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State President



## Michigan State DKG 2019-2021 Biennium Theme CREATING HOPEFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

### President's Message

#### Creating Hope: Making DKG Michigan a Hopeful Learning Organization

At the Spring Convention in 2019, the biennium theme of *Creating Hopeful Learning Environments* was introduced. At our Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn-Muskegon on October 4-5, 2019, *Creating a Hopeful Learning Organization* was our theme. We were all set to go with another theme for the Spring Convention and another theme for the Fall Conference, but Covid-19 has had its way with us. For this spring's Convention, our theme for the 2021 Spring Conference will be *Creating Hope*.

I searched through my files to find what I wrote about in anticipation of those two events, and I went back to the original piece that I wrote as your state president, reflecting on what has happened in the past year. Already as I am "winding down" the biennium of my presidency, we are preparing to install a new leadership team, if they are elected. While I am sad to be ending my leadership role of an awesome group of hopeful women, I know that to continue to be a functioning organization, we must pass on our legacy to others so that they may hopefully lead us into the future.

The Nominations Committee, led by Marilyn Hopkins, did an excellent job of proposing a leadership team that will begin to forge new pathways for DKG MI. The new leaders are now ready to ask you to come work with us at the state level and join, "hand in hand," to create hope for the students and teachers in Michigan. Please join us by volunteering to chair or join a state level committee. You can do that by emailing Elena Ivanova.

You have inspired me, through a pandemic, we have created new paths to learning. We have continued to thrive as an organization of Key Women Educators, continuing our hopes for improving education for future generations. Thank you to the Technology Committee and the Program of Work Committee under the guidance of Tamara Webster and Elena Ivanova, respectively, for their exceptional work in supporting our organization's mission and vision remotely.

Thank you to the membership for supporting their work, and for your own work in continuing our legacy of hope. Our founders envisioned this legacy nearly a hundred years ago. DKG has persevered through a World War, two other wars, many natural disasters, and now we are continuing our legacy through a pandemic unknown to many among us.

We will give you any updates regarding our Convention in Bay City as they develop. In closing, let's be thankful for each other and the work that we do and let's be hopeful that we will meet again soon to celebrate each other and our organization.

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

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## State Committees

### Loretta Miles Named State Woman of Distinction



Some call our State Woman of Distinction 2020 our Tiny Giant. Tiny because of her petite size. Giant in every other respect. Humble, brilliant, dedicated, thorough and a smile that melts your heart. She has faithfully served DKG for over 55 years and her friendship is extended to all. Loretta Miles, we honor you with the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International: Michigan State Woman of Distinction Award, 2020.

Loretta began her teaching career in 1957. By 1964, she was recognized as an outstanding educator and asked to join DKG, Psi Chapter. She served as their treasurer until 2013 when the chapter dissolved, and she transferred her membership to Beta Omicron. In 1988, Loretta began serving as the State of Michigan DKG Treasurer and served 30 years in that position, until 2018. At conferences she was usually seated at the head table, but if not, she would be at a regular table taking up two places because she needed space for all her paperwork. If you wanted to talk with her you had to get in line and wait your turn because you were only one of many seeking her attention. Traveling to a meeting with this charming lady had a few drawbacks, you were always the last to leave because you had to wait until the last requested check was written. She preferred paying on site and in person, it saved postage.

Presidents sought her out; the DKG State President and Chapter presidents all seeking her expertise. Some had hot lines to her phone and she would spend as much time as needed to answer questions regarding State and Chapter finance problems, interpreting the By-laws regarding finance issues, and all the new electronic procedures for record keeping that seem to change every biennium. Nothing was too big or too small, if you needed help, you got it. Some lucky ones even got home made chocolate chip cookies.

Loretta married the love of her life, Mike, in 1957 and together they had 5 children. She is the proud grandmother of 14 grandchildren. She is active in her church serving on many different committees. She has volunteered at her children's schools and her church. She has baked cookies (chocolate chip especially), made pies and cakes for funeral luncheons, helped with fund raisers, and has yet to learn that NO is a word in the English language.

Dedicated to Delta Kappa Gamma Loretta still generously gives of her time. She loves being with other "Delta" members, as she calls them, greeting them with a big smile and a hug. Her loyalty is unquestioned, and her friendship is extended to all. Loretta Miles exemplifies what it means to be a Delta Kappa Gamma member. She is our Tiny Giant.

*Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu Chapter, Personal Growth and Service Committee Member*

### Our International Guest

**Dr. Debbie LeBlanc**

**2021-2023**

**Northeast Regional Director**

**will be attending our Michigan Convention in Bay City**



**Owen Bondino**  
**Michigan's 2020-2021**  
**Teacher of the Year**  
**will be the Keynote Speaker at**  
**the Convention Luncheon and**  
**will present a session.**

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# State Committees



## History/Historical Document Storage Michigan State of Delta Kappa Gamma

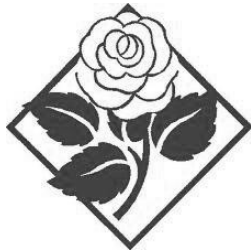
The following official documents are kept for each biennium:

1. Roster: State Officers and Chairpersons
2. Executive Board/General Membership Minutes from Fall Conferences(2) and Spring Conventions(2)
3. State Financial Reports: Budgets(2); End of year Balance Sheets(2); Audit Reports(2)
4. Copies of two years of *The Wolverine*
5. Printed Programs for the two Spring Conventions

Obviously the 2019-2021 Biennium documents may not conform completely to past practices due to the pandemic and the many cancellations it caused. We all continue to do our best for our organization and all its members and look forward to what we hope will be a more normal 2021-2023 biennium. I'm sure you also have missed the camaraderie and inspiration of our sisters.

In other news, the 2<sup>nd</sup> small document safe that had been stored at Kent Records(now Vital Records Control) for \$180 a year has now been removed and is currently with me and its sister safe with me. I would like to thank my contact at Vital Records, Loretta Miles for picking it up in Grand Rapids and keeping it until my Gamma Alpha sister Linda Clark's husband picked it up and brought to my home in the Metropolitan Detroit Area. Accolades to all for their help.

*Submitted by Lynne Elsesser, Gamma Alpha Chapter, History/Historical Documents Chairperson*



### Articles Wanted

For *The Wolverine* about:

- Chapter News
- Events/Celebrations
- Program Ideas and Resources
- Good Works
- Pictures with captions

**Spring Issue Deadline**

**February 15, 2021**

e-mail-wadedkgmi@gmail.com

### Chapter Woman of Distinction Awards



Attention all Chapters!!

Now is the time to submit your chapter's choice for Chapter Woman of Distinction. The Michigan State Organization wants to recognize chapter members who have made contributions to DKG through their chapter, their school, and/or their community. Honorees will be recognized at the Sunday morning Awards Breakfast at our State Convention in Bay City. Be sure to have your chapter included.

Forms are available on the state website, [dkgmichigan.org](http://dkgmichigan.org), or I will send you one by snail mail. Please submit by March 15, 2021. They may be submitted online or sent to me at: Shaila Jehle, 2323 Melton Dr., Howell, MI 48843

*Submitted by Shaila Jehle, Alpha Theta Chapter  
State Personal Growth and Services Committee Chair*

### 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](mailto: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 in the center.

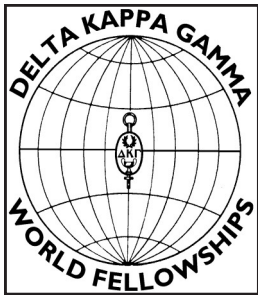
The DKG letters are in black. Gold letters read...

"KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS."



