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President's Message

Winter Is Here, But Our Fellowship Will Keep Us Warm

Dear sister, another year is in full swing. We are in the middle of the winter season, when days are shorter and temperatures are lower. This is the time when we especially need a reminder that we are not alone, that we have friends who love and appreciate us. Many chapters don't meet as often in winter months as they do during the warmer months, which is understandable. Driving when it is dark and the roads are covered in snow and ice is not advisable.

However, don't forget that there are other ways to stay in touch and sustain fellowship. Make it a season when you focus on fun rather than business. Maybe go as a group to a matinee, meet for brunch, or sign up for an art-making session that takes place in the morning or afternoon. Online meetings can be fun as well. Raise a glass as you are toasting each other on the screen of your laptop or phone, show a favorite dish you have just made and share the recipe, discuss a book that you have read. Of course, not all our members have an option of meeting online. Maybe a sister, who has a computer with a large screen, can invite them to her home?

Michigan State Organization will be offering supersessions on a variety of topics. They will be posted on our State website and on the DKG Michigan Facebook page. Please look it up on Facebook and send a request to join. While you are searching for it, you may find the DKG International Facebook page – join it as well! You will gain access to a wealth of exciting online events offered by the International and State organizations.

Don't forget the good old snail mail or calling on the phone. Send your members fun cards. How exciting it is to open your mail box and discover an unexpected card from a friend! Think about your sisters who may be confined to their homes during winter, call them to find out if they need anything or just surprise them with a delivery of heathy snacks.

Some of us may experience the so-called "winter blues." According to the National Institute of Health, from 10% to 20% of adults experience such seasonal mood changes. There are things you can do to fight it. Below are suggestions by Madeline R. Vann, MPH, from her article "10 Ways to Beat the Winter Blues" (<https://www.everydayhealth.com>):

1. At least 20 minutes of vigorous activity four times a week. It may be something simple, like walking up and down the stairs. I am a huge fan of the online fitness program Silver Sneakers (<https://www.silversneakers.com>). It's free for people over 65 and you can choose the level of intensity.

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2. Stick to the same sleep routine on both weekdays and weekends. Tempting as it might be to sleep in on dark mornings, it's best to stick with a regular sleep schedule and get at least seven hours of sleep every night.
3. Watch funny movies. Laughter stimulates processes in your brain that counter depressive symptoms.
4. Warm yourself up with real hot cocoa. Make it with fortified milk, which provides a combination of carbohydrate, protein, and vitamin D - the combination that helps increase serotonin levels.
5. Eat plenty of whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. One egg with the yolk per day will help to regulate nerve function and metabolism and will keep your energy levels stable.
6. Host a party - but don't stress. Planning an event will give you something to look forward to - and it could also put you on other people's invite lists (more fun for you!).
7. Give yourself a manageable task to accomplish and do it on time. It's important to build activities into your day, but don't overwhelm yourself with lists of projects and chores.
8. Plan a "Staycation." You may not have the budget or time for an exotic trip, but you can do something fun close to your home, such as trying out a new restaurant or going to a concert.
9. Consider light therapy. A full-spectrum light box will help regulate your body's circadian rhythms and its natural release of the hormones that help you feel energized and help you sleep.
10. Don't hesitate to see a healthcare professional if your winter blues won't go away.

Submitted by Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, State President

Our International Guest, Carol Herzog 2021-2023 Northeast Regional Director



Carol Herzog, Indiana, is a retired elementary teacher. After retirement, she became teacher/director of her church's preschool. She received her degrees from University of Indianapolis and University of Saint Francis. Carol was inducted in DKG in 1982 and served at the chapter and state levels in various capacities. She was Indiana State Organization President for two different terms and is now Indiana State Executive Secretary. At the International level, Carol served as a member of the Constitution Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Nominating Committee. Prior to being elected Northeast Regional Director, she served as chair of the Constitution Committee. Currently, she spends most of her time planning for the International conference in Phoenix.

Carol is especially interested in attending creative arts retreats in different states. She has been going to Illinois since 1998 and has attended a couple of retreats in Iowa. Loving the creative arts experience, Carol was the driving force to get a retreat started in Indiana. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, diamond painting and latch hooking.

Get to know Carol when she attends our Spring Convention!

Submitted by Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, State President

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Port Huron Here We Come!



Have you saved the date for the Michigan State Executive Board and Spring Convention, April 21st - 23rd, 2023? The convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Port Huron. The DoubleTree is a centrally located hotel in Port Huron, offering spacious guest rooms, dining options, a fitness center, and an indoor pool. In this *Wolverine*, you will find the link to the convention registration and information about hotel reservations.

