

As I am sitting down to write this article, I have the words to a song that I learned over 40 years ago ringing in my head. The words go, "I've got something in my pocket. It belongs across my face, and I keep it very close at hand, in a most convenient place. I'm sure you couldn't guess it if you guessed a long, long while . . ." As I was doing research, the tune kept getting intermingled with a favorite that we all know and love that I sang much more recently, "Women teachers to the calling, firmly rally never falling..." Do you know what they have in common? They are songs that unite groups of strong women to support each other as we grow, learn new skills, and do good things for our communities: The Girl Scouts of America and, of course, our very own chapters of DKG.

As one of her initiatives, our OSO President Debby Canter is spotlighting a project called "The Delta Kappa Gamma Patch." It's an opportunity for chapters to pair up with Girl Scout Troops to teach leadership, do projects, serve the community, and have fun, all while illustrating the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma to a younger generation.

Originating in San Antonio, Texas, The Delta Kappa Gamma Patch started with collaboration between the Zeta Beta Chapter, their local Girl Scout Council, and two local Girl Scout troops. They put together a planned and methodical curriculum that includes joint activities, each with a theme that corresponds to one of the seven DKG purposes. Girls at different ages and scouting levels complete different amounts of activities to earn the patch.

We are looking for several chapters to pilot this idea in Ohio. The key idea is to start with a troop that has roots in your organization. The more connections or "roots" to your chapter, the more buy-in you are likely to get. The original curriculum, found online, has 18 activities already written you can use it, as-is, or just use it as a framework to write your own. Once you are committed and have your plans ready to go, contact Trisha Woodley (TrishW@dkg.org) at Delta Kappa Gamma International to help you on your journey along with your local Girl Scout Council.

So that song I was remembering from 40 years ago? It ends, "So I'll take it out, and put it on—It's a great big Brownie Smile!" I loved being a Girl Scout. Now I love being a Delta Kappa Gamma chapter president. Who knows what kind of connections we could make with this program? The Brownies we meet today may be our chapters' president tomorrow!

Information on how to begin your chapter's journey can be found from the following sources:

[Empowering Girl Scouts Through the DKG Patch Program --Video](#)
[Delta Kappa Gamma International Project Spotlight](#)

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