

2026 International Convention: Breakouts at a Glance

Wednesday 07.01.2026

10:30am	Awakening the Leader Within: Claiming Leadership Through Emotional Intelligence	What does Advocacy have to do with Membership Growth?	Fostering Integral Growth Through Structured Play Activities	Lifting the Spirit of Once Homeless Families	Keeping It All Together: How DKG Members Prevent Wardrobe Malfunctions	The Power of Mentorship	Strengthening DKG's Tomorrow Through Passion and Purpose	StoryWalk with DKG — A Community Literacy Project	DKG Visionary Network: Elevating the Member Experience
Breakout 1									
11:30am	Dr. Mariné Avagyan, CA	U.S. Forum Steering Committee	Ovis Angélica Forde de De Gracia, PM	Ellen Tanoura, HI	Connie Boggs, WV	Susan Perkins, KS	Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, IL	Pamela Wright, NC	Visionary Network Committee
2:00pm	Celebrating Tennessee's Granite Jubilee, 90 years of DKG	My Experience With DNA Sequencing	Your Choice - Stay In, Burnout or Quit - Let DKG Help!	Pilates: is it exercise...a trend...a lifestyle?	Chapter Triage: A tool for checking your chapter's pulse	Are You an Artist or Scientist or Both?	Everything DKG (Trivia Game)	Engaging Assessment: Strategies to Reach Even Your Quietest Learner	Science of Reading—The Pendulum Swings Once More
Breakout 2									
3:00pm	Dr. Elaine Alexander, TN	Dr. Kammie Richter, IL	Karen Carson, VA	Dr. Alicia Pruitt, LA	Membership & Expansion Committee	Dr. Mary Jo Pollman, CO	Jeanette Rhyan, TX	Nancy Varljen, TX	Sharon Scheidegger, OH

Thursday 07.02.2026

10:45am	Addressing Trauma: Changing Lives From the Inside Out	Exploring Educator Legacies and Avenues for Encouraging Future Educators	Recruit, Empower, Engage, and Inspire: Energizing DKG Chapters for Sustainability	The Linguistically Diverse Classroom			SOLT 2.0: Midpoint Check-In, Tune-Up, and Takeoff - Part 1	Education-Spark Lab: A Workshop for Igniting Creativity, Leadership, and Ideas	Blind Date With A Book
Breakout 3									
11:45am	Linda Sainz, CA	Dr. Amie Cieminski, CO	Dr. Kimberly Beckerdite, VA	Dr. Claire Smith, WA			SOLT Leaders	Dr. Tia Neal, LA	Cay Sergent, MO
2:00pm	The Centennial Show Starts Now	Cultivating Leaders: Building a Leadership Academy Certificate Program	The 45 minute Auction Scholarship Sprint	Journey to Collegiate Membership	Connect, Create, Communicate: A Marketing Workshop	Passion, Purpose, and the Power of Authentic Leadership	I Just Can't Get It Done: Time Management Skills	The Golden Girls Guide to DKG Sisterhood	Redirection Yes! Retirement No!
Breakout 4									
3:00pm	Centennial Celebration Committee	Dr. Margaret Trybus, IL	Therese Moran, CO	Diane Bowsher, WV	Communications & Marketing Committee	Leadership Development Committee	Beverley Johns, IL	Emily Kelley, LA	Dr. Muriel O'Tuel, SC
3:30pm	Books that Sing! Books that Move!	#SecondCenturyDKG Leaving a Legacy Through Traditional and Non-Traditional Membership	Amplifying Women's Voices: Podcasting as a Platform for Educational Leadership	Moving from Bystander to Upstander: Exploring Conflict Competence	Elevating Educators: Mentorship Models That Empower Women to Lead	Integrating Mathematics and Science with Hands on Graphing Activities	SOLT 2.0: Midpoint Check-In, Tune-Up, and Takeoff - Part 2	Put Your Own Face Mask on First: The Benefits of Self-Care.	Resilience in Caregiving: Caring for Yourself While Caring for an Ailing Family Member
Breakout 5									
4:30pm	Lillie Feierabend, CT	Sandra Pruitt, LA	Sarah Jack, CO	Kathlan Latimer, CA	Dr. Angela Sanders, TX	Ronda Collette, CO	SOLT Leaders	Cindy Dixon, AL	Jennifer Pace, LA

Friday 07.03.2026

10:45am	Reclaiming Energy and Purpose: Understanding and Interrupting Burnout	Soaring High: The Life Compass Practice for Balance and Growth	Baking Up a Sweet Leadership Academy	Smartphone Photography and Visual Storytelling	The Power of DKG Connections: Global Collaboration in Action	Painting Snow: Organizing Art Collectives to Support Equity Leadership	Rocket into the Creative Zone—Inspiration Starts Here!	Differentiating for All Students is Easier than You Think!	Back to the Hive: NewBee Reflections & Insights
Breakout 6									
11:45am	Anita Roberts-Long, LA	Dr. Cynthia Pittmann, PR	Jennifer McSweeney, VA	Candy Ganzel, IN	Dr. Tia Neal, LA	Farra Yasin, MB	Arts & Humanities Jury	Nancy Varljen, TX	Betty Wilkes, TX