When you stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton Port Huron Hotel, you are just minutes from several fun things to in Port Huron, MI. With an ideal location in the heart of Port Huron, Michigan, just off I-94/I-69, the hotel overlooks Blue Water Bridge and the St. Clair River.

Enjoy easy access to the charming downtown Port Huron, with its unique historical stores, waterfront restaurants and cafés and annual community events. Come early or stay late and visit the Thomas Edison Museum, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, or the Huron Lightship. Take in the fascinating maritime exhibits at the Port Huron Museum and Great Lakes Maritime Center or just enjoy the splendid views from the Blue Water Conference Center.

Submitted by Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Beta Mu, State Executive Secretary

Back in the Groove



My hope is that all chapters are Back in the Groove and have had at least one chapter meeting this fall. If your chapter is struggling, please call me. I'd love to hear what is holding you back and help. And know you are not alone. There are other chapters that need some helpful tips right now. A highlight for one chapter was asking their local school to allow them to join one of the meetings that was held directly after school. The chapter provided a simple snack and water and asked that the teachers share some of the challenges they faced that week. What an eye opener! The DKG members then decided to send encouraging notes regularly to the teachers, thus forging a bridge from working teachers to retired teachers – helping each see education from a new view. Way to get BACK IN THE GROOVE !

*Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu,
State Personal Growth and Services Committee Chair*

Chapter Woman of Distinction Awards Attention All Chapters!



Who in your chapter seems to hold everything together? Who has received an honor at her school or does exceptional volunteer work? Let's recognize her with the **Chapter Woman of Distinction Award**. Honorees will be recognized at the Spring Convention at the Sunday morning Awards Breakfast. Certificates will be placed in the chapter folders. Forms are available on the State website, dkgmichigan.org. Deadline is March 15, 2023, so there is time to create the certificates and program.

Questions? Call or text: 260-437-0174; email: dkgcathyayers@gmail.com.

*Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu,
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



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."



Educator Mental Health Top Priority for DKG Chapters



One of the most powerful stress reducers is social connectiveness. DKG sisterhood provides incredible unity and closeness. Let's demonstrate and mentor this when recruiting and keeping our new members. We have the educational expertise, experience and warm social connectedness to make a difference for our teachers. We can engage in activities that model and promote emotional support to women teachers in our local area schools.

Mental Health is a major concern regarding our educators. We now need to continue to take action as encouraged by the 2022 DKG Forum Resolution "On Recognizing Mental Health Issues for Educational Staff and Promoting Educator Support." For more information go to www.dkgusforum.com.

Individual member letters to our State Legislators, Congressional Reps & Senators, and local school boards is another powerful way to take action. We can write letters as individuals, or together in a chapter meeting. Please send Lynn Mason or me your ideas and actions, so we can share them with other Chapters and our NE Forum Representative Bev Johns.

Sites like www.dkgusforum.com; Michigan.gov/vote; Congress.gov; bridgemi.com; Vote411 and others can help you find the appropriate names and addresses you will need. Legislation Committee co-chair, Lynn Mason, is also a fantastic resource for questions you may have!

Tips for writing, sending an email or calling a legislator can also be found on line.

Additional Life Saving Information to Read and Share

The new **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** provides 24/7, confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

In addition to the National 988 mental health crisis line, Michigan has a **Peer Warm Line, 1-888-733-7753, which is for mental health non-crisis situations.** For anyone who may be feeling isolated, lonely, anxiety, grief, troubled, and/or just needing to talk to a "friend". It operates daily from 10AM-2AM EST.

Submitted by Deb Pajula, Beta Sigma, State Legislative Chair

Grants



Are you working on a graduate degree, retraining, or seeking an additional endorsement on your teaching certificate? Perhaps you should consider applying for a Delta Kappa Gamma Michigan Scholarship or an International award. The **International Lucile Cornet Award** is granted to employed educators for the purpose of participating in professional seminars, workshops, and other nondegree programs that relate to an educator's professional aspirations. However, it does not fund participation in DKG-sponsored programs. The Cornet Award is granted two times per year: May 1 and November 1. This application is available online at the International website at dkg.org. You can apply up to six months ahead. Awards vary and will pay registration, travel, meals, etc.

DKG Michigan offers scholarships for educators who are working on a graduate degree, retraining, or an additional endorsement in education. Scholarship applications need to be submitted by March 1st. A plan of study and proof of acceptance at a college/university is required. 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. Forms and information are on the DKG Michigan website: dkgmichigan.org.

At the close of the Fall 2022 Conference, the 50/25/25 raffle was held. This year Sue Lloyd from Alpha Rho and Loretta Miles from Beta Omicron were the winners.

For help or questions contact:

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Articles Wanted

For *The Wolverine* about:

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

Spring Issue Deadline

February 15, 2023

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State Committees



Did You Know?

