REORIENTATION: SOCIETY PURPOSES

**A Time to Remember: Recommitment to the Society**

Presider: Ahhhh, let us remember – some may have further to travel than others….I remember….. Do you remember….. that fine October or May or maybe another month when you said “yes” to Delta Kappa Gamma?

(look for nodding heads)

Do you remember…. The joy of receiving the invitation to membership?

Do you remember …. The joy when you committed your loyalty by saying “yes”?

If so, say the word “yes.”

Presider and Participants: Yes

Presider: Do you remember… when you first wore your keypin after your initiation?

Again, feel the joy and pride you felt when you wore your Delta Kappa Gamma Keypin for the very first time

I remember….. Do you remember….when, with a smile, you wrote that first check for dues? You believed that capable and competent hands on the local, state organization and international levels would benefit greatly from your participation.

If you remember …please smile and applaud.

Do you remember….the day you committed to work for Society goals through your love of education?

Upon initiation into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, you were recognized for your service to education and your dedication to the high ideals of the educational profession and the progress of humanity.

As members of the Society, we have agreed to be loyal and to support actively the Seven Purposes upon which Dr. Annie Webb Blanton founded the organization in 1929.

Let us reflect upon the meaning of each of the Purposes as they impact members, both professionally and personally.

Presider: To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

Please respond by saying, “We unite.”

Participants: We unite.

Presider: To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education. Please respond by saying “We honor.”

Participants: We honor.

Presider: To advance the professional interest and position of women in education. Please respond by saying “We advance.”

Participants: We advance.

Presider: To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators. Please respond by saying, “We initiate, endorse, and support.”

Participants: We initiate, endorse, and support.

Presider: To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries. Please respond by saying “We endow.”

Participants: We endow.

Presider: To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action. Please respond by saying, “We stimulate and encourage.”

Participants: We stimulate and encourage.

Presider: To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society. Please respond by saying, “We inform.”

Participants: We inform.

Presider: These Purposes, reflected in the tradition of the Society, are reflected by

* The rose and the color gold stand for friendship, loyalty and helpfulness.
* The wreath of laurel leaves represents achievement.
* The crimson stands for courage to achieve success and attain leadership in our profession.
* The cup represents knowledge.
* The lamp and open book represent wisdom and scholarship.
* The golden ellipse represents the work of each member for the good of all.

Presider: The Mission Statement of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International defines our goals, hopes and dreams. Please repeat after me (note phrasing):

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International…promotes profession and personal growth...of women educators….and excellence in education.

Presider: Please repeat the following recommitment to our Society” (note phrasing):

I am proud of my membership….in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International….and I am proud….to rededicate myself to the Purposes…. And Mission Statement of the Society….I believe that our members….contribute significantly….to the quality of life of those we touch.

Presider: In remembering our dedication to the ideals of our Society, we have renewed our commitment to the Society Purposes, to our Mission Statement, and to the important work of the Society around the world. We have pledged to do our best to fulfill the responsibilities of membership. Let us recommit to our organization with the same joy, the same eagerness and the same enthusiasm as when we first joined the Society.

The words of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song* reflect a picture of a committed Delta Kappa Gamma member. Please join hands and sing with recommitment OUR SONG.