

Membership Memo

Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture... A Re-orientation Guide for Chapters

Have you attended an orientation for prospective members for your chapter? While listening, were you inspired by a comment about the power of our Society in what it offers our new members? Also, did you hear how our Society challenges new members to become involved immediately with their outstanding talents? Did this cause you to recall your own chapter orientation or perhaps a recommitment program given by your chapter or state?

A brand-new re-orientation program, *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*, is now available for chapter use. It is in the form of both a hard copy guide and a slide presentation. State membership chairs will find the slide show and guide a very useful resource in training chapter counterparts in presenting a powerful reorientation program!

The printed re-orientation follows the same ‘user friendly’ format as the new *Pride in the Big Picture: Orientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams*. Topics include

- A powerful opening, the Honor of Membership, reminding us that “someone noticed our work, believed in our potentials and had confidence in us”;
- The many Society benefits, opportunities, projects, and programs available for us to develop professionally and personally, as well as many opportunities to contribute our leadership talents to the Society;
- A reminder that our Founders “wanted to make a difference for women educators – both for their contemporaries and for the future of education.”

Chapters can develop presentations that encourage interaction among members, using certain slides only or using the printed guide without the slides at each chapter meeting. Here are some suggestions to help get creativity going:

- A 5- to 10-minute emphasis on a selected topic or group of slides could be shared at each meeting.
- Chapter members could be encouraged to share their knowledge of and involvement in selected topics.
- True-false quizzes and *Jeopardy* games can be developed to involve members.

We know that you have an array of ideas for developing a meaningful re-orientation program for chapters. We are eager to hear your thoughts and ideas for re-orientation presentations via emails or on the DKG Social Network Membership Blog.

Remember: A powerful re-orientation program will strengthen every chapter member!