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President's Corner

Does it seem like life has come to an abrupt stop? Many things have stopped



and many things are changing. The updates on the virus range widely, but there seems to be a glimmer of hope that as the days get longer and the nights get warmer, we will get past this scourge. An IMPORTANT announcement was going to be made at the Spring Board meeting. Of course, that did not get to happen. The announcement is that Nancy Scofield is stepping back from her duties as webmaster and editor of the Peaks and Plains. We are ever so grateful to Nancy for her years of service and generous sharing of her expertise.

As is often the case when a talented and hardworking person leaves a position, two people will be filling her responsibilities. I know these ladies are well qualified and will do a great job for Colorado DKG.

Our new Colorado Webmaster will be Heidi Ragsdale from Alpha Mu chapter in Grand Junction. Her email is STEMisMyFuture@gmail.com

Our new Peaks and Plains Editor will be Juana Hajek. Her email address is farabejhajek@gmail.com

While we are sheltering at home, I am asking you Team Leaders to take a look at your team's vision and purpose. Please consider sending an updated article for the Peaks and Plains. Let me know if you want to present a workshop or short update at the June Conference.

The dates for the State Leadership Conference have been changed to August 14-16, 2020. This could change, but it appears that a lot of restrictions to daily life will be lifted by the end of May, so pencil the conference back into your calendar.

What a celebration we will have to see all our DKG friends face to face!!

Leila

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Immediate Past President - Janet McClaskey

White Roses of Remembrance

Glenna Havens Mathis

Mu Chapter

Died February 15, 2020

Rho Chapter

Betty Yoder

Died April 16, 2020



Omega State Officers 2019-2021

President - Leila Koenig

1st Vice President - Suzanne Foster

2nd Vice President - Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

Recording Secretary - Michelle Miller

Corresponding Secretary - Kerry Tripp

Executive Secretary - Cynthia Mousel

Treasurer - Lily vigil

Parliamentarian - Memory Wollenweber

Editor - Juana Hajek

Webmaster - Heidi Ragsdale

Archivist - Kathy Flynn

Reminder for Chapter Presidents

It is very important that each death of a member be reported as soon as possible on **Form 6 for Death of a Member**. Please work with your membership chairs to promptly report to all three of the following:

1. **International Membership Services:** mem@dkg.org
2. Omega State Membership Chair:
Beth Barzdukas:
barzdukas@live.com
3. Omega State Treasurer: **Lily Vigil:**
cmcer1@msn.com

The form is interactive online and is available on both the state website and the international website. Names will not be listed in the White Roses unless the form 6 is submitted.

Team Updates

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES TEAM

Here is an update from your Colorado/ State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules Team. Basically, our governing documents have been updated to comply with the changes made at the International Convention in 2018 and to include membership recommendations. The Colorado State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules have been approved by International (as of December 2019), just in time for the next go around of amendments to the International Constitution. A copy of Colorado State Organization's 2019 documents was sent to our webmaster, Heidi Ragsdale, to post whenever she does the website. The BSR Team just finished the Standing Rules Appendices but they are on hold until the membership can vote on them, possibly at our Fall Executive Board meeting. Anyone wanting the newest International Constitution and Standing Rules can download them from the International website. There is also a new Go To Guide available from International's website that chapters may find

helpful. Now that these newest governing documents are with us, chapters should delete or shred their older documents so as not to confuse the issue. Chapters wanting to update their Chapter Rules need look no further than the template that is on the Colorado State Organization website, under the Bylaws and Standing Rules tab. Members of the Colorado State Organization bylaws and Standing Rules Team are always available to assist chapters with their governing documents.

Submitted by Susan Denny

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Since we have stay-at-home restrictions still in place, many chapters are not meeting face to face. When we meet again in the fall, it would be a great time to do a **full blown membership drive**. Here are some ideas:

1. Brainstorm with your membership team or your chapter members. Study, review, and analyze the membership plan as given on the International website: www.dkg.org in Resources/Chapter Tools/ Membership Plan. Set some goals for the number of new members to induct. Set up a get-together. Talk about some fun activities to do as ice breakers. Some chapters have a party and go out to eat. Others get together at a member's home. A Saturday morning brunch for a short time period works for some. Inviting a prospective member to a chapter meeting will help her decide if this group fits her. Perhaps your team or your members will have some ideas that work best for your chapter.
2. For those prospective members who are interested, set up an orientation meeting and pass out and discuss the

pamphlet from International, *A Journey for Life*. These are available from the International Store, or I have a large number of these I would mail if a member requests them. Create a chapter brochure, print, and distribute to prospective members. A template is available on the International website in Resources/Videos/Powerpoints/Templates. Use your chapter information and some photographs from your chapter meetings.