# State Committees

## Supporting World Fellowship



Wow! We did it again! Congratulations to the sisters of DKG Michigan State! We raised \$1,325.00 for Funding Our Purposes. We also received \$875.00 in gift cards. Nine tickets were drawn by my husband (a disinterested third party) for gifts for the donations. The gift cards are in the mail and should have been received by the winners around Thanksgiving. This was our first virtual donation and 'raffle' and I feel it was a resounding success. Due to the cancelling of the Spring Convention and Fall Conference it was felt that the virtual drawing would help fund the groups that we normally help. Funds will be distributed among Members Supporting Members, International Convention Scholarships and World Fellowship. We received gift cards and donations from all over the state. Thank you so much!

*Submitted by Mary Bischoff-Greer, Omega Chapter  
State World Fellowship Chair  
Nancy Higgins, Zeta Chapter  
Chair Funding Our Purposes*

## Women in the Arts is Back!



It was a long lonely Fall in 2020 without our annual craft weekend fix. But, in the words of a Hamilton lyric, "We'll be Back!" Women in the Arts returns October 15-17, 2021 at the Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan. Save the Date and stay tuned for details.

*Submitted by Claire Rettenmund and Kathy O'Neill, Alpha  
Omega Chapter, Women in the Arts Co-Chairs*

**“SUCCESS WILL NOT LOWER  
ITS STANDARD TO US.  
WE MUST RAISE OUR STANDARD  
TO BE SUCCESSFUL.”**

## Do Not Miss Out On Opportunities for Scholarships and Grants



Delta Kappa Gamma has competitive scholarships at both the state and international levels. There are grants for educators working on a graduate degree and retaining or seeking an additional endorsement in education. The DKG Educational Foundation grants more than \$150,000 each year to support creative projects, seminars, and professional development. Many years these scholarship and grant opportunities are never awarded because no one applies. Take a chance and apply!

DKG Michigan offers non-competitive grants to attend the International Convention or one of the Regional Conferences. This year the **Kathy Cashen Grant** will be available to attend the regional conference in Portland, Oregon (July 7-9, 2021) or San Antonio, Texas (July 21-24, 2021). The grant will provide a one-time only stipend, to one member from each chapter to partially cover the cost of her registration. The amount of the grant will be dependent on the number of applicants (limited to one per chapter).

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 DKG Michigan website: [dkgmichigan.org](http://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. The application for the **Kathy Cashen Grant** needs to be **submitted by April 1, 2021**.

Guidelines and application forms for the International grants and scholarships can be found online at: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). *There are scholarships available from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for educational enrichment and help in funding additional degrees.*

At the close of the Spring Convention we have drawings. Three member-attendees will have their registration fees paid for from the Member-to-Member drawing.

For help or questions contact

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# State Committees

Energize Your Meeting or Classroom with an (even if it is on Zoom!)

## ICEBREAKER

Zoom meetings are becoming a normal (essential) part of life. It can be so numbing sitting behind a computer in meetings every day, why not make them fun. One way to lighten the mood of a meeting is to start off with something fun. Give one of these ice breakers a try and see if it changes the mood of your Zoom participants.

**Essentials or Favorites** - Ask each person to share the most essential app on their phone, book on their shelf, appliance in their kitchen, etc. Compile a list of essentials to share with the group. Or ask everyone's favorite recipe, TV show, song lyrics, movie line, etc. And share those with the group. You will be surprised how much you will learn about each other from this exercise.

**Share an Object** - This one's another classic that works perfectly on Zoom – the old “Show and Tell” we all did in elementary school. This works best if it is left open-ended. A variation is to ask for something specific like something that reminds you of your goals, brings you joy, or makes you laugh.

**Common Ground** - Put the meeting participants into small groups or pairs depending on the size of the group (if on Zoom place them in break out rooms). Once in groups ask them to list as many things as possible, they have in common in a set amount of time. Once the time is up each group reports out the things that they have in common. The team with the longest list wins!

**Pass the Love** - Ask everyone to turn on the Gallery view in Zoom and stand up. Have everyone this of something wonderful to share with someone else in the group. When it's your turn, pretend to hold a box or a ball, explain you lovely idea, and pretend to pass the box to a person who's next to you in the Gallery view of Zoom. They receive the box and pass the love to someone else. A variation is to have each person say something good about the person who's next to them in the Gallery view of Zoom.

*Submitted by Joanna Coselman, Alpha-Alpha Chapter, State Professional Affairs Chair*

## Submit Your Chapter Newsletter

The deadline for chapter newsletters to be submitted is February 1, 2021. They should be sent to Ginny Cole, at [dkgmcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:dkgmcommunications@gmail.com).

The checklist, which can be downloaded, is on the Michigan State website at <http://www.dkgmichigan.org/stateforms.html>. Please save a completed copy of your checklist after filling it out and attach a copy along with your newsletter.

We hope to have many more chapters submitting their chapter newsletter for evaluation this year.

*Submitted by Ginny Cole, Beta Omega Chapter  
State Communications Chair*

*Anniversary Pins available for sale. Cost \$9.00 each, shipping extra.*

*To order pins contact J-Jay Pechta, [jpechta.dkg@comcast.net](mailto:jpechta.dkg@comcast.net)*



*Bright Gold*



*Antique Copper*



*Antique Gold*



*Bright Copper*



*Bright Silver*



*Bright Gold*



*Bright Gold*



*Bright Gold*



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*Bright Gold*

### NEW Diamond Shape



Black background with Gold Inlay. A diamond gem for that special member can be awarded by the Chapter or State as a special award. The pin reads International Society for Key Women Educators.

# State Committees



## Parliamentary Moment

### Can I change a motion that is on the floor?

As you listen in a business meeting and hear a motion from an individual or committee, have you thought I would rather that motion be a little different? You, as a voting member of the group, can make a motion to amend the main motion.

An amendment, if adopted, can modify the wording and within limits, the meaning of the main motion. The same procedure must be followed, being recognized by the chair, stating your amendment, and the amendment being seconded. Any amendment proposed must be germane to the original motion.

In making an amendment, the wording should be very specific. You can insert or add words, strike out words, or strike out and insert words. The amendment may be debated, and then voted on. It takes a majority vote to pass an amendment. Then the main motion, as amended, may be debated and voted on. An amended main motion may be amended again, but it can only be amended twice.

The motion to amend is a subsidiary motion, it is not in order when another has the floor, it must be seconded, it is debatable if the motion it amends is debatable, it can be amended once more, it needs a majority vote to pass and it can be reconsidered.

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

*Submitted by Gloria Richards, Nu Chapter, State Parliamentarian*

## Nominations Open for DKG Michigan State Distinguished Service Award



It is time to submit nominations for the State Distinguished Service Award for the 2020-2021 year. As 2nd Vice President, I am honored to oversee the State Distinguished Service Award process that will be presented at the 2021 Spring Convention. Please send in the names of individuals by March 15, 2021 that you feel have given exemplary services to education and or educators and choose to honor at the state level for their community and/or state support of education.

This special award is not a chapter award and the honoree may not be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an educator, or in education. However, a previously nominated "Friend of Education" nominee or recipient may be considered. People in elected office may also be recognized with this award when they demonstrate an ongoing support of education that goes beyond their job requirements in office, but this honor cannot be viewed as an endorsement.

The information and forms may be found on the dkg website. A state organized committee will decide which of the nominees receive the award at our next state convention. The 2019-2021 Biennium committee members are: Dr. Gedy Love, Omicron; Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega; Pam Olech, Alpha Theta; Debbie Fish, Alpha Omega. We look forward to your submissions in the coming months by March 15, 2021.

*Submitted by Sharon Smith, Epsilon Chapter, State Second Vice President 2019-2021*

## Chapters Share Your Friend of Education Honorees



Chapters may submit names by March 15, 2021 of individuals, groups or organizations in their communities, not a DKG member, educator, or working in education, who have outstandingly supported or contributed to education in Michigan. Chapters determine the criteria for who, why, when, and where to give the honor of recognition. More than one award may be given. An elected official may be considered if their support goes above and beyond their job, but not viewed as an endorsement. A beautiful "The Friend of Education Certificate" with a seal will be sent from the

Michigan State Organization to your chapter to be given to the honoree or honorees.

