha Epsilon	Beta Epsilon	Gamma Iota
Zeta	Alpha Lambda	Beta Zeta	Gamma Lambda
Theta	Alpha Nu	Beta Eta	Gamma Omicron
Kappa	Alpha Xi	Beta Iota	
Pi	Alpha Pi	Beta Lambda	
Rho	Alpha Rho	Beta Xi	
Upsilon	Alpha Sigma	Beta Pi	
Phi	Alpha Phi	Beta Rho	
Omega		Beta Sigma	
		Beta Upsilon	
		Beta Phi	

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 before the November 15 deadline.

More DKG Opportunities for You

1. Would you like to speak to other DKG members across the world to share your expertise while serving as an ambassador for the Society? Complete the International Speakers Fund application (signed by your chapter president and forwarded to me to sign as the state organization president) by the September 15 deadline.
2. It is not too early to for all interested DKG members to start thinking about applying for the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Grants. 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.
3. The State Projects Committee would like to announce that the High School Essay Contest prompt has been selected and that an earlier submission date has been set for December 15, 2018. Entries this year will also be electronically submitted via email to xistate.essay@gmail.com. Please share the attached guidelines and essay directions with your members and high schools in your area. Information about the contest will also be available on the Xi State website.
4. Review the US Forum Connection #164 for updated information about Public Broadcasting System Foundation Funding, Prescription Drugs, Proposed Education Department Cuts, and the National Legislative Seminar which will be held in Washington, DC March 18-21, 2018. The registration form can be found at http://www.usforumdkg.org/uploads/4/4/6/6/44667559/nls_registration_2018_updated.pdf.

Attachments to this Issue

- ❖ Form_43_Contribution Form
- ❖ Proposal Form for Amendments to the Constitution and Standing Rules due October 1
- ❖ International Speakers Fund application due September 15
- ❖ Liz Whorley Bradley Award and Vision Foundation Grant guidelines and applications
- ❖ 2018 High School Essay Guidelines and Contest Directions
- ❖ US Forum Connection #164

