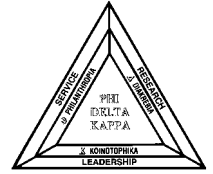




Phi Delta Kappa

University of Kentucky Chapter #037

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From The President's Pen... by Robb Gaskins

This year I have been thrilled with the consistently high quality of the presentations that have been made at our meetings. Each speaker (or set of speakers) has led a fascinating and informative discussion about his/her/their topic. So, you may be wondering if we can maintain that level of excellence in our final meeting. Not only can we maintain the quality of the presentations, we are looking forward to having a meeting that is truly worthy of its status as our grand finale!

For our final meeting, we are fortunate to have **Dr. Shirley Raines**, Dean of the College of Education at the University of Kentucky, as our speaker. But wait,...there is more! We also will be presenting service awards. And, well, you may not believe this, but,...there is still more! We also will initiate new members into Phi Delta Kappa, honor a scholarship recipient, and enjoy a delicious dessert.

In order to prepare for this big event, it was necessary to postpone our final meeting. The meeting has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.** It is important to note that the meeting will be held at the **Boone Faculty Club on the UK campus.** (free parking is available behind the faculty club.) The meeting will cost \$5 (payable at the door) and it would be very helpful for our planning if you could RSVP to Gary Schroeder as to whether or not you will be able to attend.

This will be a great evening and a perfect opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year. I hope you will come out and join the fun. See you at the meeting!

- Robb Gaskins

DETAILS OF THE JUNE 21, 2000 FINAL MEETING OF THE 99-2000 YEAR

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Club Room, UK Boone Faculty Club (corner of Rose and Columbia)

Cost: \$5.00 (payable at the door)

Speaker: Shirley Raines, Dean, University of Kentucky College of Education

RSVP: Gary Schroeder... 257-8691 or via email at gschr1@pop.uky.edu.... BY Monday, June 19

We will have an initiation ceremony at this meeting. Any persons nominated for membership should plan to attend.



"Whatever made you think being a teacher would be an easy job?"

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

This is your final chance this year, to encourage that favorite colleague to become a member of Phi Delta Kappa... your chance to extend the opportunity to a colleague to join a professional band of men and women... Phi Delta Kappans... educators who represent the very best in educational leadership.

Utilize the membership form and return envelope included with this newsletter to nominate at least one new member.

See the information items about membership on the back of the membership form for details.

PKD INTERNATIONAL: WHAT'S HAPPENING

By Eve Proffitt, President-Elect, International PDK

These are exciting times for Phi Delta Kappa International as we work toward our 100th anniversary in 2010. We have some lofty goals that we are attempting to achieve. One of those is increasing our membership. We have had great success by having a booth at well attended conferences such as ASCD. Kappans manned the booth in New Orleans at the ASCD conference in March and had more than 90 persons join PDK. This is just one example of people who are exceptional educators who want to belong to PDK. The question the board keeps asking is, "If there are so many persons still out there, why are we not initiating them into chapters?" We still have over 100 chapters this year who have not initiated a single member. At the same time, many of these chapters have not retained members and have a negative loss of membership. The International Office still retrieves calls from educators who are interested. We spend many hours at our Board of Directors' meetings attempting to understand the problems and issues and determine a good course of action. Have you nominated into the UK Chapter those great educators we have in this area? When was the last time you nominated someone for membership? In my experience across this state, people are honored when you ask them if they would like to be in PDK and are absolutely thrilled when you say that you will nominate them for membership.

Another item discussed at our Board of Directors' meetings has been our professional development programs. We are concerned that we offer many high quality programs and yet do not generate, in some areas, sufficient interest to host the program. If the staff at PDK is doing all the legwork and the chapter is only asked to identify educators to attend, we wonder why it is not happening. This is an area that we have offered to chapters to replace a chapter program and yet we still do not have sufficient takers. The same is true for the public forums for education. The format has been developed by PDK and just would need to be implemented in an area by a chapter and yet, few chapters have taken the initiative. The executive committee works hard on planning programs that they think will attract members to the meetings. How many meetings did you attend at UK this year? Have you communicated to the officers times and programs that you would like to attend?