Here is an easy way to get to more about your chapter members by welcoming and introducing each other at a chapter meeting. Each member turns to a member next to them and asks them to tell one thing no one else knows about them. Each member then takes their turn to welcome that member to the meeting by saying, "I'm welcoming Mary to our meeting and did you know she hiked the Appalachian Trail when she was in college?" It is an easy way to get to know more about members we see often and build fellowship at a chapter meeting.

Submitted by Carol Dean, Phi, State Professional Affairs Chair

No Need to Submit Your Chapter Newsletter



A survey conducted in October was effective in determining our course of action regarding the newsletter protocol. The consensus suggests that newsletters are no longer the most effective communication tool for our organization. As a result, newsletters will no longer need to be submitted for evaluation commencing 2022-2023. Our committees task will be to gather and share ideas among our chapters in the requested areas: Fundraising, Program Ideas, Recruitment, Retention and Service Projects.

It is our intent to provide a forum like tool that you may have access to, to contribute, share, and seek information among chapters. This forum will be linked to both Facebook and the DKG website so it will be accessible to all. This timeline has yet to be determined and will be shared as soon as it is completed. Thank you for your valuable input.

Submitted by Ginny Cole, Alpha Theta, State Communications Chair

Requesting State Woman of Distinction Nominations



The Personal Growth and Services Committee is seeking nominations for this year's candidate for the **State Woman of Distinction Award**. We are looking for women who give service to DKG, hold leadership roles in professional organizations, have outstanding personal characteristics and have received awards. The nomination form is available on the state website, dkgmichigan.org. The DKG Michigan State Organization Woman of Distinction will be announced and honored at the Presidents' Banquet during the Spring Convention. Please submit by March 15, 2023, which will allow time for judging and award preparation. Questions? Call or text: 260-437-0174; email: dkgcathyayers@gmail.com.

Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu, State Personal Growth and Services Committee Chair

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

To order pins contact J-Jay Pechta, jpechta.dkg@comcast.net



Bright Gold



Antique Copper



Antique Gold



Bright Copper



Bright Silver



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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 - Division of a Question



Have you ever listened to a motion and think “I agree with one point, but I need more information on another part, or do you disagree with part of the motion? Should you vote against the motion or support the motion even though you disagree with part of it? There is a motion that will allow you to separate the part of the motion in question. The motion for Division of a

Question is used to split a motion into separate motions which are debated and voted on separately.

This motion is applicable when the different parts of the motion can stand alone as separate motions. The motion is made by saying, “I move to divide the motion so as to consider separately...(specify the parts you want considered separately)”

The motion Division of the Question is not in order when another has the floor, it is not debatable, it needs a second, and is amendable. It requires a majority vote.

If a single motion seeks approval of a series of propositions or amendments on different subjects then a motion to divide the question is not required. Any member may obtain separate discussion and voting on any of the unrelated parts by making a demand for separate consideration at any time before the unified motion is put to a vote.

Information for this article is from
Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th edition,
27:1-15, pages 253-260.

Submitted by Gloria Richards, Nu, State Parliamentarian

Nominations Open for DKG Michigan State Distinguished Service Award



The Distinguished Service Award was established nearly thirty years ago to recognize an individual who has provided exemplary service to education and/or educators in Michigan. The award is presented annually at the Michigan Delta Kappa Gamma Spring Convention. Past recipients have included people who were active foster parents, a local charity that delivered meals to families, and a non-profit restaurant that helped teach differently abled individuals how to work in the service field. Educators, including members of DKG are excluded as recipients. See past issues of *The Wolverine* for ideas on who your chapter can nominate. This award is competitive. The State Distinguished Service Committee selects the award recipient. The State pays for the recipient’s travel to the convention, one night’s lodging and the meal at the function at which the award is presented. Friend of Education recipients are not precluded from being nominated. Nominations should be submitted to the Michigan State Second Vice President by March 15, 2023. Forms should be sent to the Second Vice President , her email and mail is on the 2nd page of The Wolverine.

Submitted by Claire Rettenmund, Alpha Omega, State Second Vice President

Chapters Share Your Friend of Education Honorees



Has your chapter recently submitted the name of a person or group to receive the Friend of Education Award? Your chapter decides on the specific criteria. The state guidelines require only that the nominee not be an educator nor working in the field of education. Sorry, DKG members, you are not eligible. It is suggested that the considered recipient have an ongoing presence in your community in their support of education. Have a chapter vote. Some past recipients have worked with donations for children at school, helped support after school programs or helped with financial literacy for students. Submit the name to the Michigan State Second Vice President. A certificate will be mailed to your chapter. Your chapter will determine when and where to present the certificate. The process is a good way for Delta Kappa Gamma and specifically your chapter to receive good publicity. Notify local media of the presentation.

