

As OSO Recording Secretary, I attended the DKG International Conference in San Antonio, Texas, this past July. The focus of the sessions I attended had to do with membership.

One session had to do with small modules created by members of a Tennessee chapter targeting information members “need to know” to stay in DKG. I am hopeful to be able to incorporate these ideas while working on the Communications/Marketing Committee this biennium.

The keynote speakers were awesome! The focus was about self-worth and embracing opportunities. Below are a few key points:

- It's not what you achieve, but the experience you have to get there.
- When did you last give a sincere compliment?
- Who has helped you to reach your dreams? Who are you helping to reach theirs?
- If an opportunity doesn't knock on your door, go knock on its door!
- Many lives are wasted “waiting” for something.
- Take risks that help you grow; silence your inner critics.
- Don't let devices tell you how to think.

This year's conference used a hybrid approach which allowed members to participate in some workshops and general sessions from home. One of the keynote speakers from Quebec presented virtually.

I had the opportunity to reconnect with my 2012 Leadership Management Seminar sisters. I was also able to meet with the President and Immediate Past President of Michigan. OSO President, Debby Canter, and I along with the two of them, called ourselves the Buckeye-Cherry Coalition stemming from last year's membership challenge.