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Dr. Ranae Beyerlein
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International Guest Dr. Debbie LeBlanc Joins Michigan Virtually



A member of DKG (Beta Phi, Illinois State Organization) since 1999, Debbie LeBlanc has served in a variety of roles at the chapter, state and international levels. She is a graduate of the 2012 Leadership Management Seminar and was the Illinois State Organization State President in 2017-2019. Debbie received her Bachelor of Science (Elementary Education/Special Education) from the Quincy University in 1977. She continued her education at the Northern Illinois University and received a Master of Science (Administration) in 1981 and a Doctor of Education (Curriculum and Instruction) in 1999.

For many years Debbie served as an elementary and middle school principal. Debbie won many awards for her professional achievements, including the Herman Graves Award (2014), the highest honor bestowed by the Illinois Principals Association. She was an instructor and a Program Chair of the Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership and Special Education Program at the Aurora University.

At present, Debbie serves as a Special Education Consultant for the Benjamin School District, West Chicago, Illinois. She is a Coordinator for Homeless, English Language Learners and Special Education Services. She also chairs meetings to determine eligibility for special services and Individual Education Plans and participates in student focused meetings to plan multi-tiered systems of support with all services.

Debbie is passionate about several things including the rights of children with special needs and developing teacher leadership in our schools and districts. She has presented workshops on leadership, curriculum development, special education at local, state and international conferences. For the past four years, she has been a co-chair for the Illinois Teacher Leadership Summit.

Debbie and her husband Paul live in Downers Grove, a suburb of Chicago. They have five children and just welcomed their tenth grandchild this past spring. At the spring 2021 convention of DKG Michigan, Debbie will be a keynote speaker and also will present a workshop "Effective Leadership" (using "Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less;" by Doug McKeown)."

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The Michigan Teacher of the Year, Owen Bondono, will be our guest and keynote presenter at the luncheon and will be a presenter of a session. Read his complete story on page 4.

President's Message

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Michigan State DKG

2019-2021 Biennium Theme

CREATING HOPEFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Thank you, DKG MI for bringing hope to our organization. In February, Karen Lessnau-Scott sent out a Google Poll form regarding the Spring Convention to all our members. Within a couple days we had 241 responses. Thank you, members for your hopeful responses.

Here are just a few responses:

- “Thank you for your perseverance in keeping us all together on behalf of DKG!”
- “Hope we can be in Bay City!”
- “Sorry your biennium is such a challenge, I know the people looking to plan and present so many interesting events are extra challenged on how to present for those who are still teaching and those retired who were looking forward to new ideas on how to handle these times.”
- “Thank you for the hard work that goes into organizing this event. What DKG is accomplishing will make a difference in our world and the future of our next generations.”

These comments were also some other responses embedded among them:

- “I think we will have a better attendance if the conference is online.”
- “Even with the vaccine, there are new strains popping up. I feel we will be putting our members at too much risk.”

There is truth in these comments. Not all of us are vaccinated, and not all of us feel safe attending. We will need to have a quorum to make the changes that are proposed for our By-Laws and Standing Rules. It is not likely that we would have a quorum even IF the current restrictions were lifted that would allow us to meet.

To that end, we will not be meeting in person in Bay City for this Spring's Convention. A total of 45 respondents said that they would show up to Bay City for the conference, but at this time we would be in violation of the recommended number of people from different households meeting together. Rules are different for children in schools, but many of our members pointed out that not all of our members have been vaccinated and we are not sure how effective the current vaccines are against the new variants.

I am hopeful that 35.8% would attend a digital convention and 41.3% *might* attend. At this point, a digital event is all we can do. Thank you DKG MI for your input. Working for you, and with you has been an exceptional opportunity for me to feel that what we do is making a difference in Creating Hopeful Learning Environments in our organization. Thanks to all of you for the work you do.

Submitted by Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu, State President

State Convention - Virtual

Presentations for State Virtual Conference Schedule is TBD



Administrative Update from International - Presented by Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, Northeast Regional Director
Effective Leadership Workshop - Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, Northeast Regional Director



Language Arts and Agency, A Vision for Holistic learning for the Youth of Bangladesh - DKG World Fellowship Recipient, Tamoha Binte Siddiqui, Michigan State University

Me, a Leader? How to Improve Your Leadership Skills - Dr. Dorothy Sample, Mu and Jacquelyn Smart, Gamma Alpha



Legislation and How it Affects Us All - Lynn Mason, Sigma



"I Collect Secrets" - Laura Ruggles, Sigma



Natures Path to Mindfulness - Linda McLean, Beta Chi



Igniting Imagination Through the Power of the Story - Deb Woodward, author, storyteller and retired teacher

Education in the Year of the Pandemic - DKG MI Members, Panel discussion

Staying Connected While Staying Safe - DKG MI members, Panel Discussion



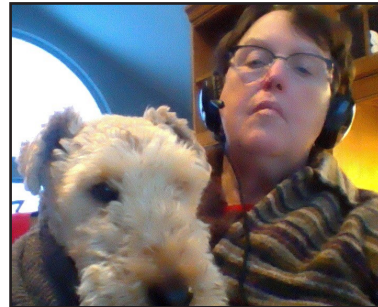
Introduction to Geocaching - Marcia Hamstra, 2nd grade teacher, St. Gerard School, Lansing, Michigan.