Submitted by Claire Rettenmund, Alpha Omega, State Second Vice President

Nominations Committee Presents Slate (2023-2025)

President, Karen Lessnau Scott, Alpha Theta, Area C



Karen is being nominated for State President. Currently she is DKG Michigan's First Vice President. She has been a member of DKG since 2004 and was honored to be invited to join the Livingston County chapter by her mentor, Kathleen Fox-Zents. One of the primary goals of Alpha Theta has been to expand their chapter membership to include more working teachers. She believes this is a pivotal time in our organization to capture the interest of other key women educators. They will benefit from all we can offer and we will benefit from the ideas and innovations they can bring us. Karen has served her chapter as newsletter editor, Vice President and President. She was recognized with the chapter

Woman of Distinction Award. Karen began her career as a math teacher at Sandusky High School in Sanilac County. She currently teaches Statistics and Algebra 2 at Howell High School. Karen graduated from EMU and has an M.A.T. from Marygrove College. She has served in a variety of leadership roles, including Class Advisor, School Improvement Chair, Union President, and State DKG Corresponding Secretary. Karen enjoys music, traveling, and is an avid diamond painter.

First Vice President, Colleen Rutherford, Epsilon, Area B



Colleen Rutherford is being nominated for State First Vice President. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a B.S. in Education of the Hearing Impaired and a Master of Science. She taught the hearing impaired in Waterloo, Iowa and then in Wayne-Westland. While teaching Hearing-Impaired, she was the editor of the Alexander Graham Bell Michigan Newsletter and participated in presenting on the oral/aural methodology at conferences. She became a 5th grade teacher at Elliott Elementary in Wayne Westland and later moved to Adams Middle School and taught 6th grade science and world studies.

While at Elliott, she met Jackie Smart and Esther Loskowske, and was invited to join Gamma Alpha chapter in 1994. She was attracted to DKG because of the philanthropic philosophy of the Gamma Alpha chapter. She particularly enjoys the service projects such as Gamma Alpha's connection with the family shelter and the girls' home. She has been Gamma Alpha's yearbook editor, second vice-president, and co-president. She moved to Kalamazoo and is currently the Chapter President of Epsilon.

2nd Vice President, Dr. Penny Larsen, Beta Omicron, Area C



Dr. Penny Larsen is being nominated for Second Vice President. She is the chapter president of Beta Omicron, in the Grand Rapids area. Her doctoral degree is in Administration/Supervision. She has 30 years in public education as a college professor in teacher education. Her focus was on teaching strategies for diverse populations. She was also an administrator, specifically middle school and At-Risk of Failure Youth for the district. She is a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Foster Youth (CASA.)

Her Second Vice-President goals include: promoting membership in DKG; advocacy for education and women educators, promoting awards/scholarships to outstanding educators, encourage member participation, communication, selecting the State Distinguished Award recipient, being visible, and completing directed assignments.

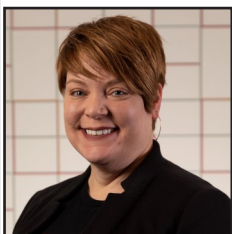
Recording Secretary, Julie Pease, Beta Alpha, Area B



Julie is being nominated for Recording Secretary. She was a Speech Language Pathologist and retired three years ago after twenty-four years with the Lakeview Schools. She strives to be a good Christian, wife, sister, daughter, mom, and mother-in-law. Over her twenty-five years in DKG Michigan State Organization, she had the honor of being historian, inspiration-giver, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President, and President or Co-President several times for her Beta Alpha Chapter. Being on various committees at the state level has broadened her understanding and appreciation for what DKG Michigan is all about. She is humbled by the nomination to this position and for the trust given to her to complete the tasks.

Nominations Committee Presents Slate (2023-2025)

Corresponding Secretary - Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha, Area A



Amy is excited to be nominated to serve another term as the Corresponding Secretary of the DKG Michigan State Organization for the 2022 - 2025 biennium. As Corresponding Secretary, she maintains email distribution lists for General Membership, PAC Members, and Chapter Presidents. As costs rise, she will do her best to reduce her usage of paper, ink, and postage. In the future, she hopes to be able to share our email distribution lists with PAC members and Chapter Presidents to facilitate communication. Amy has been active in Gamma Alpha Chapter, she 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. She has worked the registration table several times; attended PAC, and helped take pictures 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 2023-2025 Biennium

Past State President, J-Jay Pechta, Gamma, Area B



J-Jay Pechta is being nominated for the Nominations Committee. She has been a member of Gamma Chapter since 1990. At the chapter level, she held the office of President, Vice-President, and is currently serving as Parliamentarian, on the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, and is the newsletter and yearbook editor. In 1996 J-Jay was a founding member of the Reinstatement Committee for Cascades Council. She currently serves as Treasurer. J-Jay has a great deal of experience at the State level. She has held several committee chairs (Approve Minutes, Technology, Webmaster, Professional Affairs, and currently chairs Strategic Planning.) She is also a member of the State Bylaws and

Standing Rules Committee. J-Jay was State President for the 2007-2009 biennium and after 10 years retired from her position as *The Wolverine* editor.