3. Hold an induction at a chapter meeting (see Ceremonies book). Plan about 2 - 3 weeks in advance by reading the ceremony and securing the necessary items for your chosen ceremony. Be sure to order a certificate from the DKG sStore. Optional is presenting each new person a red rose. This is a truly nice gesture, depending on finances. **A woman becomes a member when her dues are paid.** Be sure to collect dues in a timely manner.
4. As a membership team, review the membership section item that gives practical suggestions on keeping members engaged. All the hard work your membership team does will be rewarded when your enthusiasm and dedication shows.

At the International level, these changes to the International constitution and standing rules concerning membership will be voted on at the International convention in Philadelphia this summer.

1. The Expansion Committee at the International level will become part of the Membership Committee.
2. Membership types are active, reserve, collegiate, and if approved - emerita. A member emerita would be a member whose membership has been supported by her chapter. An

emerita member would remain on the chapter rolls, would receive no mailings, but would be eligible for awards.

3. The definition of a reserve member would be changed to say a person could be a reserve member if she is one who is suffering personal hardship or affliction. It would broaden those eligible for reserve membership.
4. Induction fee is \$10; \$7.50 goes to the chapter and \$2.50 to the state.

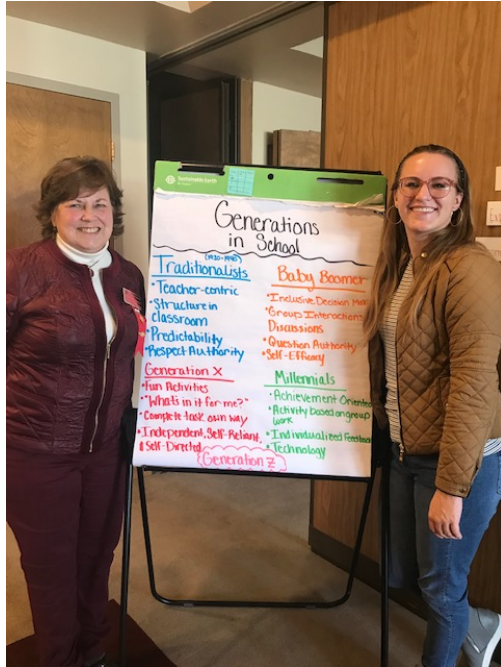
Chapters are encouraged to discuss these proposed changes so that members who attend the International Convention will know how chapter members would vote on these changes.

Submitted by Elizabeth Barzdukas

Sisters in the news!

Check out this interview with our sister, Nancy Scofield. Nancy was interviewed about how she is helping Pueblo Community College deal with the Covid-19 Pandemic!

<https://www.chieftain.com/news/20200401/pcc-kicks-off-remote-learning-amid-covid-19-pandemic>



Zeta Chapter members and friends met in December for their annual “Bake & Craft Sale” celebrating the joyful season of Christmas with dear sisters and friends— 18 of us! The church ladies where we meet provide a delicious brunch. Entertainment and group singing were provided by Ethel Clow & Millie Jurneke. This is always one of our favorite events!

Chapter News Zeta Chapter



Kelsey was presented with her official certificate of DKG membership by Ethel Clow.

On February 8th, the ladies braved a recent snowstorm to attend a delightful “Tea” at the Rose Tea Room in Broomfield. It was a delightful afternoon with 13 of our 14 members attending. We took the opportunity to celebrate the birthday of our faithful and dedicated treasurer, Mary Archuleta.

March is a special opportunity for our Zeta members to enjoy the musical talented students of Millie Jurneke. These talented youngsters ranging from elementary to high school perform their piano selections for us in preparation for their competitive recitals later in the Spring.