Iceland, Reykjavik and the Golden Circle with DKG
Joyce Daglow and Mary Oram, Gamma.

Top Ten Reasons to Attend Virtual DKG Michigan Convention

1. Great presenters!
2. It is free!
3. Stay home in your pajamas!
4. Connect with educators from across Michigan!
5. No line for the bathroom!
6. Eat when you want, no line for the buffet!
7. No need to drive!
8. Set the temperature at what you want!
9. Sleep in a little!
10. Connect with your DKG sisters and show off your pets!



Come and meet DKG MI President Ranae Beyerlein's "co-worker" at the virtual conference.

REGISTER HERE!

If you have a smart phone, turn on your camera and hover the view over this QR Code, from there it will take you to the online registration for the Virtual Convention. If you don't have a smart phone, use this website to register: <http://tinyurl.com/b7twm7ys>



State Convention - Virtual

Owen Bondono, Keynote Speaker at the 2021 DKG Michigan Convention



2020-2021 Michigan Teacher of the Year Owen Bondono teaches 9th grade English language arts at Oak Park High School. A graduate of Wayne State University (B.S. Ed. '15), Bondono is currently in his sixth year of teaching.

In his MTOY application, Bondono wrote, "Every teacher has their own purpose, and once you find it, let it be a guiding light for every decision you make in your classroom. My way of making my mark on the world is making the next generation better. I know that growing the next generation of humanity is a community effort, so I will create that community wherever I find it."

Bondono is the first openly transgender person to be selected for the state's top teaching post, recognized for creating an inclusive, supportive classroom where all young people can thrive. The key, he says, is getting to know students on a human level. "We spend a lot of time at the beginning of the year talking about identity, what communities we belong to, and moments that have emotional significance."

Bondono enjoys encouraging students to become readers and writers. He hopes to be a "possibility model" the term coined by transgender actress Laverne Cox. That term shapes a lot of what I do in my classroom, because many times our students don't know how to have these conversations. They don't know how to stand up for themselves in a way that's appropriate. So by doing these things in front of them, I'm being a possibility model of what one version of an adult looks like."

Bondono is committed to lifting up the voices of marginalized people during his year in the education spotlight. He serves on the Michigan Teacher Leadership Advisory Council and as a member of the Governor's Educator Advisory Council. He is the state's candidate for the prestigious National Teacher of the Year award. marginalized-voices.

Tamoha Binte Siddiqui DKG World Fellowship Recipient



Tamoha Binte Siddiqui is a teacher, researcher, and poet from Bangladesh. She is a Fulbright Foreign Exchange and DKG World Fellowship awardee currently housed in the MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program at Michigan State

University. In her home country, she teaches foundation level academic English courses at a language institute, where she enjoys a valuable relationship with her young and energetic students. Since 2018, Tamoha has been managing a bilingual poetry collective in Bangladesh, working as a performer, organizer, and facilitator of local poetry shows and workshops.

During her free time, Tamoha enjoys being in nature, meditating, reading fiction, and cuddling with her beloved furry friends. Tamoha will present at the online spring convention.

"Language, Arts, and Agency: A Vision for Holistic Learning for the Youth of Bangladesh."

Looking for Presiders to Help at DKG Convention



The Professional Affairs Committee can use your help and talents. Presiding a session is fun and easy. You introduce the presenter, and write a brief summary of your impressions of the session for the Wolverine. If you are interested in presiding over a session at the Virtual State Convention, please contact me.

If you would like to assist with any session, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from many of you.

Joanna Coselman, Alpha Alpha, Professional Affairs Committee Chair.



The debate on a motion is taking too long! What can you do?



Robert's Rules of Order has guidelines for putting off actions until a later time. During the debate on a question, the group may realize it does not have all the information to make an informed decision. Or it may be taking too much time and something else needs more immediate action. This motion, **postpone to a certain time (or postpone definitely or postpone)** is used to delay action on a pending question until a different day, meeting, hour or until after a certain event. Then, when that time comes, the consideration of the question is picked up where it was left off when it was postponed. The motion should specify when the question is to be taken up again.

In contrast, the motion **to postpone indefinitely** sets the question aside with no provision for getting back to it at any particular time. The group may use this motion if it realizes it should not take any action on the question. It kills a question with out bringing it to a direct vote.

Both motions to postpone are subsidiary motions, they are not in order when another has the floor, they must be seconded, they are debatable, they need a majority vote to pass and they can be reconsidered. The motion to postpone to a certain time can be amended, however the motion to postpone indefinitely cannot.

Information for this article is from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief.

Gloria Richards, Nu Chapter Michigan State Parliamentarian

When the Time Limits Do Not Fit the Situation



At a Michigan Organization Executive Board meeting or a general membership meeting, there are restrictions on the time reserved for debate on a motion. According to the rules for the meeting, debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker and ten minutes for each question.

