

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DEBBY CANTER

"I feel like in a world where we all try to figure out our place and our purpose here, your passions are one of your most obvious guides." - Nick Woodman

The DKG International Convention in New Orleans did not disappoint! I was privileged to take part in the executive board meeting and happy to serve as a floor page during the general sessions. I always learn more about our Society every time I attend a conference or convention and this one was no different. There were 120 proposed amendments to the DKG Constitution, and we didn't quite make it through half of them. It was great to see so many members voice their opinions and show just how *passionate* they are about DKG. Stay tuned for the changes voted by the membership in attendance and how it relates to the Bylaws of OSO.

The keynote speakers were excellent, and the breakout sessions were very informative. I attended Takeaway sessions on the proposed amendments to help guide me in voting, submitting articles to the DKG publications, and applying to DKG Ignite. I attended Breakout sessions on Digital Body Language, the DKG International Educators Foundation, Enriching DKG Connections, All Shook Up Therapy (I played the Wicked Witch in the skit) and Connecting the Leader in You. I plan to use several things I learned in the coming months.

I attended many events during the week: the Sazerac House event following the Second Line Parade for our group, the DKGIEF fundraiser event at Mardi Gras World, the luncheon, Northeast Breakfast, the banquet, and the reception for the outgoing International President, Becky Sadowski. The OSO group attended the installation of our own State Treasurer, Diana Haskell, to the DKG Finance Committee. Congratulations Diana!

I received a big surprise that will interest many of you. June Bowers, DKG Second Vice President, approached me the first day to let me know that she purchased the piano that was gifted to DKG Headquarters from Alpha Delta State. It now resides at her home in Nebraska and is being played every day. I think we can all take solace in knowing that the piano found a good home.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent all of you in New Orleans.

Debby Canter