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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International ~ For Key Women Educators



Dr. Elena Ivaonova
2021-2023
State President

International Guest

International Executive Secretary Nita Scott



DKG International Executive Secretary, Nita Scott will be our guest at the Michigan Convention in Kalamazoo. Nita has served as Executive Secretary since 2018. She is an experienced educator and taught secondary mathematics and business in Tennessee and Arkansas. Nita was initiated in 2005 and served her chapter as president and strategic action committee chair. At the Tennessee state level she was a member of the membership committee and served as financial advisor to the convention steering committee. During her membership she has conducted workshops at State Organizations, Regional Conferences, and International Conventions.

At the Spring Convention Nita will be presenting on Saturday, May 7th at 11:55 a.m. in a session titled: DKG– A Richer Membership Experience. The focus of the session will be on membership and how you can get the most out of DKG. There are many opportunities in leadership, networking, financial assistance, discounts and activism.

We look forward to hearing what Nita has to share.

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President's Message



Let's Think About the Future

As I am writing these lines, winter is in full swing, but when you are reading them, your lawns will be green and early flowers may be blooming. During the next few months things will change in our lives as well as in nature - we all hope for better. My wish is that we meet in person for our annual spring convention. But if we have learned anything from the past two years, it is that nothing is guaranteed.

Let's step back and think about our state events in general. In February, I sent out a questionnaire asking your opinion in regard to this matter. I will share the results at the spring convention. At this time, I would like to explain the rationale for this poll. For years, we had three annual events: spring convention, fall conference, and Women In the Arts (WITA) in October. All of them were live gatherings till the pandemic hit us in 2020. Since then, we held four online and one live event (2021 WITA). We also started offering online Supersessions. Meetings via Zoom have had undeniable benefits. We had a good turnout for these events, with guests joining us from other states. Among the participants were people who would not have attended a live event, due to the distance, family circumstances, health, or other reasons.

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President's Message

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Michigan State DKG

2021-2023 Biennium Theme

RECHARGE, RETHINK, RENEW

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So the big questions are: should we go back to having all our annual events live (switching to the online mode if necessary for safety reasons) or should we consider offering some of them online as a norm? Are the dates when these events are offered convenient to the members? Is it important to have all three events annually?

I decided to find out what other states are doing and posted my questions on Basecamp, a recently created site for DKG state presidents. I received 41 responses from all over the world. The majority of presidents are planning to have live conventions this spring or early summer unless the pandemic situation worsens. Only four states are planning an online event from the start. At the same time, everyone acknowledges that an alternative form of participation has to be offered to those members who are unable to attend in person. Eight states will offer a hybrid meeting (live streaming of some sessions), several are planning to record select sessions for future viewing. The presidents agree that the number of attendees of live events is diminishing and this trend is likely to continue. Before the pandemic, meeting online was a rare occasion. Now we are used to, and some of us prefer, watching the event from the comfort of our home. The health and safety concerns are not the only reason. Time and expense involved in traveling to a conference are important factors as well.

Due to these considerations, some states are offering more events online and reconsidering the frequency and the character of their state events. Twelve states have a spring convention once every two years, alternating it with either a leadership training conference (a one-day event for state officers and chapter presidents) or district training seminars. In the fall, some states hold only the executive board meeting instead of a full-scale conference.

We live in a changing world, and our organization has to be in step with the times. Together we will make decisions that will ensure DKG Michigan thrives in the new age. Before such decisions are made, we will discuss the future of our state events in full detail at the state and chapter level. I encourage chapter presidents to include this subject on the agenda at a meeting. Maybe some of you would like to send me a message conveying your thoughts, comments, or concerns. While pondering these questions, please keep in mind that no changes can be introduced without members' voting and that the bylaws will have to be changed to accommodate the organization's new wishes.

Submitted by Dr. Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, State President

Visit the Michigan State Website - www.dkgmichigan.org

- ▶ Kalamazoo Spring Convention Forms
- ▶ Resources/President's Mailing/Newsletter & Membership Forms
- ▶ Resources/State Forms/Chapter Visitations, Nominations, Scholarship/Grant Applications, World Fellowship Auction Form

State Convention Kalamazoo

Presentations for State Convention

***In light of changing conditions of the Pandemic, plan on bringing a mask to wear, just in case!**

**Friday, May 6th
Pre-Convention Seminar
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.**

Traveling the World with Students, April Anderson, Grand Rapids Public Schools: It is so



incredibly important to show students the sites we teach them about. It is easier than you think to take students abroad, or even state-side for a trip of a lifetime. Attend this session to hear a first hand account from a school travel veteran. **1 SCECH**

Saturday, May 7th

6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Aqua Fitness Fun, Fran Saenz, Gamma Alpha - Come together for a fun early morning



aqua fit class. Guaranteed to energize and invigorate you for the rest of the day. You may work at your own comfort level, engaging in a variety of low impact movements from low to high intensity. Please wear your swimsuit or swim shorts and top. **1 SCECH**