There may be times when the time limit has expired, but the proposal needs more discussion, or speakers need more time to address the motion. The subsidiary motion **'To Limit or Extend the Limits of Debate'** may be used to change the rules for the motion. This motion can be used to define the total time allotted for discussion, or to define the time after which debate will be closed and voting will take place; to shorten, or lengthen, the maximum time members may speak in debate; to set the number of times a member may speak; or to set the total number of speeches each for and against the motion.

This motion must be seconded, it is not debatable, it cannot interrupt a speaker who has the floor, it is amendable, and it requires a two third vote to pass.

Information for this article is from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition.

Gloria Richards, Nu Chapter, Michigan State Parliamentarian

Getting to Know You!

How connected does your chapter feel right now? If your chapter is feeling a little worn down or even burnt out, you are not alone. In the midst of COVID-19, many chapters are in the same boat. With many people working remotely for the foreseeable future, it is more important than ever for us to foster that sense of community through team building. Try out this ice breaker found on tinypulse.com/blog.

Guess Who - Guess who is a fun way for your chapter members to learn a little bit about each person. This icebreaker works best for groups of 3 to 10 members who have met at least once or twice. If you have a larger group, you can modify this icebreaker by using breakout groups so it doesn't take as long to complete. How it is done - before the meeting, use an open-ended survey or send an email asking your members a question. Here are a few sample icebreaker questions to get you started: What is your greatest childhood accomplishment?, What is the craziest hair color or style you've ever had?, What career did you want as a child?, What's the best vacation you have had?, If you had a pet flamingo, what would you name it?, What is the last song you listened to?

During the meeting the facilitator can share responses one-by-one while member try to guess whose response it is. If you are stretched for time, you can use a poll to have members guess instead of popcorn sharing. Sometimes, more than one member may have the same response. That is okay, just group them together and let members know they get more guesses.

Submitted by Joanna Coselman, Alpha Alpha, State Professional Affairs Chair

State Committees

DKG Michigan History

Figurines Honoring Pioneer Women Teachers



Alice Freeman Palmer at the Hall of Fame of Great Americans.

At the 1934 National DKG Convention held in Hot Springs Arkansas, President Noreen Smith (later Bristol) shared a way for each state to honor a pioneer woman teacher. A doll dressed in her likeness along with the woman's biography were to be presented at the National Convention by her state president. Though quite popular for a time, this required much research and the dolls gave way to figurines which were difficult and expensive to make as well as being fragile and cumbersome to transport. Eventually 157 were made and taken with the dolls in nine trunks to each National Convention.

Michigan honored three women teachers: Alice Freeman Palmer, Saginaw (figurine created-June 23, 1941; Irene Ayars, Hillsdale (figurine created May 22, 1942); and Mary Anne Mayo, Marshall (figurine created May 29, 1943). Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the Executive Secretary, had the responsibility of both being the custodian of the figurines and dolls and of transporting them to the National Conventions, a monumental task at the time.

During the 1952 National Convention in Chicago it was decided that the figurines should be returned to each state with the exception of about 20 to be left at the National Headquarters. In February of 1953 the figurines of Alice and Irene were shipped to Michigan back via express, arriving broken beyond repair. The State Chairperson of Pioneer Women Teachers became responsible for the remnants which are buried in her back yard in Charlotte.

According to Michigan's records, the three figurines were produced by the following:

Alice Freeman Palmer on June 23, 1941, by Jungwirth Co., Detroit for \$65.00.

Irene Ayars on May 22, 1942, by Josephine Bowers, a young artist from Hillsdale College for \$35.00.

Mary Anne Mayo on May 29, 1943, by Leonard Jungwirth from Lansing for \$40.

(Information gleaned from a history article)

Submitted by Lynne Elsesser, Gamma Alpha, State Historian

Financial Awards Available!



The 2021 Kathy Cashen Grant is available one time only for members attending one of the Regional Conferences held this year in Portland, Oregon (July 7-10, 2021) and San Antonio, Texas (July 21-24, 2021). One member from each chapter is eligible. The form is available on the Michigan DKG website at: dkgmichigan.org. Send the form to me at gardenatthelake@comcast.net.

Two \$1,000 scholarships, two \$500 scholarships for retraining or additional endorsements, and one \$800 scholarship for graduate study may be awarded at the Spring Convention. Information and application forms are on the Michigan Website: dkgmichigan.org; see "State forms" under "Resources." Please contact the committee chair for help and questions. You may also check with your chapter president or the website for the guidelines in the State Bylaws and Standing Rules publication. Scholarship applications need to be submitted by April 1st. A plan of study and proof of acceptance at a college/university is required.

There are international scholarships available from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for educational enrichment and help in funding additional degrees.

Information and application forms for any of the Michigan State DKG grants can be found online at dkgmichigan.org. **Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2021.**

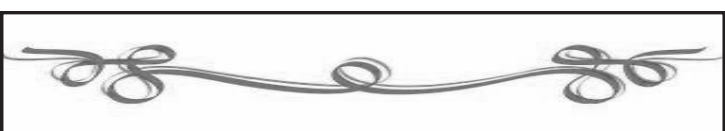
Submitted by Mary Oram, Gamma State Scholarship Chair gardenatthelake@comcast.net

We Want to Visit with You

One of the most valuable rewards for your chapter could be a visit from a state officer. You may select any officer, and we will do our best to match your request times. Dates can be reserved until June 30, 2021.