The guidelines and forms are on the state DKG website under "Friend of Education." Responses are emailed to a perpetual email address, shared at the Spring Convention and will be included in the *Wolverine in 2021*. Please email me or text if you have not been contacted within two weeks of sending in responses.

I look forward to your submissions as Second Vice President for the Michigan State Organization DKG.

*Submitted by Sharon Smith, Epsilon Chapter, State Second Vice President 2019-2021*

## Nominations Committee Presents Slate (2021-2023)

### President, Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, Area A



Dr. Elena Ivanova, the current First Vice President, is nominated for President of Michigan DKG. She has been living in the U. S. since 1994. In 2000, she received Master of Liberal Studies degree at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. She worked as a museum educator at the Contemporary Art Center in Cincinnati, Ohio; Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; and Stark Museum of Art in Orange, Texas. She has also taught at Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University.

Elena joined DKG in Texas in 2010 where she served as chapter president and as area coordinator for her district. Upon moving back to Michigan, living in Waterford, she transferred her membership to Beta Chi Chapter in 2017.

Elena, graduated from the University of Saint Petersburg with a MA in English language and literature and started working at the Russian Museum. In 1988, she completed a PhD program in museum education. In her dissertation, she studied the role of the art museum as a teaching resource for secondary school teachers. Elena has written a biography of Russian-American artist Leon Schulman Gaspard (1882-1964.) She also is the author of numerous art exhibition reviews.

Elena has planned creative presentations and speakers for our meetings on Zoom during this time of Covid-17.

### First Vice President, Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta, Area C



Karen Lessnau-Scott, state DKG Corresponding Secretary is nominated for First Vice President. She joined DKG in November 2004 and is currently President of Alpha Theta chapter in Livingston County. She has served her chapter as newsletter editor and vice president. She was recognized with the chapter Woman of Distinction Award in 2011.

Karen has been teaching high school Mathematics, everything from Pre-Algebra through AP Statistics, for the past 24 years. At school Karen has served in a variety of leadership positions, including class advisor and club sponsor. She is currently the Data Team Leader at Howell High School, as well as the School Improvement Chair. Karen also served her school community through positions in her teacher's union as Secretary, Vice President and President between the years 2005-2010.

### Second Vice President, Claire Rettenmund, Alpha Omega, Area C



Claire is currently Co-chair of Women in the Arts, she has led workshop sessions at state meetings and served as Co-chair of local arrangements during a Bay City Fall Conference, and she was Co-chair of the State Membership Committee.

Her entire teaching career was with the Flint Community Schools in grades K-6. Degrees include an M.A. in elementary education, another in administration, and a ZA Endorsement in early childhood education.

Claire is married to Melvyn Rettenmund, also a retired teacher. They moved to Grayling three years ago from Flint. Claire has served as Vice President and as President for four terms in Alpha Omega. She was treasurer of Flint Area Coordinating Council for ten years and led in planning for several FACC luncheons.

One son, Dustin, is an actor residing in New York. Claire and her husband started an art business eight years ago and travel the state in the summer selling handmade artwork.

### Recording Secretary - Debra Herrick, Beta Omicron, Area C



Debra Herrick (Deb) of Allendale, has been a Beta Omicron DKG member for six years. She has been both Vice President and President of the chapter.

Deb went to Western Michigan University for her BS degree and received an elementary endorsement from GVSU. She taught science and physical education at the Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center for 17 years.

After retiring, she became a substitute teacher at Ottawa Area Center, and she recently "retired" from volunteering as an advisor to the Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority at GVSU after 20 years of service to the young members, she was honored by her Sorority with the *Freida Riley Award for Teaching Excellence*. She is currently the Southwest Michigan Regional Director of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) and is the treasurer for her local chapter. She just received the *State Distinguished Service Award* from MARSP in November 2020.

# Nominations Committee Presents Slate (2021-2023)

## Corresponding Secretary - Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha, Area A



Amy has been active in Gamma Alpha Chapter, serving as Co-president, 2nd VP, and Newsletter Editor. She has also served on the Metro Council Planning Committee. Amy has been very involved at the state level, serving on Membership Committee, Professional Affairs Committee by presiding at sessions at Fall Workshops and Spring Conventions since 2003; worked Registration table several times; attended PAC; and helped take pictures for Women in the Arts for *the Wolverine*.

With a BA from Hope College, Holland, MI 1996 and an MA in Education from Spring Arbor University, 2003, Amy began her teaching career in Austria as a Fulbright English Language Assistant. She taught German for two years in her hometown and then for 16 years for the Wayne-Westland Community School District. She has taught middle school Social Studies for a few years before becoming a mortgage banker at Quicken Loans working in a different way of educating others..

## Slate for Nominations Committee 2021-2023 Biennium

## Past State President, Jacquelyn Smart, Gamma Alpha, Area A

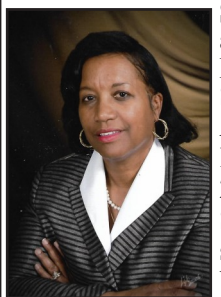


Jacquelyn Smart, has been a member of Gamma Alpha Chapter since 1990. At the chapter level, she held the office of president two different bienniums and has been corresponding secretary and is the newsletter and yearbook editor.

At the state level, Jackie has held several committee chairs (Communications, Legislation, Professional Affairs, Strategic Planning, and Leadership.) After serving as a state president, she accepted the position of State Executive Secretary and will be leaving this position in June.

Jackie graduated from the University of Michigan with an English Literature/Elementary Education degree. She earned her master's degree in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University and a second master's degree from Marygrove College. Jackie says that it has been an honor to be a member of DKG and meeting other "Key Women Educators" around the state and country.

## Past Chapter President, Sinie Bass-Wilburn, Rho, Area B

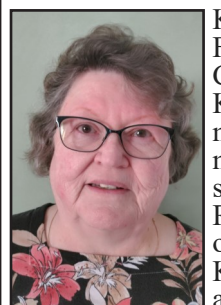


**Sinie Bass-Wilburn** has been a member of Rho chapter since 1984 and has held various DKG offices at the state and local level. She has served two bienniums as Co-President of her chapter with Eleanor Rauner and Patricia Nordberg. She is currently chapter treasurer of Rho chapter and of the Great Southwest Coordinating Council.

At the state level, Sinie served as Registrar at the Michigan DKG Fall Conference under the leadership of Dr. Dorothy Sample. She was recognized as *Rho Chapter Woman of Distinction* in 2011.

Since retiring from Benton Harbor Area Schools in 2008, Sinie has served as past president and secretary of her chapter in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She has served as Vice President of Church Women United Area 5 and Membership Chair of Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel-Berrien County Chapter. Sinie enjoys spending time with her grandchildren Kaleb and Nia in Texas.

## Member-at-Large/State Experience, Kathy Heatherly, Beta Rho Chapter, Area B



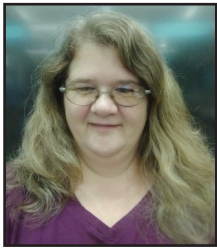
Kathy Heatherly is a member of Beta Rho Chapter from Monroe County. She was initiated in February 2003, has served as Beta Rho's Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and currently Co-president.

Kathy taught elementary grades for 36 years at Monroe Jefferson School, retiring in 2007. She is a member of her churches' education committee, teaches Sunday School, and sews with the prayer quilt ministry. She edits *The Scoop*, Monroe County's MEA-R newsletter. As Co-President there is always something to work on for Beta Rho; this year they are Zooming together for monthly meetings. Beta Rho participates with the Area B Cascades Council and Kathy is involved with planning the activities of the council.