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

9:30 - 10:30 Keynote Speaker - The Multi-Ethnic Afghan Schools and Humanitarian Assistance Project,



Khris Nedam, Kids 4 Afghan Kids - In her presentation, Khris will share the story of how a coed school was started in an Afghan village and how it grew over the past 23 years. **1 SCECH**

**Session 1
10:45 - 11:45**

Fairies and the Global Tree to the Rescue, Carol Trembath, Beta Chi - When the Global Tree begins to



shake, frightening the fairies of Fairyville Hollow, the fairies ask, "What's going on?" The story parallels what is happening around the world with the pandemic. The story is an excellent source for educators and families to

help children understand and cope with their fears. **1 SCECH**

Recharging, Rethinking, Renewing DKG Leadership -



Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Chapter, Executive Secretary, This session is intended to help aspiring and current leaders to Recharge, Rethink and Renew. Leaders are encouraged to look to new ideas and practices.

The Birthplace of the Michigan Public School System, Lena Buczynski, Marshall Historical Society: Marshall



played a significant role in the formation of the public school system in Michigan and, in some ways, the United States. **1 SCECH**

**Session 2
11:55—12:55 p.m.**

Introduction to Geocaching, Marcia Hamstra, St. Gerard's School, Lansing: Geocaching is a family-



friendly and school-friendly activity that is enjoyed by all ages. We will cover traditional geocaching and explore mystery & multi-caching. Trackables and gadget caches will also be discussed. Marcia Hamstra is a Geocaching enthusiast. She has a lot of exciting experiences to share. **1 SCECH**

DKG - A Richer Membership Experience, Nita Scott, Executive Secretary DKG Society International: Attend



this break-out session with our DKG International guest, where Nita will reveal membership benefits you may not even know exist.

Mysterious Artist Leon Gaspard, Dr. Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, President: Famous Russian-American artist



Leon Gaspard is known for his masterful scenes that feature Russian peasants and Native Americans. This presentation, based on ten-years of research conducted in the United States, France, Belarus, and Russia, unveils the real story of this fascinating artist. **1 SCECH**

**Session 3
2:10—4:10 p.m.**

Colorblending & Texture Painting, Jennifer Flynn, Reading Community Schools -



This will be a hands on experience as you work on an art project you can use with students 3rd grade and up. Jennifer will teach you about blending colors, textures and using found objects for textures. The class fee of \$15 per person will cover all the materials you will need. **2 SCECH's** (limited to 20 participants)

State Convention Kalamazoo

Session 3 continued
2:10—3:10 p.m.

The Best Chapter Meeting Ever, Again & Again, Frances Ziegenhais, Alpha Iota, Texas:



Learn about a themed meeting incorporating genuine spiritual fellowship, uniting new members, and bonding all members. Attendees move from station to station with 100% participation, involved in activities that increase and enrich DKG experiences.

Be a Healthy Role Model, Jane Toll, Nutrition Instructor MSU Extension,



Learn about 10 exciting tips that you can do to be a role model for a child's health. Each tip will help you, and them eat healthier, be more active, and build healthy habits.
1 SCECH

Session 4
3:20 - 4:20 p.m.

Forest Bathing, Linda McClean, Beta Chi:



Forest Bathing is a, activity that has extraordinary physical and mental health benefits. This mindful, slow walk in a forest has a set sequence of sensory-directed nature connections. The walk can take 2-4 hours and the participants only walk about 1/2 mile in total. Linda McLean has studied Forest Bathing for over two years and is currently a Certified Forest Bathing Guide in training.**This session will be followed by an optional 1 hour Forest Bathing experience for a group of 10 or fewer. We will be carpooling to the Asylum Lake Preserve, which is located 1.4 miles away from the hotel. 1 SCECH

Physical Activity Can be Fun, Jane Toll, Nutrition Instructor, MSU Extension,



Many people think you need to go to the gym and run to be considered physically active. In this class, we will discuss and practice different ways to be active and how it can be fun. This will be an interactive session!

1 SCECH

Funding Our Purposes



Due to the cancellation of our previous convention and conference we were unable to hold an auction in 2021. But hope spring eternal and this May will bring us together again. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing our good stories and renewing friendships. Please bring items for the large and small items for the auction.

We will hold an auction at the Spring Conference in Kalamazoo, May, 6 – 8, 2022. Large and small items will be needed from chapters and individuals. Remember that you must complete a form for the State of Michigan (available online at dkgmichigan.org) to turn in your donation. Each item must be described with a value noted. Proceeds from the auction go to these funds: Scholarships, World Fellowship, and Members Supporting Members. Your contribution to the auction also helps your chapter to earn a point in the #8 criteria for the Award of the Rose.