Visitation forms are on the website dkgmichigan.org. You can also email me: judifisher@yahoo.com or mail the form to: Judi Fisher, 20180 Rippling Lane, Northville, MI 48167. Phone: 248-808-0477 Call if you have questions.

Submitted by Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha, State Visitation Chair



State Committees

Proposed By-Law Changes

BYLAWS Reference	New Language	Reason	Recommended
Art. VII Add a New Sec. # 3	Sec. 3 Society Business may be conducted using currently available technology. This includes, but is not limited to, virtual meetings, electronic voting and reporting information to the membership.	This year has proven that we need an alternate method of conducting official business.	This new procedure has been recommended by the BL/SR committee and PAC.
STANDING RULES Reference	New Language	Reason	Recommended
Art. VII Add a new Sec. 3 and move Sec. 5 to 6 and Sec. 6 to 7	<p>Society business, including but not limited to, meetings, voting and all other organizational needs may be conducted using currently available technology.</p> <p>Technology used must provide all relevant information, procedures and documents as needed for members to participation appropriately.</p> <p>Voting using currently available technology should provide a permanent record with an accurate vote count. Record should include who voted and totals for pro and con votes.</p> <p>The Technology Committee and the webmaster would provide recommendations regarding appropriate technology available for the business to be conducted. The webmaster and the technology committee would provide instructions to the membership to allow participation.</p> <p>The President and/or the Executive Board will make the final decision on the procedures to be used. This will be done in advance of the meeting date to allow members to receive all necessary instructions prior to the meeting being conducted.</p> <p>When an organizational decision or vote occurs, the decision and/or the total votes cast, including total pro and con votes cast, will be reported out to the membership. This may be at the next meeting or electronically if appropriate.</p>	<p>This year has proven that we need an alternate method of conducting official business.</p> <p>Many committees and chapters have found it difficult to keep connected when in person meetings were unavailable.</p> <p>In normal times, committees could meet electronically. It would be much more cost effective and would allow working groups to interact without having to travel.</p>	This new procedure has been recommended by the BL/SR committee and PAC.

Anniversary Pins available for sale. Cost \$9.00 each, shipping extra. To order pins contact J-Jay Pechta at jpechta.dkg@comcast.net



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NEW Diamond Shape

Black background with Gold Inlay. A diamond gem for that special



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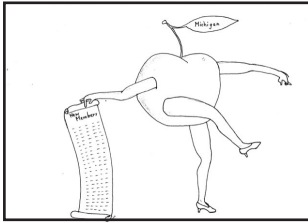


Bright Gold

member can be awarded by the Chapter or State as a special award. The pin reads International Society for Key Women Educators..

State Committees

Membership Challenge



Hear ye! Hear ye! As many of us return to school, now is the time to recruit new members for DKG. Many of your colleagues are tired of being cooped up and/or would like to talk to fellow educators about the challenges of this past year. Encourage them to come to your meetings and hear what they have to say about the trials and tribulations of the school year. Relate your experiences and offer your help and knowledge. Now is the time!

The Cherry-Buckeye DKG Membership Challenge results are pending, but we increased our membership by 3.4%. While that doesn't seem like much, we have added 41 women to our wonderful state and international organization. Good going!

Cindy Dietz, Gamma Alpha, Expansion/Membership Chairperson

Nominations Open for State Distinguished Service Award



Please reflect on your chapter's previous *Friend of Education* honorees and other outstanding service-to-education contributors in your community, and select one to be considered for *The State Distinguished Service Award*.

Chapters make nominations and then a state organization committee determines which of the nominees is most worthy of recognition during the State Convention. This is a competitive state award, not a chapter award. Nominees may be recipients of a chapter *Friend of Education Award* or may be other persons the chapter wishes to recognize at the state level for their community and/or state support of education. If your chapter has nominated someone previously who was not selected, please submit your nominee again.

Please see the information under *Distinguished Service Award* on the state DKG website dkgmichigan.org.

Submitted by Sharon Smith, Epsilon, State 2nd Vice President

Chapters Share Your Friend of Education Honorees



The **Friend of Education Award** recognizes persons or groups who have given outstanding support and note-worthy service to education in Michigan. Any chapter may give the award to an individual or community group that the chapter deems worthy of such recognition. This is a reminder to chapters to let us know your Friend of Education honorees.

Chapters have the autonomy in determining who is to receive the award and how the award will be presented. It is totally up to the chapter – to establish criteria, to nominate, to confirm, and to present. Michigan State supports your chapter's award by providing **The Friend of Education Certificate** with a seal, thus confirming the award at the state level. The chapter determines who, when, how, why, and how many Friend of Education awards will be given.

