



President's Message



It's time to get back. Back to school! Back to DKG! In our member surveys in recent years, the one consistent comment has been that meetings were meaningful because of the fellowship. When I attended the state convention, this statement reverberated with many individuals I encountered from across Tennessee. Membership is meaningful because of the fellowship. I've been thinking about this and decided that this easily relates to the overall state organization goal of increasing attendance and membership. Our Theta goal should be to increase attendance, and therefore we should make it a priority to attend meetings so that we can partake in the fellowship. It is give and take. We give fellowship and as a result receive fellowship. Every meeting is enriched when you are there. Come in a mask or come without a mask but do come to meetings. As COVID continues to spread, please be mindful of doing what you are comfortable doing in our meetings (distance, hand washing, wearing a mask), but do try to attend. I am always uplifted when I see you. We have a great year ahead of us with great programs, projects, and time together. See you August 22.

Beth

Future Events -- Be Involved

State Beginning Leadership Training

September 9 and 10

Henry Horton State Park

Register deadline is **August 10**.

Register online at tndkg.org and click on Calendar

Creative Arts Retreat – “Arts from the Heart”

September 30-October 1

Wilson Chapel Church of Christ in Brentwood

Register online at tndkg.org and click on Calendar

New Member Virtual Workshop

Join in this informational online workshop to learn more about the Delta Kappa Organization.

This will be in September. Stay tuned to website, Facebook, emails, or Leadership Links for specific information

Leadership Links posted on the state website every month at <https://www.tndkg.org/leadership-links>

Great way to know more about TNSO committee work and state activities.

Future Theta Dates-mark your calendar

August 22: "Art with Josie!"

September 22: "Filling Your Bucket;" + Induction

October: "Fall Fellowship Buddy Gathering"

November 7: "Cabbage Patch Doll Project"

December 3: "Brunch, make an ornament, fun!"

January 26:" Legislative Update/Questions"

February 16: "Physical Fitness"

March 10: "Game Night, area chapters invited"

April 10: "Founders Day"

May: Planning Session



Theta chapter, met in July for food and fellowship. These ladies shared their summer activities, viewed DKG pictures given to our chapter, state legislative library requirements, and of course a good meal. Those present were Caroline, Melinda, Jo, and Beth.

Next Meeting Activities

Date: Monday, August 22, 2022

Place: Malesus United Methodist Church

Time: 5 p.m. social and 5:15 p.m. meeting

Program: Art with Josie! Art Educator Josie Goulding will lead us in a creative project where we will each paint a picture together. Bring \$5 for your supplies. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty with paint. You'll take home your art! **Chapter Project:** Bring sanitary products for teen girls for our Girls Cabinet at CCJHS. Bethany Brown will introduce our yearly project(s).

Heads up: If you find or have old Cabbage Patch dolls, bring them for our program and project in November.

Ice breaker/Thought: Debra Martin.

Hostesses: Debra Martin, Beth Naylor

This will be a good time to invite and bring ladies to see benefits of DKG-Theta chapter. If YOU don't ask, they will never know.

Educational Happening in TN

Recently the Tennessee Department of Education held a public hearing on the new TISA funding formula. This was done due to the still-present confusion surrounding how the finding will work regarding the states' public schools. TDOE held the hearing based on recent feedback from the public on the need for transparency regarding the data it will use to distribute the funding. The TISA formula has received criticism due to the belief that it is a veiled way to funnel money out of public schools and into the once-again-up-for-debate voucher program being pushed forward by Gov. Bill Lee and some Tennessee General Assembly members. This claim has led to comments wanting the formula to be explicit in its details and also requests to be reworked to make sure both Tennessee's public-school teachers and students benefit from the changes. Various proposed rules of TISA will be before the State Board of Education on August 11th where they will vote either for, against, or neutral for their recommendation. It is important to note that these rules can take effect regardless of a positive vote. Once these votes take place, the TISA funding formula will eventually go before the General Assembly Joint Government Operations Committee.

To view these proposed rules and learn more about TISA, you can go to

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/legal/TISA_Rules_Final_Draft-6-6-2022.pdf

Legislative News

New Tennessee Laws

A [bill](#) that took effect July 1st will remove barriers for retired members of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) to be reemployed as a K-12 teacher, K-12 substitute teacher, or as a K-12 bus driver without the loss or suspension of their TCRS benefits

On July 1st, a [bill](#) will be enacted to enforce legislation passed last year that prohibits biological males from participating in girls' sports in public K-12 education institutions. The new law requires withholding a portion of state funds from public middle or high schools that fail or refuse to uphold state law by allowing biological males to compete in girls' sports at public K-12 schools.

For more new laws check out this link.

<https://www.tngopsenate.com/new-tennessee-laws-to-take-effect-july-1-2022/>

Member News



Jennifer Lusk, Becky Sadowski and Michelle Steen enjoying the President Banquet during the 2022 International convention.

International convention was held in New Orleans on July 12-17 this year. Tennessee members from across the state were there to celebrate the end of International President Becky Sadowski's tenure in office, attend workshops, hear fascinating keynote speakers, and vote on important society business and amendments to our rules and bylaws. Our new International President, Dr. Debbie LeBlanc challenged members to continue to uphold our society purposes and work to grow our membership worldwide.