Thank you for your continuing participation and generosity.

Submitted by Nancy Higgins, Zeta, Funding Our Purposes Chair

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.

Carol Dean, Phi, Professional Affairs Committee Chair.

Calling all Shutterbugs



As State Photographer I am responsible for documenting in pictures the activities and honorees of our State Conferences and State Conventions. But as one person I can't be all places at all times. I am looking for a few ladies interested in taking photos at these events so all the important activities are photographed. Cell phone or camera photos are acceptable. Knowing how to edit your photos would be helpful, but is NOT necessary. Everyone is using their cell phones to document their lives. Please consider using yours to document Michigan State DKG.

Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho, Michigan, State Photographer, mpatm@icloud.com

State Committees

What are Subsidiary Motions?



In the last several issues of *The Wolverine* each of the seven subsidiary motions was discussed. Subsidiary motions are a class of motions which assist the assembly in treating or disposing of a main motion. They have the effect of hastening action upon, delaying action upon, or modifying the main motion. Subsidiary motions have five characteristics: 1. They are always applied to another motion to aid in treating or disposing of it. 2. They can be applied to any main motion. 3. They fit into an order of precedence, so that, no subsidiary motion can be moved when a motion of higher rank is already pending. 4. They are out of order when another member has the floor. 5. They are in order during the entire time that a motion to which they can be applied is pending.

The seven subsidiary motions, listed by rank are 7. Lay on the table, 6. Previous Question, 5. Limit or extend the limits of debate, 4 Postpone to a certain time, 3. Commit or Refer, 2. Amend, 1. Postpone indefinitely. Each of these motions have preference over the motion listed below them. For example, if the motion to amend the main motion is being discussed, and the motion to postpone to the next meeting is appropriately made, the motion to postpone must be dealt with and voted on before other action is taken. If the motion to postpone passes, the main motion and the amendment is moved to old business of the next meeting. If it fails, then the assembly resumes the discussion of the amendment to the main motion.

Gloria Richards, Nu Chapter Michigan State Parliamentarian

Nominations for State Officers and Nomination Committee



“I’m not a leader. I’m not qualified to serve at the state level.” Not so! Leadership is a set of skills that can be learned by training, practice, and experience over time. As teachers, we learned from colleagues who inspired us. We became classroom leaders. Leaders are created, not born. This is the time we all should be thinking about leadership for DKG Michigan. Have you or your chapter taken advantage of the opportunity to suggest an outstanding woman or women to serve in a leadership position at the state level? The Nominations form can be found and completed on the state website, www.dkgmichigan.org. Positions to be filled for 2023-2025 are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and five positions on the Nominations Committee. Members of this committee must be comprised of one State President Emerita, one Past Chapter president, one current Chapter President, and two members-at-large, one of who has some state experience. The success of DKG Michigan depends on Key Women Educators stepping up to serve in leadership positions. We are all Key Women Educators! November 1, 2022 is the submission date for all nomination forms.

Jacquelyn Smart, Gamma Alpha, Nominations Chair

Strategic Planning for Chapters Entering a New Biennium

All chapters will soon begin a new biennium on July 1, 2022. Has your chapter discussed and evaluated their current Strategic Plan? As new officers take over, now is a perfect time to talk about where your chapter is at the present time, where members wish to see the chapter headed into the new biennium, and how do we get there. The plan is an organized way to select and implement goals that can strengthen your chapter.

When planning meetings and programs for the next biennium, chapters should consider building in time to discuss their action plan at a meeting, via email or through personal communication. The decisions and goals should come from all chapter members.

Your plan does not need to be complex or lengthy. Select three objectives that are important, and reachable. On the State DKG website under **Resources** you can find a Sample outline for a Strategic Plan with suggestions on how to complete this task. Please reach out to our committee if you have questions or need help by contacting jpechta.dkg@comcast.net

The Michigan Strategic Planning Committee is asking that each chapter submit their new or updated Strategic Action Plan by December 1, 2022.

Submitted by J-Jay Pechta, Gamma Chapter, Strategic Planning Committee Chair

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Meeting Idea! Happy Dollar! Fellowship and A Little Money



Happy Dollar is an easy and fun way to get to know members and raise a small amount of money.

Each meeting a member passes around the Happy Dollar Box. Members, who wish to, put a dollar in the box and share their “good news.” Our chapter has had trips, house repairs, grandchildren news, surgeries etc., shared. You name it – we’ve shared it. We’ve even had “I’m just glad to be here!” The box was decorated by a member and has a slit in the top for the dollars. We save the money until we have one hundred dollars and then decide how we will use it. We have given donations to speakers, organizations, gift cards to teachers etc., We all really enjoy this activity!