For **Guidelines and Report Form**, please see the information under **Friend of Education** on the state DKG website, www.dkgmichigan.org

Submitted by Sharon Smith, Epsilon, Michigan State 2nd Vice President

Visit the DKG Michigan State Website for:

- ▶ Online State Convention Forms
- ▶ Scholarship and Grant-in-aid Applications
- ▶ President's Newsletters
- ▶ Chapter Resource Section

Membership



A Special Welcome to Michigan State Inductees

Mu

Elizabeth A. Joseph
Dr. Kimberly L. Leverette



Alpha Omega

Kate M. Murdoch
* Reinstated
H—Honorary

Olive Beeman, Alpha Kappa

Olive joined DKG in 1996. Olive was the chapter “sweetheart.” calm and loving toward others, and finding the good in everyone. She readily volunteered her talents, which included being the resident choir master, taking care of chapter initiations, and being the most wonderful meeting hostess. She shared her love of sewing and handiwork by creating beautiful “favors” for all of chapter members. In addition to all of this, she was a wonderful presenter, who shared her “Olive Oyl” presentation locally and with her state DKG sisters. Olive was greatly loved, and will be missed by her chapter immensely.

Olive received her master’s degree in education from Western Michigan University. She was a primary teacher for 40 years, most of those at McLaughlin and Nims Elementary Schools in Muskegon Public Schools. After retiring, she continued teaching as a reading specialist for another 10 years.

Olive participated in swimming classes at the YMCA and she loved shopping. Olive was an adventurous woman, traveling the world to experience the beauty it beholds. Above all things, she loved her family and her friends dearly.

July 29, 1936 - January 2, 2021

White Roses in Memoriam

Carolyn Warren, Mu



An active member of DKG, for over 50 years, Carolyn held many positions including being President and serving on the Nominations, History, U.S. Forum/Legislative, and Professional Affairs Committees. She also served as Program Chair, updated the Yearbook, and sang in the chorus. For many years Carolyn wrote original skits for Mu members to act out, especially skits that would introduce new members to the older members.

Carolyn graduated from college in Nashville. She earned her master’s degree from NWU and taught for three years at Iowa State University before coming, in 1959, to Flint Junior College, now named Mott Community College. She taught speech for over 30 years there.

In addition to DKG, Carolyn was very active in Big Sisters, AAUW, and Flint Institute’s St. Cecilia. She also was an avid doll collector.

June 30, 1931 - March 2, 2020

Maybelle M. Cook, Omega

Maybelle was initiated in 1970. She was honored as the Chapter Women of Distinction in 1993 and 2006.

Along with her membership in DKG she belonged to the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Clemens, The Red Hat Society, MCREST and MARSP. She volunteered at the Salvation Army, Second Hand Rose and Macomb County Democratic Party. She taught for 30 years in L’Anse Creuse Schools

May 25, 1936 - November 10, 2020.

Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs

The Necrology Committee publishes obituaries in *The Wolverine*. A copy of the obituary that is published and a booklet from the Ceremony of Remembrance is sent to the family or friend.

There are many members whose deaths are observed in chapter newsletters but the editor cannot list them in *The Wolverine* until **Form 6** is sent by the chapter to:

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olech@pinckneypirates.org



State Necrology
Chair 2019-2021

Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Beryl Alice Kuehne Preketes, Beta Rho

Beryl was a member of DKG for 46 years. She was initiated in 1974. She was the chapter president from 1984 to 1986. She received the Chapter Women of Distinction Award in 1987. She faithfully attended meetings until her health made that impossible.

Beryl taught in the Bedford School District for 25 years.

Beryl was an excellent artist and many of her friends have her artwork in their homes.

Beyond her membership in DKG she belonged to the Bedford Artists Club, Toledo Artists Guild and the Bedford Education Club. She was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

November 23, 1923 - December 20, 2020.

Margaret Baker, Alpha Epsilon

Margaret was initiated in 1991. During her membership she was a participant in many committees. She really enjoyed being involved in DKG activities.

Margaret graduated from Constantine High School in 1966 then went on to Jackson Community College to receive an Associate's Degree. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Central Michigan University and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Indiana University of South Bend.

She began her teaching career for Constantine Elementary School, and then transferred to Sturgis Public schools. She remained there until she retired in 2008. While at Sturgis she coached Middle School track and High School volleyball. She accompanied the volleyball team to Russia following the State Championship. After retirement from Sturgis, Margaret became the Special Education Coordinator for Sturgis. She also served adults with special needs in Indiana.

July 6, 1948 - October 15 2020.



Bequest of Delta Kappa Gamma Pins

In the event of my death, I respectfully request that my family donate my Delta Kappa Gamma Pins to: _____ Chapter or to the DKG Michigan State Organization

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please cut this out or make a copy and place with your pins, so that your heirs will know what to do with them.

Honor a future member with your legacy.

*They lived and brought a bit of beauty, love, and faith.
Now their lives will ever be reflected in our hearts.*

Pins Available for honoring: Michigan Chapter Woman of Distinction.

Red letters are on a gold background.
The dark areas are raised gold.

Available at State meetings or via mail with small shipping charge.

Contact J-Jay Pechta at jpechta.dkg@comcast.net



Key Woman Educator Pin

Pin shows gold laurel leaves with a diamond setting. An open red rose with green leaves outlined in gold on a black background is in the center.

