



## Tennessee State Organization Leadership Links August 2022

How exciting it was to see almost forty Tennessee ladies in attendance at the International Convention in New Orleans! Great food, fellowship, and fun provided everyone with time to socialize and connect with old friends as well as meeting new acquaintances. Many of the Tennesseans presented workshops, volunteered to serve as pages, sang in the chorus, helped with General Meetings, and surprised Becky Sadowski with an International Reception under the disguise of a Tennessee Reception. The International Convention was an event that was filled with so many membership moments that everyone will remember for years to come.

Speaking of membership moments, I hope you are looking forward to 2022 and the many opportunities to participate in virtual workshops, multi-chapter social events, the Beginning Leadership Development Seminar, and the Creative Arts Retreat just to mention a few. Check out all the fun below and sign up for these activities.



*Tennessee Members at the 2022  
International Convention*



*International  
Reception*

### ***Important Time Dated Information for Chapters for August, September, and October***

(Most events may be found on the [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) website under the Calendar.)

#### ***President to Presidents Meetings 2:30 p.m. (CST)/3:30 p.m. EST: Next Meeting is Sunday, .***

President to President (P2P) meetings will occur virtually mostly every third Sunday afternoon. Please save the following dates: Sundays, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 25. All meeting times will occur at 2:30 p.m. CST/3:30 p.m. EST. A Zoom link along with the agenda will be forthcoming about a week before the meeting.

#### ***Leadership Development: Due Date: Extended to August 16, 2022***

Add the dates to your professional development calendar by planning to attend the face-to-face Beginning Leadership Management Seminar, September 9-10, at Henry Horton State Park. The Leadership Development committee has planned a learning experience you don't want to miss. Join the committee and special guests to meet new people, discover more about your personality type, and collaborate with members across the state. Henry Horton State Park is located south of Nashville at Chapel Hill. Watch for the new application online soon. Fill out your application and recommendation forms and come to Henry Horton. The committee looks forward to sharing and learning with members. Google link for registration: <https://forms.gle/dhWwQnGoeRWg8b6WA> If you would like to register using a digital copy, please go to the [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) website under *About Us/Leadership Management Seminar*.

#### ***Chapter Strengthening Due Date: September 23, 2022***

The Chapter Strengthening Committee has released the link to the Connection Survey for 2022. Chapters may earn the *Connection Award* certificate for completing the survey by Friday,

September 23, 2022. Please use the following link to earn your Maycie Points and *Connection Award* certificate: <https://forms.gle/Gzbs5RysbUdV2Dwo6>

### ***Personal Arts and Enrichment: Friday, September 30-Saturday, October 1***

The dates for the Creative Arts Retreat have been determined. *Arts from the Heart* will be at Woodson Church of Christ, 5800 Edmonson Pike, Brentwood, Tennessee on Friday, September 30- Saturday, October 1, 2022. Some of the sessions will be on flower arranging, card making, cookies, recycling bag purses, quilt coloring, and Zentangle. Attendees will register for classes on Friday night from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:45 pm. Saturday morning sessions will start at 9:00 followed by lunch. After lunch, the Arts and Personal Enrichment Committee is encouraging participants to visit one of the historical areas around Nashville. Hotels in the Brentwood area (Old Hickory Blvd and I-65 area, Maryland Farms, or Cloverland/Wilson Pike) are close to Woodson Church of Christ. Registration for the Retreat will be open beginning September 1 and close on September 21. Look for more information in the September *Leadership Links*. Hope that you can all join us for this exciting event.

### ***State Committee Information and News to Members***

Many of the State Committees have exciting and important information to share for the upcoming biennium. Please find news, links, and attachments to share with members. All forms, deadlines, applications, and rubrics are also posted on the [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) website.

### ***Virtual Events***

Virtual Events will begin in August for the 2022-2023 year. If you or your chapter would like to present a virtual workshop, please contact TNSO President Dr. Elaine Vaughan, [mevaughan@orn.edu](mailto:mevaughan@orn.edu) at any time to schedule for the 2022-2023 year.

#### ***Recordings for Past Virtual Events***

Recordings for past virtual workshops may be found on the [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) website under *Resources/Virtual Events*. Please enjoy these virtual workshops with your chapter members, friends, and family members.

### ***August and September Virtual Events***

#### **Leadership Development Q&A, Chapter History, Awards Maycie Q&A, Chapter Yearbooks Q&A, Communications Q&A**

**Presenters: Committee Chairs/Members, State Officers, Related Personnel**

**Thursday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST**

Do you have questions about upcoming events, awards, applications, or you just want to be in the know about all things DKG? This virtual event is for you!

