

Making a Difference in DKG
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Old friends, new friends, learning, having fun, networking, laughing, working hard, relaxing, making a difference...

These are my reflections from last April as I attended my first Illinois State Organization Convention. I traveled to the convention with old friends and met many new friends throughout the weekend while enjoying workshops, meals, music, networking, and plenty of laughs. Attendance at the convention led to further involvement with my local chapter and now as a member of the DKG ILSO Event Planning and Management Committee!

Our next convention will take place at the renovated Marriott St. Louis Airport on Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26. There will be a pre-convention tour to the historic town of Kimmswick. Also available will be business meetings, Art Mart, vendors and exhibitors, a luncheon celebrating members, poster sessions, ten-minute take-aways, one-hour workshops, our banquet with speaker Teri Cox, Celebration of Life, and Awards Breakfast. Professional Development credit will be available for many of the workshops.

For further enrichment, the hotel is a short fifteen-minute drive from downtown should you come early or stay after the convention for a few days. Perhaps the St. Louis Zoo or Missouri Botanical Gardens would interest you. Tour options include the Anheuser Busch brewery tour, Ballpark Village tour, or a riverboat cruise past the Gateway Arch.

Help us "Meet the Minimum" by registering for the convention, paying for all three convention meals, and reserving a room for two nights. Your name will be entered in a drawing for special prizes to be awarded at the Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning.

Convention registration may be completed online at www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/ or by sending a registration form and check to Registrar Jean Tulin after January 1, 2020.

To reserve your room, call the hotel at 314-423-9700 and identify our group as Delta Kappa Gamma, or use the link on the Illinois State Organization Website to reserve your room online. All hotel information is on the form published in this issue of the *Newscaster*.

Please join me in Making a Difference in DKG by participating in the Illinois State Organization Convention on April 24-26, 2020.