Kathy is serving as a President-at-Large for PAC. She is excited to see DKG renew their full slate of activities, she has attended most recent fall conferences and state conventions and some of the Northeast Regional conventions in Hershey, Portland, and Windsor.

# Nominations Committee Presents Slate (2021-2023)

## Current Chapter President, Joanna Coselman, Alpha Alpha, Area C



Joanna Coselman was born, raised, and resides in Flint. She is a special education teacher for the Flint Community schools, where she has just begun her 21st year. As an active union member she has seen the struggles that many districts have endured and she continues to fight for teachers and students alike.

Joanna was first initiated into the Alpha Alpha chapter in 2011 by a coworker. As a member of the Alpha Alpha chapter, she first took on the charge of yearbook editor, started the quarters for World Fellowship fundraising, and recently has assisted with the monthly chapter newsletter. In 2014, she served in her first officer position as vice president for one term. Joanna is currently in her third term as chapter president.

## Member-at-Large, Carol Dean, Phi, Area D



Carol Dean has been a member of DKG since 2011. She received her BS from Western Michigan University in 1977 and her MS from Northern Illinois University in 1983, after receiving a graduate teaching assistantship in outdoor teacher education. She retired in 2010 from Traverse City Area Public Schools after 33 years of elementary teaching in grades Kdg. – third grade.

As a member of Phi Chapter, she has held the positions of Co-President for two bienniums, 2014 – 2018, Co-Vice President, and is currently Second Vice President and on the Communications and Marketing Committee. Carol was a Chapter President Member-at-Large for PAC 2016 – 2018. She was Chapter Woman of Distinction in 2019 and attended her first International Convention in Austin, TX in 2018.

Carol is currently the secretary for the Northern Lights Coordinating Council. She is an active member of the Grand Traverse Area Retired School Personnel and serves as the Chair of the Mini Grant Committee.

*Submitted by Michigan State Organization Nominations Committee:* Marilyn Hopkins, Chairman, Mu, Area C; Nancy Berkompas, Past State President, Alpha Tau, Area D; Kay Tebo, Past Chapter President, Gamma Eta, Area D; Debbie Newman, Current Chapter President, Beta Chi, Area A; Cindy Dietz, Member-at-large, Gamma Alpha, Area A; Julie Pease, Past Chapter President/State Experience, Beta Alpha, Area B

## State Executive Secretary Opportunity



The State DKG Personnel Committee announces a **staff vacancy** effective June 30, 2021. Jacquelyn Smart, who will have served four and a half years as State Executive Secretary, plans to retire.

A vacancy, for Executive Secretary position will occur as of July 1, 2021.

The application deadline is March 15, 2021. The application form may be found at [dkgmichigan.org](http://dkgmichigan.org). According to DKG Michigan State Organization Bylaws, Section 2,G. Executive Secretary (employed) duties include:

- ◆ Maintain and arrange for the preservation of all archival materials. This is done in conjunction with the History Committee.
- ◆ Make recommendations to The Executive Board regarding sites of state conventions, State Executive Board meetings, state area workshops.
- ◆ Execute legal documents as directed by the president.
- ◆ Perform other duties and responsibilities as directed by the president and the Executive Board and as prescribed in the job description and the contract. Qualifications include demonstrated expertise in the following areas: Interpersonal Communication Skills Organizational/Coordination/Record Keeping skills Computer/Word Processing Software Skills Time Management/ Prioritizing Skills to Meet Deadlines.

Information and application forms are available on the website of DKG State of Michigan Organization (see above) and by contacting: Dr. Dorothy Sample, Personnel Committee Chairman. Completed applications should be sent to Dr. Sample, [dkgmipersonnel@gmail.com](mailto:dkgmipersonnel@gmail.com)

# State Convention– Bay City



## Call for Speakers at the DKG Michigan Convention

What was your chapter doing during the past year? How did you stay in touch? Did you find a way to continue some of the projects you used to do? If you were teaching, what issues did you encounter? Please share your experience with your DKG sisters at the spring convention. Do a breakout session on your own or join a panel discussion. If interested, please contact Elena Ivanova by phone 248-890-3317 or email at [ivanovae4179@gmail.com](mailto:ivanovae4179@gmail.com). The convention may be a live or a virtual one. Please be assured that the health of our members is our first priority and we will hold a live convention ONLY in case public gatherings are considered safe.

*Submitted by Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi Chapter  
State 1st Vice-President*

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Michigan State Convention Schedule

### Doubletree by Hilton Bay City Riverfront “Creating Hope”

**April 30-May2, 2021**

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Convention Registration (**Closed** during Executive Board/General Membership meeting)
- 5:45 PM Presidents’ Emeritae Dinner
- 5:45PM - 7:15 PM **Buffet Dinner**
- 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM Pre-convention Session
- 7:30 PM - 7:55 PM First-Timers’ Orientation
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Combined Executive Board/General Membership Meeting

*All members are expected to attend and guests are invited.*

Processional Rehearsal for Chapter Presidents  
Social Time, Coordinating Councils Meet

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

- 6:45 AM - 7:45 AM Aqua Fitness Fun
- 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Convention Registration
- 6:45 AM - 8:15 AM **Breakfast Time**
- 8:00 AM - 3:20 PM Funding Our Purposes Auction, Chapter Sales and Informational Display (**Closed** during the General Membership Meeting)

8:50 AM - 10:30 AM General Membership Meeting

*All members and guests are invited to attend.*

Special Guest, Michigan Teacher of the Year

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Keynote Speech, Owen Bondono

10:45 AM -11:45 AM First Workshop Sessions

11:55 AM -12:55 PM Second Workshop Sessions

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Buffet Lunch Opportunity**

2:10 PM - 3:10 PM Third Workshop Sessions

3:20 PM - 4:20 PM Fourth Workshop Sessions

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Corsage Pick-up at Registration

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Cash Bar

6:15 PM Presidents’ Procession and Head Table Line-up

6:30 PM - 10:00 PM **Presidents’ Banquet**

*All members and guests are invited to attend.*

Michigan State Rosebud Chorus

Distinguished Service Award

Michigan State Woman of Distinction Presentation

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Convention Registration

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Celebration of Life and Remembrance

*All members and guests are invited to attend.*

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Awards Brunch:**

Founders’ Celebration

Executive Board Reconvened

Evaluations

Funding Our Purposes Auction

Announcements

Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Awards Pick-up

12:10 PM Program of Work Committee Meeting

## NEED A ROOMMATE?

Are you going to the State 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.

(248) 476-8659, [jackie@mysmartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mysmartfamily.com)

## Michigan State Organization Convention Chapter/Committee Sales Application Saturday, May 1st at the Doubletree by Hilton Bay City Riverfront

Chapter/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: (Sales table or type of exhibit) \*Note: bring all supplies needed to set up your 6-8 foot sales table

Person(s) in charge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost per table \$15. Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma - Return by April 1, 2021 to: Nancy Higgins, 11305 Island Lake Road Dexter, MI 48130, [nhigs@aol.com](mailto:nhigs@aol.com)**

# State Convention Hotel Registration-Bay City



## DKG Michigan State Organization Spring Convention April 30 - May 2, 2021 DoubleTree by Hilton, Bay City - Riverfront One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, Michigan 48708



### Reservation Information:

Reservations can be made by calling the hotel's sales office at (989) 891-6000 or 800 222 TREE mention *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* when making your reservation. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. We have 70 discounted rooms until April 9, 2021 or until the room block is full, **whichever comes first.**

### Discounted Group Guestroom Rate:

\$107.00 per night plus 6% sales tax and 11% local tax

**Cut-Off Date:** *Friday, April 9, 2021*

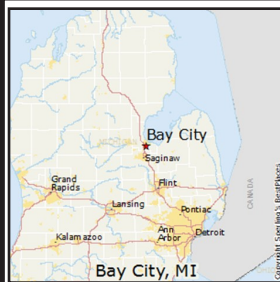
**Check-In Time:** 4:00 PM

**Check-Out Time:** 12:00 PM

**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to the day of your arrival date to avoid a cancellation fee.

### Directions to the Doubletree Hotel

From I-75, at exit 162A, take M-25 East, over the Veteran's Bridge to Downtown Bay City. The first stop light will be Saginaw St. Take a left on Sagniauw; the Doubletree Hotel will be two blocks up on the left hand side. For more specific directions use your favorite map app.

