



Get Connected!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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Participate in the Regionals

Members who have been fortunate enough to attend a regional conference know what a wonderful experience it is to gather with other DKG members from around their region to discuss mutual topics, meet new friends, and hear inspiring speakers. Now attendees can share some of those experiences with members who cannot attend in person by using social media. Please use the hashtag #dkgcon to indicate that you are posting about a DKG conference and then use one of the following hashtags to identify the specific regional:

#NERC2015—Northeast Regional **#SERC2015**—Southeast Regional **#SWRC2015**—Southwest Regional **#NWRC2015**—Northwest Regional **#EURC2015**—European Regional

Only headquarters administrators can post to the DKG Facebook page, but if your state or chapter has a Facebook page, please post to those. Such entries may be "retweeted" on Twitter or "liked" on international's Facebook page.

Members who cannot attend can follow the action at the regionals by going to Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram and placing one of these hashtags in the search box to see the posts.

Below are icons for the various DKG social media accounts and links to these accounts. Wouldn't it be wonderful for the DKG regionals to "trend" on social media this summer?













Strengthen Your State and Chapter Communications with Google

Most members consider Google as a wonderful free search tool to find information on the Internet, but it is so much more! Educators using Google Apps for Education have found that these tools open up many avenues of communication with their students and colleagues—and it can be the same for DKG members, too.

<u>Google Docs</u>, the word-processing tool, can be used by committees to share and work on documents such as state bylaws.

Google Forms will create online surveys that will then flow into a spreadsheet summarizing the results. Chapters can use the surveys to determine programs of interest to members for the coming year or collect other desired statistics.

Members can share a common calendar with <u>Google Calendar</u>. They can invite members to meetings via the calendar and receive RSVPs via email or the calendar.



Do you need to get organized for a state convention or chapter activity? <u>Google Groups</u> an online discussion group via email, might be just what you need to get prepared.

Google Hangouts allows up to ten members to send messages, make voice and video calls, and share photos. Almost all calls in the United States and Canada are free, with calls to other locations at a low cost. This would be a great way to connect to the young member with a newborn or a member who hasn't been to a meeting for a while due to illness or distance so they can still participate in the chapter.

New, Improved App Coming Soon

A new, improved DKG app is scheduled for release just in time for the 2015 regional conferences! Although not a simple mobile version of the DKG website, the new app will provide considerable important information. It will feature a quick interface via "tiles" similar to the ones in the prototype pictured.

Members can use the app to check out news and events,



including dates for conferences, conventions, and meetings. For the regionals, a schedule of sessions and activities will make planning easier and will allow organizers to issue timely and important announcements along the way! A bubble in the upper right corner of the app will alert members to a message.

The app can be found in the Apple Store and Google Play.