At the International level she served as a member of the International Election ad hoc Committee and as a member of the Golden Gift Fund Committee. J-Jay graduated from Michigan State University with a Secondary Education Degree in Home Economics and a minor in Physical Science. She earned her master's degree in Computer Technology from Eastern Michigan University. She taught Home Economics at Camden-Frontier Schools and later retired from Hillsdale Community Schools where she taught Teen Parenting, Home Economics and Computer Technology. J-Jay says as a member of DKG it has been an honor to meet exceptional women educators from all over the USA and other countries.

Kathy Muench, Phi, Area D



Kathy is being nominated for the Nominations Committee. Kathy was honored to be invited to join DKG nearly 33 years ago. During those years she has continued to be an active member. She served Alpha Omega continually on committees and as president four times. A newsletter was created by her won honors for the chapter. She served as State Recording Secretary for two terms and then State Membership Chairperson two terms. Attending State Conferences and Fall Workshops was important to Kathy. She also attended International Conferences as often as possible. She has traveled to Portugal and Spain with the International Travel Program. She's been a presenter at State Conferences on several occasions. Four years ago she moved to Traverse City and transferred to Phi Chapter. Over the years, she became acquainted with many sisters across the entire state. With this background, she hopes to be a useful member to the Nominations Committee.

Nominations Committee Presents Slate (2023-2025)

Karen Blaskowski, Alpha Tau, Area D



Karen is being nominated for the Nominations Committee. She has been a member of DKG since 1995. She was Alpha Tau's chapter president for 3 biennia. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a teaching degree in Art and Home Economics. While teaching, she was the Upper Peninsula Art Liaison for Michigan Art Education Association. She has had art displayed and published in the DKG Art Gallery and in the Collegial Exchange. Throughout her teaching years, she has taught a wide range of subjects and grades. She is now retired. It will be an honor to serve DKG if elected.

Lee Anne Stringer, Mu, Area C



Lee Anne is being nominated for the Nominations Committee. She is a retired elementary teacher and she subs at the preschool to get my 'kid fix.' She joined the Mu Chapter of Flint, Michigan in 2011. This was an incredibly happy event for not only me, but also my mother who was an Ohio DKG member for 65 years! She was so happy for me to experience the sisterhood of DKG. Unfortunately, she lost her mother, but is honored to wear her President's pin and DKG pin over my heart at each meeting.

She has served on several chapter committees since her induction. She served on the Courtesy Committee, Finance Committee, and Yearbook Committee for Mu. She was also Photo Historian for Mu. She held the office of Chapter President for the 2018-2020 biennium. She also served as the Flint Coordinating Council President from 2020-2022. The state offices she held are: Scholarship Committee, President's Advisory Committee, and Fall Conference Registrar. She strongly believes in supporting other woman and lifting them up to achieve things that they never thought were possible. Through her short DKG career, she has made lasting and supportive friendships.

Alice Chrenko, Gamma Gamma, Area A



Alice is being nominated for the Nominations Committee. She has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member for 20 years. Currently she is the president of Gamma Gamma Chapter. She is a retired Elementary Educator of 38 years. She lives in Northville and has been happily married for 50 years. She and her husband have four adult children and three grandsons. She has led aqua-aerobic sessions at conferences and conventions for several years. Alice says that it is a great honor to be nominated to serve DKG Michigan State Organization. If elected, she looks forward to the 2023-2025 biennium.

The Nominations Committee began the process of seeking women to consider being nominated for a leadership position in the fall of 2022. The slate the Nominations Committee is presenting includes Key Women Educators from all four areas of the state. They are highly qualified and eager to serve their sisters in Michigan. Jacquelyn Smart, Nominations Chair, Gamma Alpha (A) The Nominations Committee members are Sini Bass-Wilburn, Rho(B), Joanna Coselman, Alpha(C), Kathy Heatherly, Beta Rho(B), Carol Dean Phi (D).

