E E C IMPACT

The Educational Excellence Committee supports the DKG Mission and Purposes by promoting the personal and professional growth of its Pennsylvania Key Women Educators. The EEC is the umbrella that oversees and coordinates four subcommittees:

- US Forum/Educational Legislation,
- Visual and Performing Arts,
- Professional Affairs, and
- Projects.

A brief overview of each is provided inside.

Additionally at Convention, EEC organizes recognition of Birthday Chapters, PhD earners, and members with 40 years of membership and sponsors the "Friday Night Fling." 2017

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US Forum/ Educational Legislation

The US Forum is one of the four International Forums of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The purpose of the Forum is to assist members by providing information "to plan and take action on educational issues of interest to the individual Forum groups". The DKG website describes the United States Forum as supporting "non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators."

Two conferences are particularly important to the mission of US Forum.

- The National Legislative Seminar (NLS) is a biennial event hosted by the United States Forum Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) in Arlington, Virginia. Topics and speakers for its agenda come out of biennial Regional Conferences.
- The Committee to Teach About the United Nations (CTAUN) Conference is annually held at the United Nations in New York City in April. The focus of CTAUN is described as "today's most important assignment – teaching our children about a world made increasingly interdependent by globalization."

Regular legislative updates are provided.

Visual and Performing Arts

In the Visual and Performing Arts committee, selection of all music is coordinated for the Alpha Alpha State Convention. Responsibilities include discovering and locating the many singers and instrumentalists that would be willing to help aesthetically contribute their talents. It is also important to maintain the state's music library.

The visual and performing arts committee annually plans a choral retreat to prepare the music that will be performed at the convention. Rehearsals are conducted at convention to put on the finishing touches for all performances.

Music is also planned and provided for processionals, graces, recessionals and other places assigned. Besides the banquet entertainment, music is selected and coordinated with the Membership Committee for the Celebration of Life service. We plan music for all functions as requested by the DKG President.

Professional Affairs

The annual Album of Distinction recognizes active members of the Pennsylvania Chapters of DKG who have received an honor and/or an award for service outside the Society. In the Nomination of a candidate, the honor/award must be linked to one or more of the Seven Purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Nineteen Key Women Educators from thirteen Pennsylvania Chapters were recognized for their honors and awards and were added to the 2018 Album of Distinction at a Ceremony on Friday, June 15.

Projects

DKG-Girl Scout Council Patch! This patch project was first developed for use by DKG chapters in San Antonio, Texas. An existing curriculum guides the process. Each level of Girl Scouts. From Brownies to Ambassadors, can participate!

Girl Scouts complete activities aligned with DKG Purposes to obtain the Council Patch. Each activity revolves around a particular DKG Purpose. Brownies need to complete 3 activities, while Juniors complete 6 and Cadettes 9. Seniors will complete 12 while Ambassadors master 15 outlined activities! There are 18 activities to choose from.



Pennsylvania chapters are encouraged to connect with a nearby Girl Scout group and clarify the support desired to complete the requirements.

Council patches can be ordered for \$2.00 each from: <u>http://www.dkg.org/girlscout</u>. You may also contact Tracey Wilson, DKG Assistant Membership Director at <u>traceyw@dkg.org</u>. Please keep our Projects chairperson informed of your progress. Many thanks!