Submitted by Carol Dean, Phi Professional Affairs Chair

Friend of Education Certificates

Beta Sigma presented The Niagara Lions Club a certificate in November. The Club provides free vision screenings for children and purchases eye glasses for those in need. They award 4 annual \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors and organize a school supply collection drive and much more.

Beta Sigma also honored The Stephenson National Bank and Trust for their time and donations of lessons about money both in person and virtually to students in elementary through high school. They provide newspapers, educational supplements and curriculum materials and more than \$14,000 annually for scholarships.

Phi Chapter plans to present their Friend of Education Certificate to Tiffany and Jason McQueer. The couple began providing sack lunches on weekends when the Covid Pandemic began. It is estimated they have served over 25,000 lunches. They started a nonprofit called Project Feed the Kids and they have provided Christmas gifts to over 120 families.

Beta Omicron selected their local mayor, Steve Maas, to receive the honor. He continually lauds public school educators and promoted the growth and development of the Grandville Public Library. He is a volunteer reader and speaker at area schools. Steve promotes the arts and frequently plays piano at public events. Check the Michigan DKG website for information regarding Friend of Education.

Submitted by Claire Rettenmund, State 2nd Vice President

DKG State Staff Applauded for Work During Pandemic



Dr. Ranae Beyerlein became the Michigan DKG Executive Secretary on July 1, 2021;

and with the superb leadership of our elected State President, Dr. Elena Ivanova, has worked closely with our State Treasurer, Liz VanWestenburg, and Anne Wade, Editor of *The Wolverine*, to carry our state organization forward successfully during these years of COVID.



For much of her biennium as State President (2019-2021), Ranae and Jackie Smart, former State Executive, led our state organization in a well-planned program of work through Zoom which has kept Delta Kappa Gamma members in touch with each other and carried on the work of our purposes. Anne Wade, *The Wolverine* Editor, has faithfully continued with the publishing of *The Wolverine* which has kept us abreast of the International DKG efforts impacting education across the world and the various ways our chapters in the state have been able to continue to meet via zoom and other creative ways during the Pandemic.

Thanks state staff along with state officers and other PAC members - especially Tamara Webster, Web Master - for your superb leadership and commitment during these difficult times.

Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, Mu, Personnel Committee Co-chair

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. Dates can be reserved until June 30, 2023. 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

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Coming Soon! DKG Dues Collection



Just a reminder to all members that DKG dues will again be collected in the spring. This change was made several years ago to align the financial timelines and windows of the chapters, the State and International organizations.

Your chapter treasurer may start collecting dues as early as April, and she will continue accepting dues throughout May and early June. Members are asked to pay their dues to their chapter treasurer no later than June 30. Please do not delay in paying your dues, as your chapter treasurer needs to complete the posting of the dues in a timely fashion. Paying your dues on time makes life easier for your chapter treasurer!

The state portion of dues for active members is \$23 per person, The state portion of the total dues for reserve and collegiate members is \$11. In addition, each member pays a scholarship fee (\$1) that now stays in the state's coffers to provide scholarships to DKG members. In addition, your chapter most likely charges dues for the chapter's treasury. Your treasurer will inform you of the total amount.

Please know that each member is able to access, after signing in on the website (dkg.org), their profile on the DKG website, under "My DKG" and "My Account". There you are able to make any changes needed to your mailing address, phone number and/or email address. This insures that the state organization and International have correct contact information for members. (There are may other things you can select and opt into on "My Account". Take a look!)

Lastly, if you are away from home for a period of time and have your mail forwarded by the postal service, please make arrangements to receive your DKG mailings that may be sent. If, for example, you are a snowbird and are not at your home address in the winter, when an issue of *The Wolverine* comes out, please provide an alternate mailing address to me (State Treasurer) or Anne Wade, the State Editor, so we can have your copy sent to your alternate address. If you have mail forwarded, magazines and publications are not always sent along, be sure to check "magazines" on the postal forwarding form if you want to receive *The Wolverine*. Thank you!

Liz VanWestenburg, Chapter, DKG Michigan State Organization Treasurer, lizvanwestdkg@yahoo.com

Michigan State Organization President's Advisory Council Met



PAC members help state webmaster Tamara Webster strategize.

On a foggy Saturday in March the women of the President's Advisory Committee met in Howell and discussed upcoming events for our organization. We heard about the upcoming Spring Convention, and Women in the Arts Retreat. We spent time evaluating our state website and strategizing how to make our site more user friendly. The council has great activities planned for all of our members and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Convention in May!

Submitted by Anne Wade, Alpha Lambda, Wolverine Editor

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



Bright Gold



Antique Copper



Antique Gold



Bright Copper



Bright Silver



Bright Gold



Bright Gold



Bright Gold



Bright Gold



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

Nominations Open for State Distinguished Service Award



It is time to submit nominations for the State Distinguished Service Award for the 2021-22 year. Please send in names of nominees by April 1, 2022. Nominee should be someone that your chapter feels has given exemplary service to education or to educators in Michigan.

