

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
International  
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Membership Newsletter  
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Dear Chapter Membership Chairs,

I am including in this newsletter the article that will also appear in the spring *Lone Star News*. The State Membership Chairs were introduced to the DKG Profile at our training in the summer. I know your chapters will soon be planning your programs for next year, and I am hoping that you will consider a Profile Page meeting either to show your members how to access and complete the page or work on it as a group activity. The second item was drawn to my attention because of an incident that occurred recently, and I realized that it would be good to remind all chapters that chapter member biographical information needs to be updated periodically.

For those of you in the classroom, 'tis the season of testing. Good luck to you and your students, and I hope the results are sweeter than any Valentine candy.

To all of you, a very fun and happy Valentine's Day.

Michelle and The Membership Committee

**Do you know about the DKG Profile?**

Are you looking for a member you met at a convention? Do you need discounts or a business card template? Maybe insurance is needed for you or your pet. Would you like to join an educators community to collaborate or to be a mentor? These are just a few of the opportunities available to DKG members on the DKG Profile.

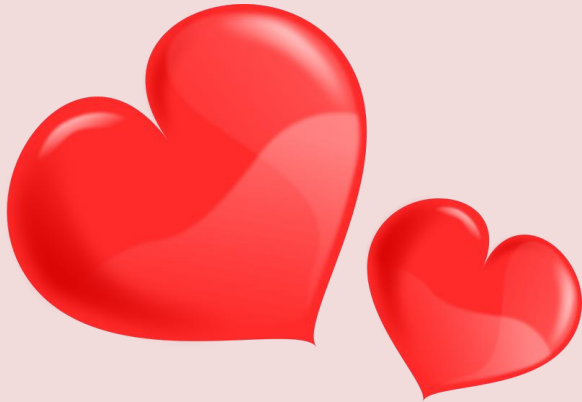
To access the Profile, go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), and log in using the "sign in" button top right of the home page or through My DKG/My Accounts. The Communications and Publicity Committee has even provided a short video that can assist members if needed. (You can find their video on the Committees page) The username is your DKG ID number. The initial password to set up your own personal password is available from your chapter or state president. (Print issues of the Presidents' Page).

Once logged in, you can learn about and register for the international convention, donate to DKG, purchase from the DKG store, and create a DKG profile. You can modify contact information in the My Account area, collaborate with members on similar interests, become a mentor to a fellow educator new to a field or grade level, or simply connect with other members in the DKG Communities.

If you need more information about logging in, send an email to [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org). If your chapter is looking for a fun and easy program, this would be ideal. Let's get everyone in TSO signed up, signed in, and using this great tool that has been designed for us.

Have fun,

The Membership Committee  
Michelle Grandinetti, Chair



### **Member Biographical Data**

When we lose one of our members, it is important that we have updated information about that member so that we can contact the family and make arrangements for a Ceremony of Remembrance. Sometimes this ceremony occurs in the funeral service itself or prior to the service, so arrangements must be made in sufficient time for the family to include the ceremony in the service. Even if the ceremony occurs at a meeting, the family should be given the opportunity to attend.

The information is also valuable if the member needs to create a résumé or if she is being recommended for a position.

Biographical information should be updated at least every biennium.

The Biographical information page can be found on the state website. Go to the drop down menu, select committees, select membership, open the Biographical document. There is not a line for an emergency contact phone number. I recommend that you add that to the other information listed.

A copy of this page should be kept in the chapter files.

*Is your chapter  
ready for  
convention?*