2020 began with a stimulating and informative program, “Keeping up with Generation X, Y & Z” presented by Shirley Simpson and our newest member, Kelsey Fugita. Fascinating information!

Submitted by Nancy McFaddin

Mu Chapter

WE ARE MISSING EACH OTHER!

With the COVID-19 virus threat shutting down schools and “Shelter in Place and Social Isolation” confining many of us to either work at home or risk being exposed to the virus, life as we knew it has changed considerably. Parents are home-schooling their children with on-line materials provided by the public school staffs here in St. Vrain; various groups are utilizing programs like ZOOM to connect in small to larger groups on the computer screens. Governor Polis has declared Shelter in Place through April 11, 2020, at this point and President Trump has revised his “Stay at Home” date to April 30th. Times are difficult !

We celebrated our holiday brunch and sang Christmas Carols and secular holiday songs. The talents of Gail Fray, Martha Ramos, and Vivian Bray delighted attendees with readings, flute duets, and singing.

January featured member, and world



traveler, Rhonda Tucker, who teaches social studies at Niwot H.S. Rhonda, husband Lyle, and their twin daughters participated 16 years in teacher-led trips in countries around the world. Rhonda had four goals for students: 1) See natural wonders; 2) Appreciate diverse cultures; 3) Make people to people connections and on site volunteer opportunities; 4) Learn historical lessons.

AAUW and DKG gathered in February to hear a panel of Colorado lawmakers, discuss the legislative process and update us on their advocacy for education in our state.. Past president of the Colorado Senate, Brandon Shaffer began the discussion explaining how a

bill actually gets submitted and eventually may get voted into law after committee scrutiny and a vote to take it to the legislature. Kathy Hall, an



honorary member of DKG for her work in SVVSD as school board and the Education Foundation, moderated the panel, assisted by Susan Burnett. The meeting was most informative. The panelists were: CPR Reporter, Bente Birkeland; Legislators, Mike Foote and Sonya Jaquez Lewis; and Brandon Shaffer.

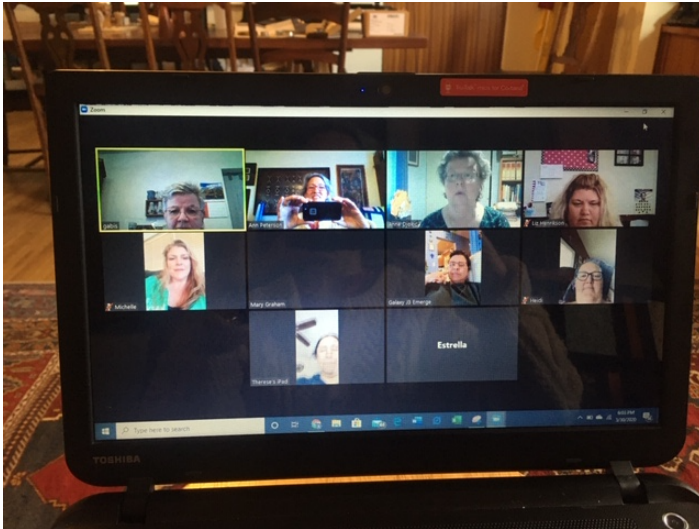
We hope to meet in May, 2020.

Submitted by Kathy Flynn

Alpha Mu

Our Alpha Mu Chapter in Colorado hosted a successful chapter meeting using Zoom videoconferencing this past Monday. Several members were new to the platform, while Zoom expert members helped everyone get online! We ran a test run on a Sunday evening to ensure everyone felt confident learning to mute

and turn video on and off. Our meeting lasted a little over an hour and included an intro where our Zoom leader Ann Peterson ask us to share the best part of our week. We then hosted our International education theme by inviting



a guest speaker on immigration and schools. Members were able to type out questions with Zoom's chat feature, while other members asked their questions directly to our guest. We concluded our meeting with chapter duties around our upcoming election, our Founder's Day plan and our Chapter's social justice outreach with our local teen shelter.

I was super proud of our members for their flexibility and for being so willing to learn together!