**“LEADERSHIP IS NOT AN EXPERTISE.
LEADERSHIP IS A CONSTANT EDUCATION.”**

State Convention— Port Huron

Friday Night Special Session



Join us on a tour of the Woman's Life Insurance Home Office. This building is a Michigan Historical Site and is the headquarters for the Woman's Life Insurance Society. Woman's Life Insurance Society was

founded in Port Huron in 1892 by Miss Bina M. West, a schoolteacher from Capac, Michigan. Miss West observed the financial difficulty a family experiences if a wife and mother with young children died. The Society provided life insurance to women and opportunities for personal growth. This was one of the first organizations of its kind to offer insurance to women.

*Submitted by Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta
State 1st Vice-President*

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Michigan State Convention Schedule

Doubletree by Hilton Port Huron "Recharge, Rethink, Renew"

April 21 - April 23, 2023

Friday, April 21, 2023

- 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM Convention Registration (**Closed** during Executive Board/General Membership meeting)
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pre-convention Session
- 5:45 PM Presidents' Emeritae Dinner
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Buffet Dinner**
- 7:15 PM - 7:30 PM First-Timers' Orientation
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Combined Executive Board/General Membership Meeting

All members are expected to attend and guests are invited.
Social Time immediately afterwards with a cash bar.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 6:30 AM - 7:30 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)
- 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM General Membership Meeting
All members and guests are invited to attend.
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Keynote Speech
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM First Workshop Sessions
- 11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Second Workshop Sessions
- 12:50 PM - 1:50 PM **Buffet Lunch Opportunity**
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Third Workshop Sessions
- 3:10 PM - 4:10 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 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, April 23, 2023

- 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Convention Registration
 - 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Celebration of Life 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
- Program of Work Committee Meeting will be via Zoom
Thursday, April 27th, 7:00 PM

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, Dr. Ranae Beyerlein. She will try to pair you up with someone else in the same situation.

docbeeb@ameritech.net

Michigan State Organization Convention Chapter/Committee Sales Application Saturday, April 22, 2023

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, 2023 to:
Nancy Higgins, 11305 Island Lake Road
Dexter, MI 48130, nhigs@aol.com

State Convention Registration - Port Huron



DKG-Michigan State Organization
State Convention
April 21-23, 2023
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Port Huron
(The former Edison Inn)
800 Harker St, Port Huron, MI 48060



**Reservations www.porthuron.doubletree.com or
810-984-8000 by March 21, 2023 for the group rate
CONVENTION RATE OF \$139 FOR STANDARD QUEEN, SINGLE OCCUPANCY.**

All participants must register to attend, even workers. Registration for the convention will only be available online using the QR Code below.

**Prices for the in person convention will be \$80.00 for those registered by April 9, 2023
If you register after April 9, 2023 the late fee of \$40.00 will be assessed.
See the State Events page on the State website (www.dkgmichigan.org) for pricing on food
for the convention.**

NEW Online Convention Opportunity!!

If you can't make it to Port Huron, you can now register to attend online only, the cost will be \$25.00. Online participants will have access to the Friday night Executive Board Meeting, 3 DKG specific meetings and the Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday morning.

Use the QR Code below in order to register for the In-Person Convention or the Online Convention. Hover your phone with the camera on over the QR Code and your phone will be re-directed to the registration page on our State website.



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 6, 2023**. (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 6, 2023**, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. **No refunds will be made after the cancellation date.***

State Convention - Port Huron

There is NO SCECH fee for this Convention.

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

Register for the Clock Hours on your registration form.

Sign in for SCECHs at the registration desk when you check in. (State Required Form)

A sheet will be in your packet.

Attend a minimum of **three** sessions for credit. Up to **six** clock hours may be earned.

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, and MI PIC number. The monitor should have this form.

At the registration desk, there will be a special box labeled for your completed Official Attendance Sheet and SCECH evaluation sheet.

- The Combined Executive Board and General Membership Meeting will start at **7:30 PM Friday**.
- **ALL MEMBERS** should attend that meeting at 7:30 PM Friday.
- Afterglow social time with a cash bar will be immediately after the meeting.



Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu, State Executive Secretary, Judi Fisher, Gamma Gamma, Conference Registrar, Pam Naplin, Alpha Zeta, Dr. Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, State President and Karen Lessnau Scott, Alpha Theta, State First Vice President. The 5 women in the photo visited the Port Huron Doubletree in January to check in on food orders, the accommodations and conference planning. Things will be different, but it will be good to be together again. We invite you to register online, follow the QR Code provided, and from there you will see the prices for food and registration. Remember to make your own hotel reservations.

They all look forward to seeing YOU in Port Huron!

Registrar for the 2023 Convention :
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judifisher@yahoo.com

For Questions on the Conference contact:
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docbeeb@ameritech.net

For tech. issues contact:
Tamara Webster
twebster@lawtoncs.org



State Convention - Port Huron

Top Twelve Reasons to Attend The Port Huron State Conference April 21-23, 2023

We are hoping for a record attendance for State Conference on April 21st – 23rd, 2023 at the Doubletree by Hilton.