Rules stipulate that recipients cannot be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma or an educator. A past Friend of Education recipient could be considered if they meet the criteria. If you nominated someone in the past who did not win consider resubmitting the nomination. The Distinguished Service Award is a state competitive award and the recipient will be selected by a state committee. Find the nomination form on the state website. The winner will be announced at the Spring Convention.

Submitted by Claire Rettenmund, Alpha Omega, State Second Vice-President 2021-23

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 Claire Rettenmund, Alpha Omega, State Second Vice-President 2021-23

Tips for Submitting Photos to *The Wolverine*

The Editor is always looking for great photos to include in *The Wolverine*.

Please follow these tips to ensure you send the best possible photo.

Photo Rules:

- Turn off your camera's date stamp.
- Shoot small groups of people; groups of three to five make the best pictures.
- No cups or anything that looks like an alcoholic beverage.
- Avoid nametags and sunglasses.
- Do not edit your photos. This includes editing color and adding captions or graphics.
- Name the photo file with the event.
- Send the full name(s) of the people, chapter and the event name and date with the photo file.

Photo Size:

- Photo files SHOULD be 500KB in size or larger.
- All faces in the photo should be the size of a nickel or a dime
- Send the original file.

Emailing Photos:

- Email your photo files as attachments. DO NOT paste or insert them into an email or Word document.
- We cannot access photos from Snapfish or similar accounts.
- Send only two or three of your best photos.

Send to wadedkgmi@gmail.com

Membership



A Special Welcome to Michigan State Inductees

Sigma

Kristen Ritter

*Honorary



Alpha Rho

Karen K. Lind

Barbara J. Snow

* Reinstated

Rosemary Pemberton, Alpha Phi

Rosemary was initiated in 1973. She was an honorary member of her chapter.

Rosemary served as president of the East Detroit Board of Education.

Rosemary was a staunch supporter of educators and education.

March 25, 1929 - November 13, 2014

Elizabeth Boyle, Omicron

Elizabeth was initiated in 1957.

Elizabeth started college at Albion College and then went on to Western Michigan University to finish her bachelor's degree in education. She completed her master's degree in education at Michigan State University.

Elizabeth taught for more than 30 years in the Jackson Public School system at starting at Cascades Elementary and then after taking time to raise her children she returned to Ella Sharp Park Elementary School. She finished her career at Allen Public Schools. She taught various grades at the elementary level but mostly third and fifth grades.

Elizabeth was an active community member and a member of the Jackson First United Methodist Church.

April 16, 1928 - February 7, 2020.

White Roses in Memoriam

Patricia Barrymore, Alpha Zeta

Patricia was initiated in 1959. Patricia served as Secretary and President of Alpha Zeta. She was a leader in the start up of Beta Tau during her term as President in 1973. She presented at the 1962 State Conference. As a result of being an active member on multiple committees she earned the Alpha Zeta Woman of Distinction Award in 2001.

Patricia was a teacher, social worker and counselor. She was a champion for some of the most troubled students. She was skilled in communicating with children and their families.

September 7, 1926 - July 29, 2021

Charlotte Maybee, Alpha Omega



Charlotte was initiated in April, 1963. She served the chapter as president at one time during her fifty year membership.

Charlotte retired from Flint Community Schools as a teacher at the Potter Elementary School for 20 years and from the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing, where she served as a consultant for 16 years.

Charlotte in addition to her DKG membership she was a member of Sashabaw Plains Chapter of NSDAR, Tuesday Musical of Pontiac, Waterford Book Review Club, Life member of Oakland Co Historical Society and life member of the Clarkston Historical Society, and Sashabaw Plains Cemetery Association.

1927 - October 25, 2021

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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*Pam prefers to receive the Form 6 via email - but snail mail is o.k. too.



State Necrology
Chair 2021-2023

Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Jannora Lauderdale, Alpha Omega.



Jannora joined DKG in 2012. She earned a BA in Mathematics and MA in Curriculum & Instruction with an Administrative K-12 Certificate. She was an educator, assistant principal, principal, and school superintendent.

Along with all her accomplishments in education she was a business owner, and published author. She was an active and beloved member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She was also a member of St. Peter C.M.E. Church where she was a missionary, President of the Mid-Michigan Missionary District and the Church Missionary Chairperson for Technology Support.
October 28, 1960 - October 15, 2021.

