



Report of Educational Excellence Committee Workshop at State Convention, 2016

Our workshop generated many great ideas for chapters to implement in their program planning and they are listed below.

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS:

- Book Clubs
- Book Exchanges at meetings
- Write/Read/Write – a letter project linking DKG members with local students
- Visit a local library for a presentation on digital resources
- Learn about outdoor resources (hiking, boating, etc.)
- Volunteer opportunities
- Hope's Closet (items for students in need)
- How to get clearance for entering schools to volunteer
- Offer babysitting for meetings (maybe from Key Club)
- Donate children's books to local classrooms
- Identity theft – field trip to the police station to learn how to protect yourself

PROJECTS:

- Books for kids or babies
- Knights in Training – new parents program
- Book and blanket
- Gloves & mittens
- Library in Department store
- Local Laundromat
- Items for Victims of Crimes Centers
- Pre-School Book Truck
- Story-time book project
- Backpacks for kids
- Personal hygiene project for high school students
- Bank – Kappa Kow
- Shoe box filled with games & toys for children with cancer
- Bags with supplies for new teachers

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Singing the DKG song
- Special music: quartets, instrumentalists, square dancing, drum circle, student performances, singing and dancing
- Hand bell workshop, workshop on local student performances “Get America Singing”
- Chapter choir – traveled to Assisted Living, etc.
- Music Therapy program
- Hands-on projects
- Photography digital

- Making own cards for correspondence
- Wine & Paint
- Theater – local resources
- Forensics – bringing students to share projects
- Mini Arts Retreat
- Adult coloring
- Pottery demonstration
- Learn to knit
- Flower arranging
- Dinner Theater

U.S. FORUM

- Share notices/information with chapter
- Email senators/ reps. on educational topics
- Make wallet-sized cards of names & contact info for senators/ reps
- Angela' s email on legislation
- Handout on current issues as they pertain to education issues & distribute at meeting
- State Senator come to a chapter meeting to address education
- Would like information on attending the United Nations session.
- Chapter President puts info in President's Message – email