One great outcome from our online meeting was more attended than any of the last 4 in-person meetings. I am going to suggest to our chapter that we try online Zoom meetings for one of our winter meetings next year after this successful first try!!

Submitted by Heidi Ragsdale

Omega Chapter

Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held their second ZOOM Meeting on April 25, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. 6 members of the Chapter participated. The first thing we did was ask each other if everyone was okay and whether anyone needed any supplies. Members said they were fine and did not need anything. We then got into a discussion regarding medical and dental appointments. Several members shared that they thought it was too early for any elective surgeries or dental appointments and that members should wait if they could.

A member shared her experience with a drive-by birthday party honoring her great-niece's 13th birthday, and a funeral procession that honored a young man who had recently passed away from COVID 19, who had lived in her neighborhood. Approximately 200 police cars, from many of the counties in the Metro Denver area, slowly went down the street to honor this young man, since funerals are not permitted at this time.

One of the members of our group, who is currently a teacher in Aurora, sent an e-mail to our President. She said on-line teaching, with her 24 students is working, but she would rather be teaching them in her classroom. At this time, she is unsure if she will be back in her building next fall. She is waiting to see what her district will decide to do before the beginning of the next school year.

Members discussed food bank donations and where members could take food to help these organizations. Several members talked about their

upcoming trips. Others talked about friends they have recently talked to.

It was decided that our next regularly scheduled DKG Meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2020, will again be held on ZOOM, at 10:30 a.m. An e-mail, regarding this meeting, will be sent out to our members. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Sharon Gordon

Notes From the Desk of President Leila Koenig:

Dear Colorado DKG chapters and members,

How I wish I could make all this contagion, confusion, and concern vanish by just saying April Fools!! But we are in a profession that deals with society's problems on a daily basis and, boy, this is a big one. I am sending my congratulations, commendations, and sincere encouragement to all of our DKG sisters as we brainstorm, innovate, encourage, and commiserate our way through this crisis!

Now a little business – Your By-laws and Standing Rules Team has been hard at work for several years. The result of that effort is the “New” version of our state governing documents. The last part, the appendices, would have been reviewed and hopefully approved at the March State Board Meeting that was cancelled due to the current health situation. The review and approval vote is

now a priority agenda item for the State Leadership Conference in August. The By-laws and Standing Rules are available on the Colorado DKG website. Download yours today! That said, the current By-laws and Standing Rules, approved by Colorado and at the International level **are** our governing documents. That means it is time to clean house. All previous versions need to be removed from your yearbooks, chapter treasure troves, storage boxes and replaced with the correct set. Since you are supposed to be staying home anyway, take some time and bring your chapter up to date.

Current chapter Presidents

please prepare some materials for your new incoming president. If you will be continuing, this is a good time to clean out, file, refresh your own materials. Can you locate your red DKG Guide for Chapter Presidents manual? Take a look through the manual and do a little self-evaluation. If you can't find your copy, it can be downloaded from International. Please prepare to pass it on to the next chapter president.

Has your chapter lost a member this year due to death? If so, did you turn in the **Form 6**? This is an important step for several reasons including making sure that Colorado recognizes your treasured friend next year at our ceremony of remembrance. With the challenge of many cancelled face-to-face meetings this Spring, meeting to elect new

officers and other items of business will require some ingenuity. Please make sure that all your chapter members are notified, informed and able to participate in this process, in some form, that works for your chapter. You may want to look into ZOOM, a free program similar to GO TO MEETING, and hold a virtual meeting. We may be using this platform at the State meeting this summer, so this would be a great opportunity to practice. Don't forget to report your new officers to Kerry Tripp jtwerpie@msn.com and to me leilak@bresnan.net. The state Leadership Conference is designed to help your officers get started with some ideas, training, and some networking friends. Make sure your new officers know they need to attend.

A Corona is a crown or circle of light.

What are you doing to stay home and stay busy? Do you have some special hand cream recipe to save your skin from all the hand washing? Please share your fun projects, uplifting comments, a beautiful sunrise/sunset, poem, joke, children or pet picture, etc. with your chapter and the rest of us. We all need to share and enjoy the circle of light of our friendships in Delta Kappa Gamma, our very special treasure.

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Publish Your Family Snapshot!