Thelma McKellar, Mu



Thelma was initiated in 1970 which made her a member for 51 years. She served as recording secretary from 1976-1978 and 1986-1988. She was chair of the Nominations Committee, Courtesy Committee and co-chair of World Fellowship. Thelma was honored as Mu

Chapter's Woman of Distinction and received the Lifetime Service Award in 2020. As a result of her long-time membership of the Mu chapter she enjoyed the good works, friendship, and support of her sisters in education

Thelma graduated from Central High School in Flint and received a bachelor's degree in Education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, with additional post-graduate certification in Guidance and Counseling from Oakland University. She taught at the Flint Community Schools from 1948 to 1988 - as part-time substitute and reading specialist while her children were young, and then full-time first grade teacher until retirement. She was awarded Teacher of the Year and an annual Reading Award was named in her honor. Thelma was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church of Flint, where she served in a variety of roles including Deacon, Elder and Trustee. She was active in the Junior League of Flint and held Board positions in many community organizations over the years. She was also a member of PEO.

October 23, 1925 - October 31, 2021

Carol McMaken, Alpha Theta

Carol was initiated in 1976. She served as the chapter president, first and second vice president and help chaired many committees.

Carol began her higher education at Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti, graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a teaching degree, and later earned two master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University. She also attended the University of Michigan and Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

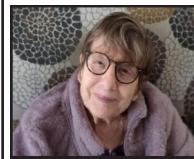
Carol taught in the Brighton schools for over 30 years, beginning as a substitute teacher at St. Patrick's school, before moving over to the public schools. Carol finished her teaching career teaching English at Baker College.

Carol was listed in the 1996 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. Carol was a member of the Brighton Historical Society. Carol authored the book Settlement to City: Brighton, Michigan, 1832 - 1945 in 2004, a comprehensive history of the town she loved.

Carol loved teaching all her life. She always felt that teaching was her calling, and she was always proud of her profession.

August 13, 1934 - November 23, 2021.

Patricia Curry, State Chapter Michigan State Organization



Patricia was initiated in 1991 and was an active and supportive member of Epsilon serving on several committees.

She attended St. Mary's College in Indiana and Western Michigan University where she completed her bachelor's degree. She retired in 1998 from Kalamazoo Public Schools after 42 yrs. of teaching. Pat was honored to educate hundreds of young minds, all while serving her community and raising her children.

January 26, 1935 - December 24, 2021



Chapter News

Kay Ostrom Memorial Scholarship



In August 2020, we lost a very special person in our group, Kay Ostrom. Many of you knew her from her many years of DKG involvement. Kay was a passionate person. She and her husband Gary were known throughout the community for their philanthropy and involvement in local organizations. So, when Kay's daughter Carol called to tell us that Kay had named our DKG group in her will, we were not surprised. After discussions with Carol, we agreed that a scholarship in her name was something that would honor Kay's memory.

In 2020 we were pleased that we awarded two \$1,000 Kay Ostrom Memorial Scholarships. Originally, our plan was to award a single scholarship. The committee, looking at the applications without names, condensed the choices to two candidates. They were struggling to decide the final winner. That's when Deanna Hayes, our president and head of the scholarship committee informed the members that the final two candidates were twin sisters! A vote of the membership decided to award both sisters a scholarship. The recipients of the scholarships are Katherine and Emily Martin. Both are students at Hope College, majoring in secondary education. Katherine is majoring in Biology and Emily in English. They were 2020 graduates of Whitehall High School.

We are so thankful to Kay for her gift and are pleased that we can help young women with their goals of becoming educators

Submitted by Mary Hendon, Alpha Kappa

Gamma Gamma Delivers Holiday Baskets



Delivery Team: Sharon Belobraidich, Bruce and Sandy Baxter, Doug and Debbie Cortellini, Mary McGrath, and Rose and Chuck Portelli

Gamma Gamma held a virtual holiday basket fundraiser in December. Baskets were donated by chapter members, and the bidding took place via Zoom. The event was a huge success! Proceeds allowed us to provide 35 complete holiday dinners from Kroger to families in need within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools area. Included in each dinner package was a gallon of milk and a gift card to Barnes and Noble to purchase a game and/or books for the children. Cash contributions from both members and non-members also attributed to the success of the project, and Kroger and the Plymouth Rotary made very generous donations. The district donated 20 half pint cartons of milk per family. In addition to the meals and gift cards, we made a sizable donation to First Step, a shelter for women and children, and to the school district's clothing bank. Members wrote holiday cards to introduce our organization to the families. We thank chapter members for their work, donations, baskets, and also everyone who participated in the auction. The holiday season has taken on a new meaning for our chapter. We are so proud of all that was accomplished!

Liz VanWestenburg, Gamma Gamma



Anne Wade Earns National Board Certification

Anne Wade, Alpha Lambda, has earned her National Board Teaching Certification. The certification took 3 years to complete and she was able to finish the process during the challenges of COVID and online teaching in the 2020-2021 school year. Nationally certified teachers go through 4 components, including a test on their content, 2 videos of their classroom interaction, a component evaluating assessments of students and one on professional learning and parent communication. Anne teaches at Williamston High School. Congratulations Anne!