The DKG letters are in red. Gold letters read...

"KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS."



Chapter News

Beta Rho Chapter News



Beta Rho Members present the Friend of Education Award to "Now I Lay Me Down" bed ministry. Left to right Susan Helsler, Sandy Kreps, Now I Lay Me Down Board member, Sharon Throm, Kim Hooper, Co-Chairmen, Karen Winchell, Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Jean Bell and Kathy Heatherly.

Beta Rho began the year with a virtual planning meeting held in June. We have continued to meet virtually with programs for each month. In September members wrote their memories

using an "I remember" format. A member's writing is published each month in the Beta Rhovings newsletter. We have learned about apprenticeship programs available for students in our area, ways to cope during the pandemic and this month we are making a card to share. Future programs include a McGuffey Reader program presented by a member and a book share. We hope to celebrate our Birthday Dinner in May. Our Christmas Blessings Hunt organized by our scholarship chair netted over a thousand dollars for our scholarship fund.

Submitted by Charlotte Woelmer, Beta Rho

Mu Member, Maria Gonzalez, Honored



The Flint Chamber of Commerce wanted to recognize heroes in Genesee County in 2020. DKG Mu Member, Maria Gonzalez was chosen. The forum allows the Chamber to highlight individuals who have made a unique and positive impact in the region in the year of 2020 and celebrates stories that are uplifting and triumphant, highlights innovation and community love and fellowship, the power of the human connection, and fierce determination. Maria Gonzalez, a teacher at Holy Family School in Grand Blanc, played a pivotal role at her school in developing flexible plans to keep all teachers and students learning with as little stress as possible. Her duties have ranged from preparing hardware for virtual learning, to working with her school to select the best methods and software, to helping train the school staff new technology.

Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu

Gamma Alpha Celebrates Valentine's Day



For Gamma Alpha's February meeting, we had a Valentine's Themed Scavenger Hunt followed by 3 rounds of show & tell and a bonus round to contribute to the newsletter.

We had a virtual happy hour, and we gave members 3 minutes to grab the following 3 items: something that is heart-shaped or is for heart health, makes your heart sing, makes you laugh, makes your heart smile, email or text the Corresponding Secretary something that makes your heart race! (with no explanation of what it was!) We will use the contributions as fodder for future newsletters and maybe to use is a "Guess Who sent this" type of game. a photo, a recipe, the name of a good book, a favorite poem.

We had a good time and it was very little work to prepare upfront.

Submitted by Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha

Alpha Rho Chapter Stays Busy



Alpha Rho has been busy with projects, meeting together on Zoom, reaching out to sisters to the local school district to help us maintain

our chapter as a vibrant organization. In October, a member of our chapter, came up with a brilliant idea - DKG masks. DKG masks could be a fundraiser, an outreach project to teachers, a way to share who we are with the community and keeping ourselves safe! Pat Stejskal and Jackie Stoupe (Fundraising Chairs) found a local company to produce the masks, collected orders from across the state and mailed the masks out.

Program Chair, Sue Lloyd, has scheduled speakers to share their work with us, including Laura Soter, who set up the "Philosophy for Kids" program in some Ann Arbor Schools and Robin Frisch-Gleason who participated in Al Gore's "Climate Reality Leadership Corps." We look forward to the day when we can enjoy meeting together but, meanwhile we proudly wear our DKG masks in the Alpha Rho Chapter!

Submitted by Patty Zeichman, Alpha Rho Chapter President

Chapter News

Beta Sigma's Susan Seidl 's Poem selected for DKG International Art Gallery



UP Beta Sigma Chapter member, Susan Seidl's poem, *COMPUTATIONS*, has been accepted and is posted on DKG International's Art Gallery site for the Fall 2020 submissions. It will remain posted on the DKG International site for six months and archived for two additional years. Susan wrote the poem in honor of Beta Sigma's outstanding recipient of their 2020 Chapter Woman of Distinction Award, Martha Jane Bruemmer. The Chapter will celebrate this award at our May 15, 2021 meeting.

COMPUTATIONS

Written by Susan Seidl, Beta Sigma

To have reached for the stars
and touched them
taking conceptual scientific leaps
while grounded in our company...

To grasp what is real
manipulate it
opening new realms
as if meant to be...

To capture numbers
theories, concepts
then
test them...

To have spanned the United States
and beyond
seeking, absorbing, scrutinizing
determining the concrete...

To grasp math and physics
yet yield a thriving family
walking undisclosed
among us...

A woman
before her time...

*"Polarization of Infrared Radiation
by Reflection from Germanium Surfaces" ...*

She walks among us
her being a mirror
in community, belief and good works,

She shines
because she has touched the stars
and Earth
under our feet

Submitted by Darlene Seidl, Beta Sigma

Navigating Chapter Meetings Outdoors



Betty Wagner, Pauline Hill, Charlene McCarthy, Beta Sigma Charter Members

Beta Sigma Chapter wanted to accomplish our goals and conduct successful meetings. However, Covid-19 guidelines prevented us from meeting indoors, so we "Yoopers" met outdoors for all our activities from August to November. We met in covered open air pavilions in Norway and Menominee.