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/2h51BdSm2N5DK1eb6>

#### **New DKG**

**Presenters: Planning Committee**

**Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST**

Come and listen to New DKG members share their tips, experience, and advice when supporting new educators.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Chuny5ezYS1E7qfg6>

***Nominations Due Date: October 31, 2022***

Tennessee State Organization Needs You!

Nominations for an elected state office, either as an officer, an elected state committee member, or the Vision Foundation Board of Directors are now being accepted. State officers serve two-year terms while members of an elected state committee serve four-year terms.

There are three elected committees which are Finance, Personnel and Nominations.

Applications for these elected positions can be found on the state website at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org).

Click on the Resources tab then click the tab titled Officers and Related Personnel form. For more information or questions contact Elaine Warwick, nominations chair, at [elainewarwick@att.net](mailto:elainewarwick@att.net). Step Up for Tennessee!

***Due Date: December 15, 2022******NEW First Vice-President Marsha Brewer: Chapter Yearbooks***

The Tennessee State Chapter Yearbook Evaluation form and chapter yearbook is due December 15, 2022. Please submit to Marsha Brewer [gnash81@comcast.net](mailto:gnash81@comcast.net) for points towards the Maycie Chapter Excellence Award. The updated templates for chapter yearbooks containing information such as 2022- 2024 International Officers Contact Information and Calendar of Events is now available. Information available on the [tndkg.org](http://tndkg.org) website under *Resources/Chapter Forms and Reports*.

***NEW Awards***

The Awards Committee has updated the Maycie Chapter Excellence Award for Please look for this form at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) under *Resources/Chapter Forms and Reports*.

***Communications and Marketing: Updated Forms for 2022-2023***

Communications Award Criteria, Communications Scoresheet, Marketing Award Criteria, list of Communications & Marketing Committee Contacts for chapters, Social Media Information and Resources, and the 15 Member Education Videos (just to mention a few), may be found at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) *Resources/Communications and Marketing*. If you have questions, feel free to contact Dr. Elaine Alexander at [elainealexander7@gmail.com](mailto:elainealexander7@gmail.com) or (615) 900-8861.

**NEW Beginning August 1, 2022**, chapter webmasters will be asked to submit reassertion of compliance. Both the Standards for Website Compliance Form 72A and the Compliance Form 72A may be found at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) *Resources/Communications and Marketing*.

***Educational Excellence: Iris Award***

The Tennessee State Educational Excellence Committee would like to announce an upcoming award that will be instituted for chapter programs and projects. The "Iris Award" will be given at the Tennessee State Convention to the chapter that submits the best program or project.

There will be an award in each of those categories. This award will be for chapters that submit their program and/or project to the EEC Corner Spotlight and then complete an "Iris Award" application. The applications will be judged on the following criteria: Relationship to Society Purposes, Involvement of Members, and Impact of the Program or Project. We have seen so many excellent programs and projects submitted to the EEC Corner Spotlight, and we would like to see more recognition given to chapters in this area. Plans are being made to have the



application posted in the August Leadership Links, so begin planning now! Thank you for your engaging and educational chapter programming.

The Educational Excellence Committee would like to encourage chapters to share your great programs and projects to be uploaded to The EEC Corner on our state website. This is a wonderful resource for all chapters seeking ideas for meaningful meetings and projects. We would like to add a video component to The EEC Corner this biennium, so if you video your presentations, or use YouTube, please submit those as well. The EEC is asking that you submit one program and one project using the Corner Spotlight form found on the state website, *EEC Corner* or *Resources/Chapter Forms and Reports*. Chapters will receive 5 points each for the program and project on the Maycie Chapter Excellence Award. You can email your contributions to: Marsha Brewer (Tennessee State Organization First VP and EEC Chair) at [gnash81@comcast.net](mailto:gnash81@comcast.net).

### **From the EEC: The DKG International Emergency Fund**

Recently at the DKG International Convention in New Orleans, LA, over \$15,000.00 was collected for the Emergency Fund! What is the Emergency Fund? Following a 1948 flood that destroyed Vanport, Oregon, a plea for help in the DKG NEWS resulted in more than \$3000 that became the Emergency Fund. The fund continues as natural disasters affect members. Contributions demonstrate the Society's "genuine spiritual fellowship." Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive U.S. \$500 from the DKG Emergency Fund.

I am sure that many of you know members in your communities that have been recipients of the DKG International Emergency Fund. Chapters can receive points toward the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence by making a contribution to the Emergency Fund, along with other causes that fall under the DKGIEF. This is just another way that our Society offers support to members worldwide.

### ***Historical Preservation***

The Historical Preservation Committee is ready to receive documents from chapters such as chapter history, birthday celebrations, member celebrations and many more. Please send any information or documents to both co-chairs Irene Archambault: [iarch@comcast.net](mailto:iarch@comcast.net) and Kathy Kester: [mkkester2@gmail.com](mailto:mkkester2@gmail.com).