Submitted by Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta



Anne and Williamston Schools Superintendent, Dr. Adam Spina

Chapter News

Beta Sigma Chapter Friend of Education Award



Front is Debra Pajula, Beta Sigma President, Back is Greg Salmen, Executive VP, Judy Reid, Beta Sigma and Lisa Hower, Financial Literacy Specialist

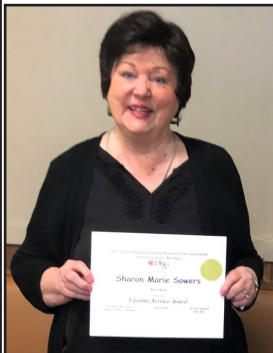
On January 22nd, 2022 Beta Sigma Chapter awarded Stephenson National Bank and Trust their Friend of Education Award.

Stephenson National Bank & Trust provides financial literacy to students through such programs as “Teach Children to Save & Get Smart about Credit”. Over 30 employees visit more than 50

classrooms, K-12, giving financial presentations, reading books about money and providing hands on lessons to students. These programs are now being virtually done during the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition to their exemplary financial literacy program, The SNB&T is a major sponsor which enables newspapers, educational supplements, and curriculum materials to be distributed to the area schools. They also support the National Walk to School Day and awards more than \$14,000 annually in scholarships to local high school seniors and college students. They have been recognized for over a decade for outstanding work in financial education by Wisconsin Bankers Association. Beta Sigma Chapter proudly congratulates the Stephenson National Bank & Trust of Marinette, Wisconsin on this well deserved award & thanks the organization for its outstanding contributions to students, parents, teachers, schools and education.

Submitted by Deb Pajula, Beta Sigma

Sharon Sowers Receives Longevity Award



Sharon Sowers has been a member of DKG for over 50 years. She was recognized at the Christmas Brunch hosted by her chapter in December. She has held every position in the Beta Beta Chapter and taught in the East Jackson Schools. Congratulations Sharon!

Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta Chapter President

Alpha Theta Chapter Visits Torch 180

Alpha Theta Chapter of Livingston County visited and had lunch at Torch 180 in Fowlerville, MI on Saturday, March 12th. Torch 180 is a non-profit organization with a training restaurant and coffee shop. They train adults with disabilities how to work in the food service industry. This is a restaurant that allows students to gain real-life hands on restaurant experience. For more details and directions visit the website www.torch180.org. Additionally March is Reading Month and Alpha Theta Chapter donated 70 books to Country Elementary teachers in Pinckney. Within each book they included information on their chapter. As a result of the event, one of the Country Elementary’s teachers plans to join DKG.

Submitted by Karen Lessnau Scott, Alpha Theta



Members of Alpha Theta - Kathy Zents, Rosemary Cahaney, Shaila Jehle, Linda Basrasch, Mary Villarreal, Pam Olech, Karen Bowen, Pinckney Teacher Brenda Monaster and Gina Boyd.



Members of Alpha Theta, Kathy Zents, Beth Rivera and Rosemary Cahaney affix labels to the donated books, the stickers have the DKG logo and a QR code that takes people to the international website, the state website and the chapter Facebook page.



Women in the Arts Information & Registration

2022 Women in the Arts



Announcing the 2022 Women in the Arts Conference. We plan to gather October 14-16, 2022 at the Butzel Conference Center at Camp Tamarack. New attendees should know that Women in the Arts is a weekend to attend craft sessions, socialize or just relax in a beautiful Eastern Michigan setting. This will be a relaxing and creative weekend! NO creative talent is required to attend. This is meant to be a great way to meet members around the state for fun, food and fellowship. We're looking forward to seeing you all,

Jean Buller, Beta Chi and Nancy Walters, Beta Chi and the Women in the Arts Committee



Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Key Women Educators

Women in the Arts Weekend Retreat

Friday, October 14– Sunday, October 16, 2022
4:00 PM or later – 1:00 PM Sunday

Butzel Conference Center at Camp Tamarack
3599 Perryville Rd., Ortonville, MI



REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: Forms must be submitted by September 1, 2022 to attend

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Chapter Preference or Friend of Chapter Member: _____

Email: _____

Room Preference: for two nights lodging including meals for Friday p.m., three on Saturday, two on Sunday

- Single** Room per person price \$395.00
- Double** Room (one twin, one queen) per person price \$245.00
- Triple** Room (one twin, one queen) per person price \$195.00
- Quadruple** Room (one twin, one queen, one roll away) per person price \$170.00
- Need room that is ADA accessible

If you plan to arrive late, or leave early, please contact us for price differences.

We will notify those pre-registered if Covid becomes an issue in the Fall for a refund.

Roommate Names: _____

Meal allergies or accommodations that are needed: _____

List the areas you are willing to present (music, art, fibers, photography, poetry, dance, nature, crafts, etc.)