Why should YOU come?

1. The DoubleTree Hotel has their signature warm chocolate chip cookies in the lobby.
2. Celebrate the beautiful spring weather with tulips in bloom on the east side.
3. Rejoice, rejuvenate, and recuperate!
4. You will enjoy a variety of personal growth workshops and earn SCECHs.
5. You may be lucky and win a Funding Our Purposes raffle basket.
6. Come early on Friday and explore Port Huron’s charm.
7. Enjoy the views of the Blue Water Bridge and the St. Clair River.
8. Visit Michigan’s oldest lighthouse - the Fort Gratiot was built during the War of 1812.
9. Elect and honor your newest state officers and volunteer to chair on state committees.
10. Honor your sisters who have passed away this past year at the Ceremony of Remembrance.
11. Enjoy a trolley tour around Port Huron, it is free! and takes place on Saturday at 3 different locations.
12. You might win a free two-week vacation at a home in Panama City Beach. Raffle tickets are available at the convention and only a limited number will be sold!



April 21, 2023

**Friday night Pre-Convention Session
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Tour of Woman’s Life Insurance Home Office



This building is a Michigan Historical Site and is the headquarters for the Woman’s Life Insurance Society. Gather at 5:45 PM to carpool to the site. **1 SCECH**

Tentative Sessions

6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Aqua Fitness: Tamara Webster, Gamma Theta Come join Tamara Webster for a fun, morning aqua fit class. This is guaranteed to energize and invigorate you. You will do a combination of easy water aerobics and strengthening exercises for 55 minutes. **1 SCECH**



Saturday, April 22, 2023

**General Session
8:50 - 10:15 AM**

Keynote Address - Advocating for Education in a Politically Polarized World, Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, MDE Dr. Kennedy is currently serving as the Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Education. **1 SCECH**

**Breakout Workshop Sessions I
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Working with At-Risk Students, Johnetta Ricks, Mu - Johnetta is an experienced classroom teacher who will share tips and insight into working with at-risk students. Johnetta has been teaching for many years mostly with at-risk or special needs students. **1 SCECH**



Days for Girls International, Linda Hall, Alpha Zeta



learn how this organization provides sanitary supplies for girls around the world. Days for Girls creates reusable sanitary supplies that can last up to 3 years. Alpha Zeta chapter has worked to become a DFG team and now sews supplies, including wash cloths and underwear to complete the kits. **1 SCECH**

How to Recruit, Retain and Reinstatement Members, Cindy Dietz, Gamma Alpha and Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta



Come and get some tips on how to grow your chapter and keep your chapter strong through membership. Lead by our state membership chair and 1st Vice-President.

Spring Convention

Breakout Workshop Sessions II 11:40 AM - 12:40 PM

Artist Leon Gaspard, Part 2, Dr. Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, State President: Famous Russian-



American artist Leon Gaspard is known for his masterful scenes that feature Russian peasants and Native Americans.

Elena will review her extensive research that went into her published book. **1 SCECH**

Vitality, Relevance and Sustainability, Carol Herzog, NE Regional Director This session is designed to be an interactive time



between society members and the society representative. The discussion will be based on

President LeBlanc's three focus objectives: Vitality, Relevance and Sustainability.

One Letter at a Time; Your Voice Matters, Lynn Mason, Sigma and Debbie Pajula, Sigma



Join our legislative expert members in a discussion on how you can help with legislation through letter writing to your local, state and national decision makers. **1 SCECH**

Lunch

12:50 PM - 1:50 PM

Breakout Workshop Sessions III 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Casa Calibri Global Literacy, Linda Eastman Casa Calibri is a reach out and read program



focused on Global Literacy. Come and hear how they try to solve global literacy issues. **1 SCECH**

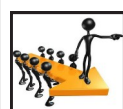
Using Cricut in your Classroom, Nancy Walters, Beta Chi This



will be a creative session with a project demonstrating the use of Cricut creative materials in the classroom.

1 SCECH

DKG Leadership Roundtable, Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu, State Executive Secretary



Discuss the triumphs and challenges inherent in chapter leadership and get some ideas from

others.

Breakout Workshop Sessions IV 3:10 PM - 4:10 PM

Navigating New Sites to DKG, Tamara Webster, Gamma Theta



Come and learn from our own State Technology Chairperson about new websites and our new state website being worked on.