Since many of us have wonderful memories from childhood and love learning family history, the State Music, Arts, and Humanities Team invites each member to write a paragraph or poem and insert a photo for a one-page entry into our *Family Snapshots* booklet. You might even spend part of a meeting writing together and sharing!

Send your *Family Snapshots* to janet.mcclaskey@gmail.com We plan to print a booklet and make it available for purchase in 2020. We already have several entries, and we'd like to have snapshots from each chapter to represent our whole state organization!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please note and share these

Important Dates –

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE IN DATES

Colorado State Leadership Conference, **August 14-16, 2020**, Montrose, CO Registration available on the Colorado DKG website.

International Convention, July 7-11, 2020, Philadelphia, PA

Colorado State Fall Board Meeting, October 17, 2020, Greeley, CO

Colorado State Spring Board Meeting, March 20, 2021, Colo. Springs, CO

Presidents' Training at State DKG Leadership Conference **Date To Be Announced**

Congratulations on stepping up to Leadership! Whether you are new or continuing, there are opportunities to learn and grow. This is going to be the Cliff Notes version of what you need to know.

Notebook –

- What is included
- Using the contact information in the Notebook
- If in doubt, ask
- 3 Yearbooks to turn in at Fall Board meeting.

Red Guidelines for Chapter Presidents book.

- What is the email address for?

DKG What does that stand for?

- The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
- Key Women Educators
- other?

Levels of DKG

- Elections are staggered for continuity
- Local
- State
- International (17 countries including USA)
- Regions SW; SE; NW, NE, Europe

Conducting meetings

- Parliamentary Procedure
- Money Matters
- When to vote
- Quorum

President Responsibilities

- The buck stops with You
- Membership and Dues

- Form 6
- IRS Form 990
- Form 110

Put your team to work!

- Ceremonies
- Initiation
- Installation
- White Rose

Founders Day

- What month was DKG started?

Make it fun

- Traditions vs. Change
- Take a chapter field trip

Helpful Hints

- A planning meeting in the summer to decide
- Locations
- Topics
- Hostesses
- Projects
- Find a mentor
- Board Meetings
- State Convention and Conference
 - Conference on even number years for Leadership Training
 - Convention on odd number years for Business and Ceremony
- Recognition
 - Longevity
 - Birthday
 - Each members' special day (good job for Corresponding Sec or just someone who likes to write notes. Note card included in Goodie Bag.
 - The day your chapter was chartered is your chapter birthday.

Dues, Dues, Dues!

Don't forget your dues! This year, because of the quarantine, there will be

no review of any memberships for non-payment of dues until after September 30, 2020. Still, they need to be turned as soon as possible.



Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators.

Vision

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Society Purposes

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
- To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant

fellowships to women educators from other countries

- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Colorado Peaks & Plains

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Deadline for submissions to the September issue is **August 31, 2020**.

Contributors to the newsletter are asked to send news as soon as it is available to ensure inclusion in the next issue to:

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For email submissions, please list Peaks & Plains as the subject.

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

PO Box 1589

Austin, TX 78767

or mem@dkg.org

Pursuing the Treasures of DKG

Past, Present, and Future

2020
Colorado State
Conference

Montrose



June 12 - 14, 2020



Guest Speaker
Marilyn Gregory
SW Regional DKG
Director

Conference

- Chapter Officers Training
- Committee/Team Training
- Breakout sessions





Talent Show

In the Evening



Basket Auction

Saturday

Treasures to Visit



Durango
Cortez

Treasures to Taste



And the best reason.....

⇒ You
⇒ get
⇒ to
⇒ see
⇒ all of us!!