Send your registration form to Jean Buller or Nancy Walters

Payments & registration forms due by **September 1, 2022**

Pay by Check to "DKG" (Mail with form to: Jean Buller 3190 W Ridge Ct., Commerce Twp., MI 48390)

Pay by Credit Card (fee will be applied and either snail mail, text or email the registration form)

Pay by Venmo (Scan the QR code above and either snail mail, text or email the registration form)

Questions? Please Contact:

Jean Buller (248) 880-5883 jbuller@sbcglobal.net or Nancy Walters (248) 802-1105 nwalt1855@comcast.net

** Please join the Women of the Arts Facebook Group for the latest information and photos of projects **

DKG Michigan Women in the Arts Group www.facebook.com/groups/401316468404337/

Join your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters at Butzel Conference Center at Camp Tamarack 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 Butzel Conference Center where each room has its own bathroom.

Price includes 2 nights lodging (Friday and Saturday) and 6 meals.

10/14 Check in at 4:00

Dinner at 5:30

10/15 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

10/16 Breakfast only

In late September, you'll receive an email listing info about the weekend. Please add us to your Address Book so that you receive these emails. Be sure to join our Facebook page to learn all that is going on! Thanks!

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International News



2022 International Convention New Orleans, July 12-16, 2022



Who hasn't dreamed of traveling to The Big Easy at least once in a lifetime? To see the Mardi Gras parade, stroll through the French Quarter, treat yourself to the fabulous southern cuisine, listen to the jazz at a nightclub? This is your chance to realize your dream: register for the DKG International Convention. The event will take place at the Sheraton on Canal Street in downtown, just a few steps from the French Quarter, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, riverfront Woldenberg Park, and numerous cafes and restaurants.

The convention program is impressive. Be prepared for four days of exciting presentations, discussions, receptions, and more. There will be amazing keynote speakers, voting on society business, and installation of new officers. The hosts are planning entertaining events that will blow your mind: an opening reception at the historic Sazerac House and a bus trip to the Mardi Gras World, organized by DKGIEF, where we will see parade floats, enjoy multiple catered food stations, and listen to a regional jazz band. And, most importantly, it will be a great opportunity to spend time with old friends and make new ones. I hope there will be a group of Michiganders among the convention attendees!

To register, book a room at the hotel, and see the convention program, go to www.dkg.org/Events. You also may be interested in watching the message from the International President, Becky Sadowski, checking out the convention blogs, and reading about keynote speakers.

I want to plug in a little self-promotion. I will be one of the presenters talking about my book "Leon Schulman Gaspard: The Real Story," hot off the press. The book will be available for purchase at the convention.

Submitted by President Dr. Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi

Grants Available: Apply by April 1, 2022



Michigan State DKG offers non-competitive grants to attend the International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year the Jane Goudreault Memorial Grant will offer two grants for partial reimbursement to first timers to attend the International Convention in July. The International Convention Grant is also available, one time only to partially cover the cost of the registration fee for the 2022 Convention. One member from **each chapter** is eligible.

Information and application forms for any of the Michigan State DKG grants can be found online at www.dkgmichigan.org. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2022.

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

International Headquarters Property is Sold



Delta Kappa Gamma has been involved in the process of selling our headquarters building since 2019. The sale of the house was final on September 1, 2021.

A meeting of the International Administrative Board was called in August of 2021 to determine a plan for the transition. The Board determined it would be in the Society's best interests to lease office space for the immediate future. If future ownership is considered, a constitutional amendment would be required in order to purchase an existing building. Due to the dynamic nature of the Austin area, an ad hoc committee was appointed to approve potential lease options.

Members may inquire about how the proceeds from the sale will be managed or used. Because the building is considered a permanent asset, the proceeds from the sale of it were deposited into the Permanent Fund of the Society. The Constitution defines in Article IV how the monies in the Permanent Fund may be used. The Board's primary concern was a consideration of the continued cost to members regarding maintenance, taxes, structural constraints, and increasing expenses relating to the building.

As the managing authority of both the building and its contents, the Board authorized the consideration of appraisal firms to value and possibly sell redundant items in the building. A previously appointed ad hoc committee, is working on a recommendation regarding archiving, preserving and keeping or disposing of the furnishings and other items in the building.

Sarah M. Sanchez, Executive Assistant, The Delta Kappa Society International



DKG International Educators 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.dkgief.org
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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

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- ♦ 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 CONVENTION

Sign up for the 2022
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JULY 12 - 16, 2022



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Teacher, Key, and Women?

Dates to Remember

May 6 - 8, 2022

Michigan State Convention

Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
Delta Hotels Marriott
Kalamazoo Conference Center
2747 South 11th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

July 12 - 16, 2022

International Convention

Sheraton New Orleans
500 Canal St.
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

September 30 - October 1, 2022

Executive Board and Fall Conference
Doubletree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport
4747 28th St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Women in the Arts

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