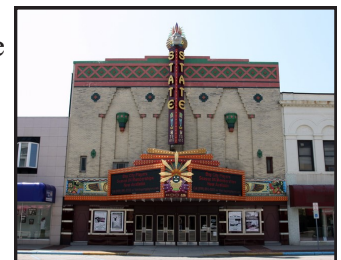


## Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Bay City State Convention

We're hoping for a record attendance for State Convention on April 30 - May 2, 2021 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Bay City Riverfront Hotel. Why should YOU come?



1. Time to relieve 'Pandemic Fatigue' and attend the state convention. Menus and room set-up will follow our "New Norm."
2. Enjoy the DoubleTree Hotel's signature warm chocolate chip cookies in the lobby.
3. Join us for fellowship, sisterhood, and laughter.
4. Witness the pomp when Michigan State Organization's New Officers are installed at the banquet.
5. You will enjoy a variety of workshops and opportunities to earn SCECHs.
6. You may be lucky and win a Funding Our Purposes raffle basket.
7. Come early on Friday and enjoy Bay City's charm. Shop the largest antique mart in the state. For a taste of nostalgia, visit the State Theatre, a sister to Detroit's Fox Theatre.
8. You can say that you have visited Madonna, the Material Girl's birthplace
9. Get inspired and revitalized for your teaching, your chapter, and your life!
10. Did I mention the warm chocolate chip cookies?



# State Convention Registration - Bay City



## DKG-Michigan State Organization State Convention



April 30 - May 2, 2021  
DoubleTree by Hilton Bay City Riverfront  
One Wenonah Park Place  
Bay City, MI 48708  
Creating Hope

Please Print: Use one form for each person

First	Last	Chapter
Address	City/State	Zip
Preferred Phone	Email	Years of Membership
Chapter Position	State Position	International Position
Is this your first state convention? <b>Yes No</b>	If yes, please attend the first timers meeting Friday evening.	Will you be in the Presidents' Procession? <b>Yes No</b>
Are you substituting for your chapter president at Executive Board and Presidents' Procession?		<b>Yes No</b>
Do you plan to arrive Friday evening? <b>Yes No</b>		

**All participants must register to attend, even workers.**

\* To help us "go green" please bring your neck wallet name badge holders.  
If you do not have one or forget yours, plastic holders will be available.

<b>Registration Fee</b> Postmarked by April 9, 2021	<b>\$80</b>	\$
<b>Late Fee</b> (Postmarked after April 9, 2021)	<b>\$40</b>	\$
<b>Corsage Order</b> (Complete the form on the next page.)	<b>\$15</b>	\$
<b>SCECH Fee</b> (State Continuing Education Clock Hours)	<b>\$15</b>	\$
<b>Friday Buffet</b> <i>Baked Potato Bar (Toppings: Grilled Chicken, Beef Chili, Broccoli, Sour Cream, Cheese, Tomato, Bacon,) Beef Barley Soup, Mixed Green Salad, Cavatappi Pasta Salad, Cookies, Brownies, Coffee, Tea</i>	<b>\$24</b>	\$
<b>Saturday Breakfast</b>	<i>Pay-by-Item Buffet or Riverfront Grille</i>	
<b>Saturday Lunch</b> <i>Potato Salad, Kale and Napa Slaw, Tomato Bisque, Artisan Sandwiches (Turkey, Chicken Salad, Grilled Veggies,) Kettle Chips, Cookies, Brownies, Coffee, Tea</i>	<b>\$24</b>	\$
<b>Saturday Banquet</b> <i>Michigan Salad, Rolls, Chicken Roulade or Wild Rice Risotto (veg option,) Chef's Starch and Seasonal Vegetable, Strawberry Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea</i>	<b>\$35</b>	\$
<b>Sunday Brunch</b> <i>Assorted Pastries, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Juices, Cinnamon French Toast and Maple Syrup, Scrambled Cage-Free Eggs, Smoked Bacon, Sausage Links, Home Fried Potatoes, Coffee, Tea</i>	<b>\$24</b>	\$
<b>Total amount enclosed:</b> Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma	<i>(Note: Checks will not be deposited until March 30 in case of event cancellation)</i>	\$

\*Cost of the meals helps to defray the cost of the room rentals  
Please continue on the next page.5

# State Convention Registration - Bay City

<b>Corsage Orders</b>		<b>\$15 each</b>
Person Ordering	Chapter	
Ordered for whom	Wrist	Pinned
Total number ordered @ \$ =	<b>Please record total on previous page.</b>	

**Dietary Needs:**

Dietary needs must be listed on this registration form in order to inform the hotel staff of your special needs. If you sign up for a special meal, please do not switch your selection at the banquet since the meal count is predetermined by registration. Special tickets will be provided in the registration packets of those who indicate the following needs. All meals except the banquet are buffet. **CHECK DIETARY NEED, IF NECESSARY:**

Gluten Free: \_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_ Diabetic: \_\_\_

**Handicap Assistance:**

There is elevator service to guest rooms. If you require special guest room accommodations, please notify the hotel staff directly when you make your overnight reservations.

**Photo Release:** By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be photographed by Michigan State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and granting the use of your likeness, without compensation, in the *Wolverine* and/or on the Society website.

**In order to earn the State Continuing Educational Clock Hours (SCECHs) you must do the following:**

1. Register for the Clock Hours on your registration form. (Fee is \$15 for members.)
  2. Sign in for SCECHs at the registration desk when you check in. (State Required Form)  
A sheet will be in your packet.
  3. Attend a minimum of **three** sessions for credit. Up to **six** clock hours may be earned.
  4. Assure that you are stamped in and stamped out of each session. (You must attend the entire session, plus sign the State Form with your signature, and phone number. The monitor should have this form.)
  5. At the registration desk, there will be a special box for your completed Official Attendance Sheet and SCECH evaluation sheet.
- The Combined Executive Board and General Membership Meeting will start at 8:00 PM Friday.
  - ALL MEMBERS should attend that meeting at 8:00 PM Friday.
  - Practice for the Presidents' Procession will be Friday evening following the Executive Board meeting.
  - Coordinating Councils will meet following the practice for the Presidents' Procession.

**Please mail this completed form and your check, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, to:**

**Registrar:**  
 Judi Fisher  
 20180 Rippling Lane  
 Northville 48167  
 judifisher@yahoo.com 248-808-0477 (C)

**Cancellation Policy:**

*"A person having to cancel will receive a refund provided her written request is posted **fifteen days prior to the event**" which would be **April 15, 2021**. (Standing rule 7:01 of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.) Requests for cancellations must be sent in writing to the same person to whom the registration form was sent. If it is necessary to cancel after **April 15, 2021**, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. **No refunds will be made after the cancellation date.***

**NOTE: HOTEL REGISTRATIONS ARE BY APRIL 9, 2021 FOR CONVENTION RATE**

(You must personally make and/or cancel your hotel accommodations.)



# Membership

## A Special Welcome to Michigan State Initiates

### Gamma

Lauren L. Cornett  
Sarah D. Sutliff

### Omega

Colleen D. Murphy  
Diane M. Nelson  
Margaret M. Schuch

### Alpha Mu

Deborah E. Bloomhuff

### Alpha Xi

Karen J. Cordes  
Danielle R. Dasher  
Melody A. Marceau  
Linda A. Wallace

\* Reinstated



### Beta Gamma

Katherine Aldridge  
Ginny Kirkwood  
Laura Stanwick  
Kimmee Wenkel

### Beta Sigma

Sara E. Foster

### Gamma Alpha

Barbara Anderson  
Tara Cooper  
Jessica Walker

### Gamma Theta

Lynn Yanna

H - Honorary

## In Honor of/or in Remembrance



of our beloved chapter and state Society members.

