

Let the Treasures of Delta Kappa Gamma Ohio State Organization S.H.I.N.E!

Our DKG OSO chests are overflowing with treasures! Each month our OSO. Membership Committee will share some ideas focused around the S.H.I.N.E. acronym. Each monthly focus will help strengthen chapters.

The **E** in S.H.I.N.E. stands for EVERYONE! Who is responsible for finding key women educators to add to our treasure chest? The answer is everyone is responsible. All Delta Kappa Gamma members should have their spy glasses out looking for potential members. We can no longer put all the responsibility on our executive boards and membership committees at the chapter or state level. It simply will not build up our chapters and sustain the future of OSO.

Our first purpose to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship is the key to our success! Why did you accept the invitation of membership into DKG? Please ponder this question. I would venture to guess it was because someone you respected or enjoyed being with asked you. They lifted you up, made you feel worthy, and gave you the confidence to accept membership. Who can you give the same gift to? How will it change their life? Maybe they will gain confidence, develop into a leader, or at the minimum find a place where they feel connected and supported through genuine spiritual fellowship. Truly, fulfilling Anne Webb Blanton's vision for DKG.

Let EVERYONE open up our DKG treasure chest and let it S.H.I.N.E. on a key woman educator who needs us as much as we need her!

Zeta Chapter's membership chair Kathy McClendon shared their success with using the "Let the Treasures of DKG OSO Membership S.H.I.N.E.!" campaign and their focus on our first purpose. They have welcomed 5 new members! Wow, congratulations Zeta and Kathy! She also asked members to share why they personally treasure their DKG membership. Please enjoy some of Zeta Chapters' responses.

"My membership brings me into contact with the teachers who are considered the movers and shakers in their districts. I am inspired by these teachers who work tirelessly to improve education and opportunity for children and youth."

JoAnn Krock, Zeta Initiation & Research Committee Chair; ADSOEF Educational Services Committee

"Being able to fellowship with other teachers now that I'm retired."

Barb Moore, Zeta Finance Committee; Retired Spanish & ESL Teacher

"I treasure the friendships I've made through the years. I appreciate the teaching ideas that were shared with me when I first joined, and I could use in my classroom. I feel good that we can financially help other students who are going into education through our scholarships."

Janet Adams, Zeta Sunshine Chair; Retired Elementary Teacher

"The opportunity to give back and to encourage others in the education field. Bonus – to get to know and spend time with all these fabulous ladies!"

Barbara Kocher, Zeta Treasurer; Retired ODE Senior Financial Officer

"I enjoy the fellowship with a group of women who cherish the beautiful careers of teaching and working with our youth."

Amy Litteral, Zeta Research Committee; Fifth Grade Math Teacher

"I personally treasure my DKG membership for multiple reasons:

1. The talented, dedicated friends I've made

2. The leadership training
3. The learning I gained from seminars and workshops
4. The scholarship I received
5. The friendship of women from overseas I've come to value"

Barbara J. Smith, Zeta Nominations Chair, Past Zeta Chapter & OSO State President,
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