We held three full meetings, masked, dressed warm, and safe-distanced, beginning with a get acquainted activity. The meetings produced fundraisers to fund our obligations to World Fellowship, Schools for Africa, three scholarships to graduating seniors from our area schools, a donation to Bay Cliff Health Camp, and money for our local needs. We installed our new officers outdoors, inducted a new member, and welcomed a



Jane Bruemmer, Beta Sigma, was honored as Woman of Distinction.



Beta Sigma members support teachers in the classroom. Co-president Debra Pajula, school psychologist Sara Foster, Dr. Renee Richer, professor at Univ. Wisc. Marinette, and Co-president Pauline Hill.

transfer from Delta chapter.

Our committees wrote their biennium goals, we discussed recorded programs from the Virtual International

Convention on the Five Core Values of DKG.

We went to two members homes to make presentations -

both held outdoors, Greta Betti for 50 years of membership and our Woman of Distinction Award. We presented two Friends of Education Awards to area businesses.

We honored working members by presenting baskets of educational materials and goodies. We celebrated our 47th year as Beta Sigma, and honored our six charter members.

Members drove anywhere from a few miles to nearly 100 miles to attend our meetings. Our chapter draws members from three U.P. Counties and northern Wisconsin.

Debra Pajula and Pauline Hill, Co-Presidents, Beta Sigma Chapter

Women in the Arts Information & Registration

2021 Women in the Arts Returns

Educators are optimists. It is in this optimistic spirit that we announce the 2021 Women in the Arts Conference. We plan to gather October 15-17, 2021 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake. New attendees should know that Women in the Arts is a weekend to attend craft sessions, socialize or just relax in a beautiful Northern Michigan setting. Long time attendees will note that we have returned to MacMullan Center. This is due to the permanent closing of our previous venue (not our fault – it's not that kind of weekend.)

We're looking forward to seeing you all,

Claire Rettenmund (cerbirder@yahoo.com) and Kathy O'Neill (koneill0444@charter.net) and the Women in the Arts Committee



WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Friday, October 15 – Sunday, October 17, 2021

Arrival 4:00 PM or later – 10:30 AM Sunday

Ralph McMullan Conference Center, Higgins Lake

104 Conservation Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653

(989) 821-6200

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline September 20, 2021

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Chapter _____

Roommate Preference _____

\$212.00 Double Occupancy Lodging at Straits and 4 meals with Optional Friday Night Dinner (5:30 PM) - \$232.00

Single room—\$272.00 with Friday Dinner (\$252.00 without)

Total Remitted: _____

Make check payable to: DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Send to: Kathy O'Neill, 8402 Bellechasse Dr., Davison, MI 48423

Cancellation Date: Sept. 20, 2021 for a full refund

Women in the Arts remains a success due to the willingness of our members to share their talents.

Would you be willing to present an activity? _____

If so, which one? _____

Join your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters at Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on beautiful North Higgins Lake for our Women in the Arts weekend. Learn a new craft, bring one of your own or just socialize and relax.

You do not need to be a DKG member. Guests are welcome.

We will be staying in the Straits lodge where 2 rooms share a bathroom.

Price includes 2 nights lodging (Friday and Saturday) and 4 or 5 meals.

10/15 Check in at 4:00

Optional dinner at 5:30 for \$20.00

10/16 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

10/17 Breakfast only

In late September, you'll receive an email listing activities & other info about the weekend. Please add us to your Address Book so that you receive these emails. Thanks!

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International News

2021 International Conferences

With the postponement of the international conference in Tampere, Finland, until 2023, regional directors and steering committees are focused on planning the conferences in Portland, Oregon (July 7–10, 2021) and in San Antonio, Texas (July 21–24, 2021). Although featuring similar themes highlighting DKG opportunities, contributions, and impact, each conference will have a special flavor and flow of its own even as members will enjoy choice of date and location.

Watch the Events page of the DKG website for key information and updates, including each venue's Schedule at a Glance. Hotel block reservations are expected to be opened on January 11; double occupancy rooms will be \$194 in Portland and \$179 in San Antonio. Conference registration at \$160 opened online on February 22; forms will also be available in the March/April *DKG NEWS*. Vendor and exhibitor applications are due by April 15. Registration forms and other pertinent information are on www.dkg.org

Portland Marriott Downtown
1401 SW Naito Parkway
Portland, OR 97021 US

Book online (recommended) by June 8,
2021 to receive the group rate
OR

San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter
101 Bowie St.

San Antonio, TX 78205 US
Book online (recommended) by June 23,



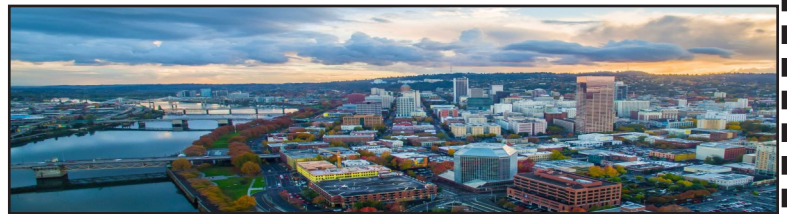
NEED A ROOMMATE?