We are moving into the 21st Century and PDK is moving along with it. The Board of Directors are spending time at each meeting discussing issues that chapters and members have requested of us. We attempt to determine the course of action that is best and strive to keep PDK at the forefront of national issues. We lean on our Area Coordinators, our District Representatives, our Chapter Officers and our members to assist us with that mission. It is critical that we continue to communicate with our members and determine what it is that PDK will be as an organization in the year 2010.

Just as we have taken the time to do at our Board Meetings, we are asking the Area Coordinators to generate a discussion at the Area Leadership Conferences on the "core values" of PDK. We have discussed some interesting books focusing on leadership and organizations as a Board of Directors including, "Built to Last", "Who Moved My Cheese?" and "The Gift of Leadership".

We must identify what it is that we (members) hold as the core values of PDK to sustain us as we move forward. Have you taken the time recently to think about PDK and what you believe the organization should be doing for education?

I leave you with this quote: "Leadership is not a gift you possess, it is a gift you demonstrate."

CHAPTER OFFICERS 2000-2001

President: **Robb Gaskins, UK**
Secretary: **Rosetta Sandidge, UK**
Treasurer: **Willis Johnson, UK**
Newsletter: **Gary Schroeder, UK**
Historian: **Roger Jones, Ret.**
Advisor: **Katherine McCormick, UK**
Research: **Jane Clark Lindle, UK**
Foundation: **Linda Holbrook, KDE**
Delegate: **Ed Sagan, Ret.**
Membership: **Open**
Program: **Open**

Volunteers are needed to fill out the roster of officers. Public school representatives are a priority.

"Big AI" Cinson Conducts Second Area Leadership Conference.

Saturday, June 3, was the date for this year's Area 8D PDK Leadership Conference. UK's own AI Cinson, area 8D coordinator, put on his usual successful program, hosted by the Louisville chapter, and held at Masterson's Restaurant. In addition to the great food and fellowship, there was an energetic and enthusiastic discussion of the nuts and bolts of Phi Delta Kappa. Shari Bradley, who works with PDK's Future Educators high school groups was also in attendance.

All of us came away with a keener understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Phi Delta Kappa. A chapter forum on goals for the organization would be an excellent meeting topic.

PHI DELTA KAPPA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Who Can Apply?

- Professional Educators in all areas and at all levels
- Students—undergraduates pursuing a degree for licensure or certification in education, student teachers, graduate students

What are the different types of membership?

PDK offers two types of membership. The first is called regular membership. This membership is open to professional educators, individuals in education-related fields, graduate students and student teachers. Regular members are entitled to all membership services and benefits, voting privileges and the right to hold volunteer leadership positions. A second type of membership is offered to undergraduate students who are embarked on a course leading toward certification/licensure in education. This is an introductory membership. It is for one year only, and it is not renewable. Undergraduate students are not initiated into PDK, do not have voting privileges, and can not hold official leadership positions.

What does it cost to join the UK Phi Delta Kappa Chapter?

Regular members pay \$50.00 on initiation. This includes \$35.00 PDK dues, \$10.00 chapter dues and \$5.00 initiation fee.

Undergraduate members pay \$22.50 upon joining. This includes \$17.50 PDK dues, and \$5.00 chapter dues.

Email the Membership Chair, Gary Schroeder at **Gschr1@pop.uky.edu** (***the 1 in Gschr1 is a numeral 1***) for additional information or to **nominate yourself for membership** (after which you will be contacted to be sponsored by a member).

IF YOU NOMINATE.....

- 1) A candidate must attend an initiation ceremony to become a member of Phi Delta Kappa.
- 2) The next initiation will be on the evening of Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at the Boone Faculty Club.... 7 PM. All initiates are the guests of the chapter.
- 3) Paperwork for the initiate should reach Gary Schroeder, membership chair, 166 Taylor Education Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0001, no later than Tuesday, June 20. Phone: 859-257-7971.
- 4) Candidate sponsors are requested to attend the initiation ceremony with their nominees.
- 5) Candidates should be prepared to give a check for \$50.00 to the membership chair at the time of the initiation.

Need some forms?? Application for Membership. Application for Undergraduate Student Membership. Application for Reinstatement to Good Standing Membership. Application for Membership Transfer. Application for Dual Membership. Application for Senior Membership. Email Gschr1@pop.uky.edu, or call 859-257-7971.