Chapters and individual members can give  
memorials and gifts to the following DKG  
Michigan State Organization Funds:

- ◆ Kathy Cashen Regional Conference Fund
- ◆ Katherine Keeling Professional Development Fund
- ◆ Jane Goudreault Memorial Grant Fund
- ◆ Betsey Cooper Leadership Development Fund
- ◆ President's International Convention Fund
- ◆ International Educational Foundation
- ◆ Member Supporting Member Fund
- ◆ World Fellowship Fund
- ◆ International Emergency Fund

*\*Contributions should be sent to State Treasurer, Liz*



## White Roses in Memoriam



### Sally Bassett, Beta Tau

Sally Bassett was a Charter Member of Beta Tau. She served as President from 1994-1998 and was her chapter's Woman of Distinction in 2004. She received the Lifetime Service Award in 2017.

After completing a two year teaching program at Concordia College, IL, Sally taught for 42 years spent in Watertown, Mi, a one room school house in Palms, Flat Rock, Grosse Ile and Sandusky. She earned her BA from Eastern Michigan University, followed by an MA and earned 25 credits towards her PhD. After raising her own children and 42 years in education she retired but continued her clowning activity, which she had become involved with when she was teaching. Her alter-ego, Sammy, especially enjoyed visiting hospitals, charity events and making children smile.

Sally permanently moved to Florida in 2016, when she retired. During this time, she was an active member of Beta Tau, attending meetings, helping out with projects when she was in Michigan and supporting the chapter when she was not. She especially enjoyed helping with ministries at her Florida church.  
September 23, 1932 - October 19, 2019

Visit the DKG Michigan State Organization Website, [www.dkgmichigan.org](http://www.dkgmichigan.org) for:

- ▶ Bay City Convention Forms
- ▶ President's Newsletters

- ▶ Scholarship and Grant-in-aid Applications
- ▶ Chapter Resource Section

# Membership



## White Roses in Memoriam



### Ellen Marie Eisele, Alpha Epsilon

Ellen joined Alpha Epsilon in 1993 and was very active including serving as; Treasurer and President on three occasions. Ellen was involved in leading both Installation and Initiation ceremonies. She was named Chapter Woman Distinction in 2020. Ellen was involved in the Great Southwest Coordinating Council and she enjoyed attending the State Conventions.

Ellen came to Sturgis in 1990, having taught in Chicago, Flint and Leslie. A lifelong learner she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Michigan State University in 1984, and in 2003, she earned a Masters degree from Western Michigan University in Mathematics Education. She was instrumental in piloting the Connected Mathematics Program, due to her leadership, Sturgis was recognized in the published version of Connected Mathematics. Additionally, Ellen took part in the Woodrow Wilson National Leadership Program for two years.

Ellen was an active mentor teacher, department chair, and leader in the Sturgis Education Association and the National Education Association. She was also involved in Holy Angels Church and volunteered at Relay for Life for many years.

Colleagues remember Ellen as a dedicated instructor, hard worker and friend. Due to her ability to inspire and her dedication as an educator, Ellen was the recipient of the John Oster Award for 2020.

March 20, 1962 - June 14, 2020

### Gale Havens, Epsilon

Gale was a member of the Epsilon Chapter since 1980. She was a very active member and she held the office of First V.P. from 1994 to 1996. She received the Chapter Women of Distinction in 1997. She was a reserve member prior to her passing.

Gale attended Western Michigan University where she received her degree.

Gale went on to teach Textile and Apparel classes in the Family and Consumer Science Department at Western Michigan University. She was the head of the department until she retired.

Gale's family and friends benefited from her sewing and knitting talents as they frequently received beautiful clothes, incredible quilts, charming placemats and napkins, or the ever-needed dishcloths.

August 22, 1937 - August 3, 2020.

### Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs

It is very important that the chapters send **Form 6** immediately following the death of a chapter member. No information can be shared in *The Wolverine* until this form is received.

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:

Pamela Olech (Alpha Theta) 2339 Prado Vista Lane

Howell, MI 48843-6820

olech@pickneypirates.org



State Necrology  
Chair 2019-2021

# Membership

## White Roses in Memoriam

### Dr. Kay Ostrom, Alpha Kappa



Kay was initiated in 1972 and she was a devoted member of DKG, set by the example of her mother's membership. Kay served at both the local and state levels of Michigan. She presided as the Alpha Kappa chapter president on three different occasions. She was named Chapter Women of Distinction, chaired numerous committees and fundraisers, was devoted to World Fellowship and brought numerous members into the chapter. In addition to this she held positions at the State level that included Fall Conference Chair, corresponding secretary and State Historical Documents Chair.

Kay graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1965 with a degree in education. From 1965 to 1967 she was a Peace Corp volunteer in Morocco. She moved to Muskegon with her husband an educator for 25 years. This included 13 years at Parent Child Workshop in Orchard View Public Schools, followed by 12 years as a guest teacher in the greater Muskegon area. She was a lifelong learner and active reader. Even when feeling unwell Kay looked for opportunities to pass along wisdom and gain knowledge. People sought her out for counsel because of her experiences and her way of communicating with others. Kay was actively involved in numerous associations and other groups.

February 26, 1943 - August 18, 2020

### Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray, Beta Omicron



Mary Jane was initiated to Beta Omicron in 1957.

She began as an educator 1949, graduating from Michigan State College with degrees in geology and environmental education. Mary Jane worked as a Curator at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. During this time she visited schools educating children about natural sciences and environment. She authored the book "Let's Go Exploring: Suggestions for Field Trips and Associated Studies in Environmental Conservation Education". She also wrote and produced a film entitled "These Things Are Ours" viewed throughout the United States and Canada as part of lecture tours for the National Audubon Society. Dr. Dockeray's greatest accomplishment was when she spearheaded the creation of the Blandford Nature Center and the Blandford Environmental Education Center. She received numerous awards including the Michigan Audubon Society Outstanding Member Award, inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame and the Inaugural Association of Nature Center Administrators' President's Award for exemplary leadership in the Nature and Environmental Learning Center Profession. The Mary Jane Dockeray Scholarship fund was established by Grand Valley State University to recognize outstanding high school seniors planning on science careers. Mary Jane taught classes at Aquinas College for senior citizens and volunteered at Blandford Center until her death.

March 8, 1927 - August 18, 2020



### Lorraine Warren, Beta Lambda

Lorraine joined DKG in 1969 and was an active member. Lorraine was a life long resident of Almont, living in the same home since she was 5 years old. She earned her Master's Degree in Education from Wayne State University and accepted a teaching position in Dryden Community Schools. She enjoyed teaching at Dryden her entire career eventually becoming the elementary principal. After retiring she continued to substitute teach in Almont, Dryden and Capac schools into her 90's.

Lorraine enjoyed traveling, first with her late husband Elmer then with family members and friends. She helped start the Square Dancing Club in Lapeer County. She and Elmer were the first family to host a foreign exchange student in this area. She was a member St. John's Lutheran Church in Capac. .

Lorraine lived to be 105 years old and she was in education for most of those years. She received the State DKG Lifetime Service Award, as well as many other awards.

May 28 1915 - September 4, 2020

# Membership & Chapter News

## White Roses in Memoriam

### Shirley “Rusty” Schumacher, Alpha Rho

Rusty was a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of DKG. She joined in 1994. She was active in fundraising for the chapter. She regularly donated cooking a Japanese dinner for four, which was a very popular Auction item for years. Rusty also hosted a DKG program and a Japanese luncheon for the chapter. Rusty spoke at a chapter meeting on the history and progress of the Ann Arbor Student Exchange Program. Rusty Graduated from the College of William and Mary with a degree in Political Science. She went on to earn a masters degrees at the University of Michigan in Speech and in education at Eastern Michigan University.

