

Strengthening the Buzz

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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Learn through Social Media

Did you think that social networks were created just to allow you to follow celebrities' lives? While you can follow our own celebrity, International President Beverly Twitter.com Helms on @bevhelms or the Society at #dkgcon, you can also use social networking to expand vour professional knowledge. example, by searching the topic #commoncore, you can find ideas and resources dealing with the Common Core State Standards, which is a hot educational topic in the United States.

Another social networking opportunity, edWeb.net, provides a site to discuss best practices, share files and participate in free professional development webinars on variety educational topics. Users can also receive continuing education certificates.

Members who followed numerous educational blogs through the aggregator Google Reader will be dismayed to find that Google will be ending this service as of July 1st. A replacement aggregator (a website that collects news from other websites in one place) to try is Feedly.com.



Join the Buzz on the DKG Network

Have you come back from a regional conference or international convention wishing you could continue some of the wonderful conversations you had with members from other parts of the Society?

You can—via the DKG Network!

The DKG Network is a safe social network accessible only to members of the Society. Every member who has a valid email address on file at International has an account on the Network that they can activate by clicking on this link dkgnetwork.org or by clicking on the DKG Interest Security Network hyperlink at the

upper right corner of the International website. Your user name is your email address and your initial password is delta01(delta and then the numbers 0+1).

If you have changed your email address or International does not have one on file for you, go to http://www.dkg.org/ changeofaddress and update your membership record. Please help International update its database so all members can be contacted electronically.

Through the DKG Network you can connect to other members from around

> the Society. Members can share ideas for chapter programs or work on documents together. They can ask for advice on a particular subject, such as preparing bylaws or writing a strategic plan. Perhaps they might find someone to room with at one of the DKG regional conferences this summer!

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Currently there are 105 interest groups running on the DKG Network. Some of these groups are private groups for international or state committees and others are open for anyone in the Society to join. Some of the musical performers at the last international convention were found through the DKG Artists group.

Share your knowledge and enjoy the camaraderie on the DKG Network!

Choose to Lead

Leadership is every member's responsibility. According to Kouzes and Posner in The Leadership Challenge, 2012, "Leadership is not about who you are, but what you do." Each member can help create a vision for her chapter by volunteering to share talents, skills and knowledge. This generates greatness in organizations. If each member does something to enhance her chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma will never lack for quality leaders. Leadership is a choice.

At the regional conferences various committees and speakers will present leadership ideas during the Info Fair and workshops to improve leadership skills. The Leadership Development Committee says that participants can experience leadership, tune into leadership, dive into leadership, lasso leaders and help leaders Please join the Leadership Development Committee to create the atmosphere of leaders everywhere.

Dr. Kay Clawson, Chair