Are you going to the International Regional Convention? Do you need a roommate? If you plan to attend any DKG function and need an overnight roommate, contact Executive Secretary, Jackie Smart. She will try to pair you up with someone else in the same situation.

Phone (248) 476-8659
jackie@mysmartfamily.com

Join DKG Sisters in Portland, Oregon!

Organizers of the 2021 Portland International Conference are planning tours (July 6-7) and preconference sessions (July 7). Tours will include the Mt. St. Helens volcano, Multnomah Falls, Mt. Hood and fruit/wine country, hop on/off circuit of the Rose City, and a trip to the early settlement of Lewis and Clark near Astoria and the Pacific Ocean. Interested in managing meetings or learning more about Roberts Rules (parliamentary procedure) to make your DKG meetings easier? **Chapters and state organizations will want to have key leaders trained at the first workshop sponsored by grants from the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund and Cornet Award Fund.** Participation requires the purchase of *RONR in Brief* and a ticketed lunch. The second workshop is designed for chapters to send a team of two to reflect on the vitality of the chapter, to brainstorm/share ideas, and to emerge with a plan for next year to strengthen or grow a chapter. Neither workshop has a registration fee, but each requires the purchase of a ticketed lunch.



Join Sisters in San Antonio, Texas!

Join colleagues at the beautiful San Antonio Marriott River Center Hotel, offering stunning views of downtown San Antonio and the picturesque River Walk. Thursday, July 22, will feature an event sponsored by the DKG International Educators Foundation that will include breakfast and a presentation by a living historian. Later that afternoon, a gathering for "First Timers" and a "Happy Hour" will allow you to reconnect with friends. Enjoy two general sessions; forums and panel discussions; a Membership Luncheon; workshops on projects, initiatives, or specific topics; campfire sessions providing an open conversation led by a speaker; and Fast Breaks, located in quiet alcoves of the hotel, that will be like speed dating but a bit more in depth.

Be sure to bring your wallet and an extra suitcase to indulge in the Marketplace, where vendors and exhibitors will be open for your shopping experience. Although surely busy during the conference, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of San Antonio on Friday evening. Saturday's culminating event of the conference will be a special dinner.

International News



DKG International Educational Foundation Is "Giving to Educate the World"

Celebrate by Giving using the Online Contribution Form

- **Give to the Educational Foundation** to honor your friends, your mentors, your chapter, yourself
- **Give to the Educational Foundation** to memorialize your loved ones.
- **Give to the Educational Foundation** to celebrate an achievement, to recognize your champions.
- **Give a dollar for each year** - Give a dollar or the equivalent of your age on your birthday as a way to pass on the good works to future members.

More information is available on the website. www.dkgef.org

Donations are 100% tax deductible for U.S. citizens

LEAVE A LEGACY!



Your tax deductible (U.S.) contributions that are given to the DKG Educational Foundation "go global" through awards for educational projects and professional development to members and non-members. The money collected will enhance the numbers and kinds of projects funded by the Educational Foundation.

Need Money For Professional Development?



Travel, hotel, meals, substitutes, conference/seminar expenses?

We have a deal for you! Cornet Professional Development Awards

Available to members and non-members
Up to \$2000

Three award cycles:
September 1, February 1, May 1

Go to: www.dkgef.org

1. Click on Apply
2. Click on Cornet Professional Development



Schools for Africa is a joint campaign founded by UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society to promote education for children in Africa. The campaign will increase access to quality basic

education for children with special focus on girls, orphans and vulnerable children. UNICEF is working with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners.

What Your Money Can Do:

- ◆ Build and rehabilitate 1,000 schools
- ◆ Create schools that offer a safe and protective environment where children can learn and play
 - ◆ Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities in schools
 - ◆ Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials
- ◆ Train 100,000 teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- ◆ Educate children about proper hygiene and HIV prevention as this knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents, and the community-at-large

Visit www.schoolsforafrica.com or under UNICEF and see a video and slide show.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Sign up for the 2021

International Regional Conference in either



Portland, Oregon

JULY 7-10, 2021

Or

San Antonio, Texas

July 21-24, 2021



GET INSPIRED!

MAKE VALUABLE CONNECTIONS!

EXPLORE!

Visit www.dkgef.org for more details

Registration is now open



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Did you know that the first letters in
Delta **K**appa **G**amma are the first
letters in the Greek words for
Teacher, Key, and Women?

Dates to Remember

April 30 – May 2, 2021

DKG Michigan State Convention
Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
Virtual Conference

International Regional Conferences

Portland, Oregon July 7-10, 2021
San Antonio, Texas July 21 - 24, 2021

September 24 - 25, 2021

State Fall Conference
Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
H Hotel
Midland, Michigan

October 15-17, 2021

Women in the Arts Retreat
Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center
Roscommon, MI

May 6-8, 2022

DKG Michigan State Convention
Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
Delta Hotels Marriott
Kalamazoo Conference Center
Kalamazoo, MI