Rusty taught at Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor from 1970 to 1995. As a Social Studies teacher, her proudest achievement was promoting the Hikone-Ann Arbor Student Exchange Program, for which she was the Exchange Coordinator. Middle school students visited Hikone, Japan and then hosted Japanese students in Ann Arbor from the sister city.

Rusty had a passion for the theater, jazz, Japanese arts, and the University of Michigan football team. Rusty leaves behind many friends and will be missed.

March 6, 1930 - September 30, 2020.

### Elaine Christensen, Alpha Mu



Elaine Christensen had an outstanding career of serving in education, Delta Kappa Gamma, and several organizations throughout the Metro Detroit area. Elaine taught civics, history, and social studies at Parcels Middle School, Brownell Middle School, and Grosse Pointe South High School.

While teaching, she was active in Peace and Conflict Studies through Wayne State University. She worked at the National Endowment for Civic Education, developing and refining United States History Standards. She belonged to the National Society of Geography Teachers, and the Oakland University High School History Teachers. Elaine was active in the Center for Civics Education, going to Washington D.C. for a week each summer to develop and discuss civics standards. She was active in numerous mediation and conflict resolution. Elaine got her Bachelor's of Science Degree from Western Michigan University and a Master's Degree in Dispute Resolution from Wayne State University.

Elaine joined Delta Kappa Gamma in 1987, quickly taking on the Chair of the Legislation Committee. She served as Vice-President and then President in 2000. She served as Vice-President, Membership Chair, and President from 2012-2014. She loved to plan and organize the social events for her Alpha Mu Chapter.

At the state level, she served on the Membership and Approve the Minutes Committees. Serving as the Legislative Chair, she started the activity of sending legislative information to regional people around the state.

At the International level, Elaine served as the Northeast Chair to the U.S. Forum. During her term, she arranged for a representative from each state in the Northeast Region to receive current and condensed legislative information from the Michigan Education Association, Michigan Federation of Teachers, and Delta Kappa Gamma. This information was to be passed on to chapters in that state.

In 2020 Elaine was awarded with the DKG State Woman of Distinction Award.

Elaine was active in the Michigan Education Association, and Michigan Education Association-Retired. She served as the building representative her entire teaching career. She helped develop the region concept which divided Michigan into eighteen regions and has served on the Region Six Political Action Committee.

Elaine has traveled all over the world, from Alaska and the North Pole, to a cruise down the Amazon River.

The world traveler has presented workshops at State Conventions regarding how to pack a suitcase, and encouraging women to travel alone. "You meet so many more people when you travel alone."

When Elaine was diagnosed with cancer, she authored a newsletter related to "real world" issues, and alternate treatments for the disease.

Elaine has two children, Christine and Victor, and one grandchild, Dante.

February 1, 1945 - November 12, 2020

# Chapter News

## Phi Chapter Awards Grant



**Carol Stephenson, art teacher in Buckley Schools.**

In spite of Covid-19 Phi Chapter, in the Traverse City area, creatively maintains contact with members through Member Connect emails, phone calls and cards. \$300.00 grants were awarded to 12 educators including Carol Stephenson, K-12 Art teacher at Buckley Community Schools, to enhance her art curriculum with the purchase of printmaking supplies.

*Submitted by Rita Sleeman, Phi Chapter Communications Chair*

## COVID and Mu Chapter

Who knew something good would come out of a year of isolation? It has been a difficult year for everyone, including DKG members, but with the help of technology, the shutdown has not stopped Mu sisters from gathering. In fact, we have not missed a meeting and have made plans to continue through the spring of 2021.

We began by holding “coffee hour tutoring sessions” to help members learn Zoom and then added a half hour prior to every meeting so those needing extra help connecting could receive that help. For others waiting for the meeting to begin, an icebreaker activity was provided.

Members we had not seen in ages due to distance or driving concerns began to attend because the meeting was online. We averted long travel times and budget restraints for State President Dr. Ranae Beyerlein and Visitation Chair Judi Fisher. They joined our Zoom meeting from the comfort of their own homes. Members who have moved have reconnected with their sisters, we held our FACC Fall Meeting online and former member, Kathy Muench, joined us just long enough to say hello.

A side benefit of using Zoom is that only one person can speak at a time. Members also wave hello, use the chat feature, give thumbs up and hearts notifications and we even have learned how to add cute backgrounds and costumes to our photos. We are having fun and not missing a beat! Who knew something good would come out of a year of isolation?

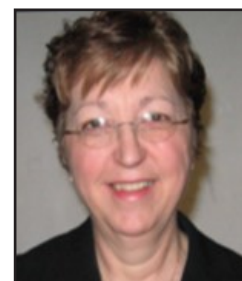
*Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu Chapter*

## Mu Chapter, Flint, Honors Three Members with Lifetime Service Award

The Lifetime Service Award is an honor not many receive, yet Mu Chapter had three recipients this past fall, 2020; Janet Cybulski, Shirley Israel, and Chery Wagonlander.

While their journeys through education, teaching, and administration are quite different, one thing is quite clear – they are dedicated to children, to leadership, and to DKG.

*Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu Chapter*



**Janet Cybulski, Shirley Israel and Chery Wagonlander, Mu Chapter Lifetime Service Award Recipients.**



**Johnnetta Ricks, Mu Chapter's 2nd Vice President welcomed Heather Windeler to membership. Heather is a well-known presenter of “Be the Bridge” seminars.**

## Alpha Omega Supports Teachers

Alpha Omega chapter is pleased to announce their new service project. To show appreciation and support, they wrote personal notes and tucked them into “goodie bags” for the teaching staff at the Flint Cultural Center Academy in Flint, Michigan. Alpha Omega members were paired with FACC staff so each bag was unique.

*Submitted by Kathy O'Neill, Alpha Omega Chapter*



**Pictured is Laurie Bone, Project Coordinator and Chair of Alpha Omega's Educational Excellence Committee with the results of their efforts.**

# Chapter News

## Greta Betti Receives DKG Beta Sigma Chapter 50 Year Member Award



The Beta Sigma Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International presented Greta Betti, Kingsford, with a 50 year membership pin and certificate, on August 5, 2020. This well-deserved award celebrates Greta's 50 years of

dedicated, active membership in the organization. Greta had also received the Lifetime Service award in 2017 from DKG Michigan State Organization, and was honored as Beta Sigma Chapter's Woman of Distinction in 1999. Greta has shown a high level of dedication and is a positive promoter of Delta Kappa Gamma and all of its members. She is an exemplary member to Beta Sigma Chapter serving actively on committees which include: World Fellowship, Music, and Social/ Hostess.

Greta earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Northern Michigan University. She began her career in 1956, teaching for four years in the elementary grades for Breitung Township Schools in Kingsford, MI. She then went on in her career to teach Remedial Reading for the Iron Mountain Public Schools for 28 years. She retired after 32 years of teaching in the State of Michigan.

Greta was married to Archie Betti, for over 60 years until his death in 2017. They raised three children, Mike, Tom, and Patti. Greta now has five grown grandchildren.

In years past, Greta and Archie always saw that the city of Iron Mountain had Christmas decorations as they personally ordered and hung them. They would also recruit help and decorate the town with summer and fall decorations. Greta chaired the Iron Mountain area Angels Project. Greta enjoys plays, movies, reading, crafts and mostly her family and friends!

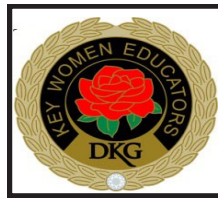
The Beta Sigma Chapter includes members from Michigan's Dickinson, Delta, Menominee, and neighboring Wisconsin's Marinette, Oconto, and Florence counties.

