These are ideas that were shared at the Leadership Conference in June. It is the hope of the Personal and Professional Pride Committee that this list will be helpful as you plan interesting meetings for your chapter.

**Effective DKG Meetings:**

\*Guest talked about alzheimers disease; signs to watch for; available services; helpful information/brochures.

\*Published author, college teacher, friend of a member talked about her books and her focus on books to engage struggling readers.

\*Local author showed slides and shared one character from her book. Connected w/teachers who wanted her to come to their classroom.

\*Owner of restaurant where we frequently meet shared her journey from a troubled childhood, abusive marriage, homelessness, serious accident, cancer survivor to present successful business. Teachers were an encouragement to her.

\*DKG member/local administrator talked about Common Core Curriculum.

\*Honoring two Student Teachers with monetary gifts. Recognizing their cooperating teachers.

\*Teacher Appreciation Event – Honored teachers at an after-school event. Gave everyone favors and prizes and had some fun get-acquainted activities. Prizes included info on DKG.

\*Spellbinders story teller – shared info on the organization, told a couple of stories and kept us “spellbound”.

\*League of Women Voters – speaker talked about current issues. (More than one chapter listed this.)

\*Membership Tea – Invited prospective and inactive members. Very successful!

\*Painting – Taught by a new member. Good fun and fellowship.

\*CASA – Reporting by our own members. Hawaiian theme. Good food and decorations.

\*Human Trafficking – Two chapters listed this topic.

\*Invited a former state senator to give an overview of the direction of education in Colorado. Good discussion.

\*Principal of a special needs school shared why her school/classes have showed growth and rate so well.

\*Gave books to young (high school age) mothers for their toddlers. Members told about their favorite books.

\* Book Talks – We start each September with book reviews. Each member shares a book.

\*Computer Training – We used a computer lab at a middle school to teach and enhance members’ skills. Taught by a very “techy” member.

This is a list of places in which some of our chapters have met. Hopefully there will be something here that makes you think of somewhere new that your chapter can meet.

**Interesting Meeting Places:**

\*Meet at schools of our members.

\*Met at a club house of another chapter to plan programs. Joint brainstorming gives wide perspective for scheduling programs with our 7 purposes in mind.

\*Ya Yas restaurant for a membership social.

\*Central City gambling

\*Churches and Schools

\*Briarwood Inn, Golden for high tea. Beautiful!

\*Genealogical Society

\*Sweetwater Resort in Dotsero for dinner

\*Center for American Values (on the Riverwalk in Pueblo) – This is a GREAT place to visit and its free!

\*Pueblo Child Advocacy Center – A staff member described their services and gave us a tour. We support the center with books that they give to each child.

\*CSU-Pueblo – Met in and toured the Education Department/Curriculum Lab. (Dr. Pettit was our tour guide.)

\*CSU-Pueblo- Met in and toured the Library. A staff member gave us the tour.