**You'll be comin' o'er the mountains
when you come.
And we'll all be there to greet you
when you come.
You'll be comin' o'er the mountains
and we'll all be there to greet you.
You'll be comin' o'er the mountains
when you come.**



**Pursuing the Treasures of DKG –
Past, Present, and Future
June 12-14, 2020
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado**

Colorado Peaks & Plains Submission Guidelines

1. Each individual article should be a **maximum** of 300 words. The purpose is to have room to make the newsletter a statewide representation of as many chapters as possible.
2. Two photos **maximum**, per article. Photos must include a clear description and name identification of each person in said photos.
3. Additional photos/videos should be submitted to our webmaster Heidi Ragsdale at STEMisMyFuture@gmail.com to be used in a slideshow on the website. Members are encouraged to send photos for this slideshow.
4. Submit basic word processed documents - do not heavily format your submission as it will not translate to the column style of the newsletter.
 - -year teachers, other community members, etc.
5. Communicate clearly with the newsletter editor if you want your submission formatted in a specific way.
6. Some suggestions for submissions to *Colorado Peaks & Plains*:
 - New chapter member bios/photos
 - Chapter awards given to members
 - Special chapter projects and/or presentations
 - Programs given at the chapter level

- Scholarships or other awards given to student teachers, first

Pursuing the Treasures of DKG-Past, Present, and Future
Colorado State Leadership Conference
June 12-14, 2020
 Holiday Inn Express – Montrose, CO
 1391 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401 - 970-240-1800

Please use a separate form for each person

PHOTO RELEASE: By your attendance at this event, you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped, or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness without compensation.

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Chapter _____

Chapter Office/Committee _____ State Office/Team _____

First Time Attending? ____ Yes ____ No Free CEU Credit? ____ Yes ____ No

Registration Deadline: May 28, 2020 (Registration fee not refunded after this date.)

Registration Fee: (Circle one). Member -\$ 75.00 Non-Member -\$ 85.00 Hostess Chapter Member \$ 50,00

All attendees (including presenters, volunteers, and hostess chapter workers) must register.

Meal Please list any dietary restrictions:

_____ Enter number of meals and total amount for that meal.

Indicate #	Total for meals		
Of meals:			
_____	\$_____	Friday Night Dinner - \$ 25.00	BBQ Buffet
_____	\$_____	Saturday Luncheon - \$ 23.00	Soup/Salad/Sandwich Buffet
_____	\$_____	Saturday Dinner - \$ 32.00	Home Style Buffet
	\$_____	Food Total	
	\$_____	Registration total from above	
	\$_____	Total Due (Registration and Meals)	

If you have indicated more than one meal, please list the names of your guests. _____

Make check payable to: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Send registration and check to:

Laurie Salazar

885 County Road 311, Ignacio, CO 81137-9128

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lsalazar@frontier.net

970-749-9809

For Questions Contact:

Cynthia Mousel

camousel@gmail.com

Updated registration information will be available at dkgcolorado.weebly.com

Meal Information

(**Breakfasts** - If you are registered and staying overnight at the Holiday Inn Express, your breakfast is included in the cost of your room.
Not staying at the Holiday Inn? Breakfast on your own.)

Friday Night Dinner - \$ 25.00

BBQ Buffet

Beef Brisket – rubbed with our blend of seasonings and smoked low and slow.

Pulled Pork – seasoned with our top secret rub and smoked low and slow.

Also includes: ranch style beans, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw,
Cornbread, fresh split rolls, and fruit Cobbler with vanilla ice cream.

Saturday Luncheon - \$ 23.00

Soup, Salad, and sandwich Buffet

Garden salad with dressing.

Your choice of black forest ham & sunset cheddar,

Or Chicken salad sandwich

Our House-made soup, served with Bread and Butter

Saturday Night Dinner - \$ 32.00

Home-Style Buffet

Roast Turkey – slow roasted in House and topped with our signature turkey gravy.

Roast Beef – dry cured and slow roasted, topped w/ mushroom and red wine demi glaze

Also includes: roasted garlic mashed potatoes, Green beans with bacon, fresh garden salad,

House-made bread and butter,

Chocolate Cake

Lodging Information

Holiday Inn Express Guest Room Group Rates

Standard Guest Room, single or double - \$119 per night

Available June 12 and 13, 2020- may extend stay up to 3 days

before and after Conference at DKG Group Rates.

Hotel's room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes, currently 8.85%).

*Hotel will provide complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms and complimentary breakfast.

Method of Hotel Reservations: Please call the hotel directly – 1-970-240-1800
and tell them you are with the Delta Kappa Gamma group

Group rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before the **Cutoff Date of May 10, 2020.**

Any reservations made after the Cutoff Date shall be at the Hotel's current available rate.