*Submitted by Debra Pajula, Beta Sigma Chapter Co-President*



## Phi Chapter Keeps Busy Despite Covid

Even though the Covid 19 virus has put a stop to many of Phi Chapter's activities, we have steadily forged ahead. Delta Kappa Gamma Phi Chapter continues to fulfill a major goal: to support area educators. This year, we were pleased to present a \$300 Teacher to Teacher grant in honor of Marie Grassa who was Phi Chapter President 1968-1970, 1978-80 and DKG Michigan State President from 1981-1983. Eleven educators each received a \$300 Geraldine Pagel Grant in Aid. This grant was established to honor longtime member, Geraldine Pagel, on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Projects that received grants included art supplies, literacy libraries, technology materials, and reading supplies. We were proud to fulfill our goal and help our fellow educators.



Kudos go to exemplary Phi Chapter members: Marie Schueller, Dr. Barbara Kennison, and Tiffany Sutter. Marie Schueller was Phi Chapter's Woman of Distinction for 2020 and has been a member since 2017. As a member of the Communications and Marketing Committee, Marie sends out hard copies of emails and our newsletter, Phi-Lings, to members that do not have internet service. Marie has been our Corresponding Secretary for the last two years sending out special handmade cards to members. At our Fall Auction, Marie organizes the food, volunteers at the Crooked Tree Art Council's Student Art Show and house sits for our Parade of Homes fundraiser. Phi Chapter thanks Marie for all of her work for our Chapter!

Dr. Barbara Kennison was the recipient of our LifeTime Service Award. In May of 2017, Dr. Barbara Kennison, was inducted into Phi Chapter of DKG. She has supported our Fall Auction by donating a piece of her art work, assisted with the Crooked Tree Art Council's Student Art Show and housesits for the Parade of Homes fundraiser. For the past two years, Barbara has been Phi Chapter's Recording Secretary. Phi Chapter thanks Dr. Barbara.

Our newest member, Tiffany Sutter, fulltime teacher, 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades at Bellaire High School is to be congratulated. Tiffany has participated in all Phi Chapter activities. She is currently working on a project where her high school students make tied fleece blankets. The blankets are donated to the Antrim County Baby Pantry and each child that comes in is able to select their own blanket. The purpose of this project is to help students recognize that they are doing something special and meaningful for the community. Tiffany, Phi Chapter applauds you.

*Submitted by Beth Bynum, Phi Chapter, President at large*



# Chapter News

## Creative Meeting Ideas from Beta Alpha

In the midst of this pandemic, it's so difficult to get together and include all members. However, a lot of chapters are showing their resilience and creativity. Beta Alpha chapter is no different. After a two-year layoff, the annual garage sale was organized quickly in August -masks and distancing and all. Free masks were given away and most people were quite kind and cooperative with our requests to wear them. It was very lucrative and we were able to give a significant amount of money to our Grant-in-Aid fund. Two outdoor meetings this Fall produced ideas as to how to handle the year ahead and still have fun. Our chapter decided that we have to understand and have a



Members of Beta Alpha learned chair exercises outside to do while home during COVID.

PIBE (Play It By Ear) VIBE for this coming year. In October, a small group learned how to do chair exercise to help with the stay-at-home blahs. A church parking lot was a great place to, again, mask up and distance while learning a few exercise tricks to do while watching TV. Our fearless exercise leader was asked to join our chapter too! The next PIBE VIBE event is going to be a fun Christmas gift exchange the ZOOM way....to share a gently but not wanted gift or regift, see each other and wish a Merry Christmas to hopefully more of our wonderful ladies. Creativity is the key for sure these days!

*Submitted by Julie Pease, Beta Alpha Chapter President at Large*



## Visits with the State President Chapter or Council Visitation By Your State Officers

This has continued to be an unusual year for visitations. We have been able to visit chapters with Zoom and they have been enjoyable. In September, we met with Alpha Rho in Ann Arbor and learned how they were supporting their teachers both in the classrooms and virtual. They also awarded their Friend of Education Award to Linda Carter. In October, we met with Mu and FACC members from Alpha Omega, Alpha Alpha and Phi Chapters. Ranae was the speaker and then opened it up to questions. On October 24th, Ranae was invited to an outside meeting with Alpha Zeta in Port Huron. They presented the State Distinguished Service Award to Randa Jundi-Samman D.M.D.

You can still request visitation dates until June 30, 2021. We will do our best to match your request times. You may submit the request form to [judifisher@yahoo.com](mailto:judifisher@yahoo.com) or mail the form to: Judi Fisher, 20180 Rippling Lane, Northville MI 48167 or call with any questions 248-808-0477.

*Submitted by Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha Chapter, State Visitation Chair*



DKG President Dr. Beyerlein presents Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Jundi-Samman on Friday, October 23rd at Pine Grove Park in Port Huron.

## State Presidential Visits

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.

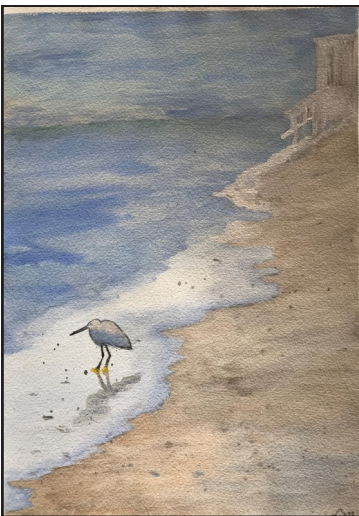
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*Submitted by Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha Chapter State Visitation Chair*

# International Art Gallery and Chapter News

## International Fall Art Gallery 2020

Congratulations to Michigan State DKG Members who submitted their artwork for judging and display on the DKG International Website. From Left to right, and top to bottom, the following works and their artists are: *Hide n Seek* and *Girl in the Window* by Kathleen Rodak, Zeta Chapter, *Lunch* by Claire Rettenmund, Alpha Omega Chapter, *Beauty Surrounds* and *Beachcomber* by Linda McLean, Beta Chi Chapter, *Tors Bay* and *The Letter* by Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho Chapter. Their work will be on display at DKG.org until April. The next deadline for submission is February 15, 2021.



## Alpha Xi Chapter Supports Area Schools

Members of Alpha Xi Chapter of DKG recently gathered at the home of Midge Connon to package a thank you gift for educators, secretaries, instructional assistants, custodians and bus drivers for their services as we face the coronavirus pandemic.

Apples were purchased from Kipfmiller's Produce, placed in a paper bag with a special printed note of appreciation attached. These bags were then boxed and taken to the public and parochial schools in Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties and Alpena Community College. There were enough apples to share with the Boys and Girls Club, Alpena Senior Citizens and the St. Bernard Friendship Room.

Coordinating the event were Midge Connon and Pauline Buchner. Members who assisted in packaging and delivering the apples included Ruth Follbaum, Ann Hardesty, Carol Kindt, Sandy Kindt, Julie Kowalski, Joy Shoemaker, Beckie Thomson and Julie Usher.

*Submitted by Ann Hardesty, Alpha Xi Chapter*

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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



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Registration is now open



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**D**elta **K**appa **G**amma are the first  
letters in the Greek words for  
**Teacher, Key, and Women**

## Dates to Remember

### March 21, 2021

President's Advisory Council Meeting  
Howell First United Methodist Church, Howell, MI

### April 30-May 2, 2021

Michigan State Convention  
Executive Board and General Membership Meeting  
Doubletree by Hilton Bay City  
One Wenonah Park Place  
Bay City, MI 48708

### International Regional Conferences

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

### State Fall Conference

September 24-25, 2021  
H Hotel  
Midland, Michigan

### Women in the Arts

October 15 - 17, 2021  
Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center  
Roscommon, Michigan