From KS President Joy Graham:

The greatest strengths of DKG are the chapters and their members! Literally they are the “heart” of the society. Kappa State may be one of the smaller states in the union, but there is quality in our membership. DKG founder, Annie Webb Blanton said, “Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while NOT discarding what in the OLD has value. But don’t cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don’t be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you.”

Kappa State chapters and members must be willing to face changes as we grow in our society. That is one of the reasons for my theme, “Continuing the Journey.”

Some examples of change in our society may be: how we recruit members, diversity in membership, taking on a job or leadership position that is out of our comfort zone, mentoring and befriending new teachers, conducting chapter meetings electronically instead of face-to-face, in other words, as Cathy Long, past state president, used to say, “Step up and Step out with DKG.” Don’t let “change” be a stumbling block and stop you from realizing your leadership potential in your chapter, in Kappa State or in DKG International.

Challenge your chapter officers and members to register for our upcoming Leadership Seminar in June, and encourage them to attend International in Austin, Texas, in July. You will never regret the professional and personal growth that you will receive at these conferences. Lastly, don’t forget to share our story with teachers who would be potential candidates for membership. DKG has the BEST teachers organization around and we need to let others know about it!

Planning for Carolyn’s Reception Continues

Arkansas will be honoring our very own Carolyn Pittman at the DKG International Convention in Austin, TX, next summer by hosting a reception for her at the JW Marriott, which is the headquarters hotel.

Organizers are asking all 49 Kappa State chapters to help fund this endeavor. They set a target goal of $100 per chapter or $5.00 per member. However, any monetary contribution from a chapter will certainly be appreciated.

Cissie Pendergrass reported that about six chapters have replied so far. Chapters will need to let her know their plans in order for reception arrangements to be made. Also chapters need to send their contributions to Linda Vailes by the end of February.

KS Website Updated

Webmaster Dr. Paula Williams has added updates to the new website. A list of past presidents has been added to the History of KS page. The amended bylaws from Elizabeth Waldrip and the Rules Committee’s work are uploaded in both Word and PDF format. A new photo page feature has been created. Be sure to check out all the information available at dkgarkansas.weebly.com!

From The State Treasurer:

Special thanks to the chapter treasurers who have sent in their dues! Need the others ASAP!

Thanks, Linda Vailes

Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

* December 1, 2017 Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Kappa State Scholarship
* January 1, 2017 Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
* February 1, 2017 Annual deadlines for Chapter Presidents’ Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Report
* February 1, May 1, September 1, Applications for Cornetet Professional Development Awards deadlines. (dkgef.org)
* April 2018 Area meetings (Area 1, April 21; Area 2, April 28; Area 3, April 7; Area 4, April 14)
* June 19-20, 2018 Ella Reese Leadership Seminar, Lake Point Conference Center, Russellville, AR
* July 16-20, 2018 International Convention, Austin, Texas