

NOLA IS HOSTING DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Successful Conferences in the U.S. and in Europe will secure the future of this important worldwide educational organization to which we belong. This time the DKG International Convention takes place **in New Orleans, Louisiana, from July 12 to July 17, 2022.**

The co-chairs of the International Convention Donnis Poe and Judy Rongey have met in zoom meetings with Europe Forum Committee members and are also going to meet with Europe State presidents on Feb. 8 to go over information and highlight some of the convention items and answer questions our members may have.

At the present time, articles (DKG Blog, President's Page, Facebook and social media outlets) have distributed information to a vast majority of members. These outlets are only a few of the methods which are intended to offer information and suggestions for members to use in planning their trip to New Orleans this summer. Follow the news on dkg.org webpage!

New Orleans, nicknamed as NOLA, was founded in 1718 by French colonists at the Mississippi River. New Orleans is also known as 'The Big Easy', mainly because of musical street performances. We remember Louis Armstrong, a famous New Orleans jazz musician.

The opening night takes place in the Sazerac House which is one part history and traditions, two parts interactive exhibits and experiences, mixed with spirited events and a dash of rich New Orleans culture.

One of the keynote speakers at the Convention comes from Europe – Ingvi Hrannar Omarsson, an Icelantic educator who leads the implementation of Iceland's national educational policy.

DKG International Committees have worked hard on amendments in the Society constitution to make them clearer and simpler. Hans Hoffman has said 'The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so the necessary may speak'. The voting for these amendments 'so the necessary may speak' takes place at the Convention general sessions.

There are other traditional events as usual including forum meetings, regional breakfasts, takeaways, breakout sessions, and visits to marketplace and shopping in the city. On July 16 the installation of new international officers 2022-2024 takes place. New International President 2022-2024 Debra LeBlank delivers her first speech followed by DKG Society reception and a grand dinner.

Make plans to travel to New Orleans!

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