### ***Membership***

The Membership Committee is still wanting and accepting *Membership Moments* from you and your members. There will be Maycie Chapter points given for submitting *Moments*. Ideas include Conventions/conferences attended; friendships; scholarships/grants/awards received; workshops attended; places traveled; funny/heartfelt/touching moments; etc. etc.

The Membership Committee would also like to remind chapters to send a copy of the Form 6 to the State Membership Chair, Mary Jo Wilson. Please include personal, membership and professional information about your member so she may be honored in detail in the *DKG*

*Tennessee News* and at the State Convention at *The Ceremony of Remembrance*. See the state website *Resources/Chapter Forms and Reports* for more information.

The Membership Committee is here to assist you and your Membership Chair any way we can. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us at any time.

Here are a few ideas that you might want to consider as you plan for your first year:

1. Survey your members for program ideas, speakers, and programs they would like to present to your chapter, it involves them in the chapter and gives you an idea of the type of programs to consider when working with your Program Committee
2. Highlight a member(s) at each of your meetings—this makes your members feel important and it is a way for other members to find out interesting things they may not have known about some of your members
3. Plan some activities outside of chapter meetings, i.e., luncheons, trips to exhibits, plays, movies, etc.
4. Have members complete a personal bio for you to use when filling out various forms (see Form 6 below)

We will share more ideas with each Leadership Links

### ***Member Opportunities and Discounts***

Please look for Member Opportunities and Discounts on the state website under *Resources/Membership*.

### ***Planning Committee***

The Planning Committee will be reaching out to new chapter presidents in the next few weeks. Before we reach out, we will again review your chapter's strategic plan update which your chapter submitted last fall. When we reach out, we will offer our assistance in helping your chapter reach its stated goals and in addressing any concerns expressed. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you in any way we can.

Our usual *Chapters Helping Chapters* blog will re-appear in September. Each month a successful practice from a chapter is featured. Don't hesitate to brag on your chapter or a chapter you have visited and in so doing share a practice that has worked well. Please send successful practices to Chapter Strengthening Chair, Beverly Hall, ([BNHOSA@msn.com](mailto:BNHOSA@msn.com)). You can find the blog at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) website under *Resources/Chapter Helping Chapters Blog*.

### ***Special Events: 2022 Silent Auction Update***

It is not too late to get credit on the 2023 Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence for a cash donation of at least \$25.00. Donations can be accepted until March 31, 2023.

### ***Vision Foundation***

Become a Visionary by the TNSO State Convention: Would you or your chapter like to help TNSO educators conduct educational research and/or develop special projects for their classroom and help send a TNSO educator to a workshop, seminar, or professional meeting

every year? You can by contributing to the Vision Foundation. In fact, you can become a visionary by the TNSO Convention 2023 by contributing \$90.91 a month from now until June 2023. You can mail your contribution to Dr. Dianne Anderson, TNSO Treasurer or through [venmo@dianne-anderson](mailto:venmo@dianne-anderson).

**International News and Deadlines** (In order to view some information, you might need to log in to the International Website with your member I.D. number and password. You may always use the chat if you are not sure how to log-in with your information.)

**\*DKG Publications:** There are many articles and publications on the International Website concerning current issues with regards to our DKG Society, education, just to mention a few. Use the link, <https://www.dkg.org/PublicationsPrivate?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d>

**\*DKG Blogs:** International Committees have Blog Spots. Interested? Check out the following: <http://dkg.si.blogspot.com/>

**Where to Go for What?**

Are you looking for forms or information regarding an event? Most of the information may be found at [www.tndkg.org](http://www.tndkg.org) under *About Us*, *Resources*, the *Calendar*, or *The Homepage*. However, here is also the link to go to the *Website Short-Cut List or Where to Go for What?* [https://www.tndkg.org/files/ugd/4ad137\\_92053a7e973b4033a7998232c2edad52.pdf](https://www.tndkg.org/files/ugd/4ad137_92053a7e973b4033a7998232c2edad52.pdf) .

**Chapter Visits**

I visited no chapters during the month of July. I would love to visit your chapter. Just let me know when I may schedule a time with you. New for 2022-2023. I will be spotlighting your chapter president when I come to visit.

**Thanks for All You Do!**



**2021-2023 Tennessee State Officer Team and Related Personnel**

- Dr. Elaine Vaughan, President [mevaughan@orn.edu](mailto:mevaughan@orn.edu)
- Marsha Brewer, First Vice-President
- Orlean Bauman, Second Vice-President
- Chasity Ragsdale, Recording Secretary
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