More Sessions are TBD

DKG Fine Arts Gallery, Kathleen Rodak, Beta Omicron



Kathleen will be available throughout the day to share tips on the DKG Fine Arts Gallery and how to submit artwork. She will also have members' artwork on display to demonstrate what has been honored at the international level. Many of our state sisters have submitted artwork in various mediums including poetry and this is a great site to visit and see all the talents DKG Michigan members have to offer. See page 22 for the most recent award winners.

Professional Affairs Committee Calling Presiders To Help At DKG Convention



Planning on attending the State Convention in Port Huron? The

Professional Affairs

Committee can use your help. Presiding a sessions is fun, exciting and easy. You introduce the presenter, pass out any handouts, stamp SCECH forms, 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 State Convention in Port Huron, MI., please contact me. Your willingness to volunteer as a presider will help to ensure that the session will run smoothly and successfully.

Contact me if there is a particular session you would like to serve as presider. I look forward to hearing from many of you.

Help Needed!!



Are you musical? Can you play the piano? Can you play the recording of a piano?

Are you interested in helping the Society demonstrate its sisterhood through music? If so, the State Organization is looking for a Music Chairperson. We need someone who can help lead singing at conventions and conferences and direct the Rosebud Chorus at the Spring Convention! Look around and in your chapter and see if we can bring the music back! See Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta, State 1st V-P if you are interested!

Membership

A Special Welcome to Michigan State Initiates

Delta

Anne E. Todia

Epsilon

Jane Herbener

Gamma

Michelle Clark

Zeta

*Mary P. Albrecht

Alpha Rho

Mary S. Engelhardt

Alpha Xi

Sharon Rickard

*Annette J. Trelfa

Alpha Omega

Karen M. Sleno

Beta Tau

Rosemarie Lily

* Reinstated

Ⓜ - **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 VanWestenburg (see contact information on page 2)*



White Roses in Memoriam



Dolores "Dee" Heard, Delta



Dolores was initiated in 1961 and for many years she oversaw the chapter fundraiser which brought in money for the scholarship program.

Dee graduated from Iron Mountain High School and went to Park University in Missouri to earn her bachelor's degree in music. She continued her education at Northern Michigan University and earned a master's degree in elementary education.

She taught for 23 years at Fisher Elementary in Marquette. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Marquette as well as the American Association of University Women and she volunteered at Beacon House and Room at the Inn.

January 21, 1929 - March 26, 2022

Carole Speidel, Beta Tau



Carole was initiated in 1998 and served as chapter president from 2002 - 2008.

She graduated from Bessemer High School and earned her BA in English from St. Olaf College and her MED in from Central Michigan University.

Carole helped on her family farm, was active in 4H she also excelled in speech, debate and drama. She studied piano, voice and trombone. For 35 years she taught for Sandusky Community Schools in 8th and 12th grade English.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Sandusky's Band Boosters, a piano accompanist for Solo and Ensemble and a ski instructor at Mt. Holly.

July 2, 1941 - April 26, 2022

Visit the DKG Michigan State Organization Website, www.dkgmichigan.org for:

- ▶ Port Huron Convention Forms
- ▶ President's Newsletters

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

Membership



White Roses in Memoriam



Vicki Waames, Gamma



Vicki was initiated in 2014. She was a president of the chapter from 2018 to 2020 and served as chairperson of many committees.

Vicki attended Camden-Frontier schools and earned her bachelor's degree from Tri-State University and later her master's from Madonna University.

She was a long-time teacher at Camden-Frontier Schools, eventually retiring from the Special Education Department.

She enjoyed gardening, tending to her flowers and wintering in Alabama with her husband.

January 28, 1948 - June 8, 2022

Cathleen Ellen Stone, Gamma Eta



Cathleen was initiated in 1984. She served as the chapter president for six years. At the state level she was the Wilma Adams Fund Chair, she served on the Legislative Committee, State Nominating Committee and the Personal Growth Committee.

Cathleen graduated from Traverse City St. Francis High School, she earned an Associate of Arts from Northwestern Michigan College, a B.A. in Special Education from Western Michigan University and a Masters in School Administration from Central Michigan University. She began her career in Special Education at Inverness Elementary School in the Cheboygan School district. Cathy later became the principal and Special Education supervisor at Inland Lakes Elementary School. Later in Cheboygan, she was principal at East Elementary School and West Elementary School as well as Special Education Director. Cathy retired after 38 years of service.

Cathy acted as Director of Area 33 Special Olympics in Northern Michigan, volunteered with the State of Michigan Special Olympics and was selected to be a Michigan coach for the Summer Special Olympics World Games in 1995. She was nominated twice for Who's Who in America. Cathy was selected as Michigan's Teacher of the Year in 1985 by the Arc. She was also a member and past president of Kiwanis International in Cheboygan. She served as a board member and treasurer of Lamplighters. In Cheboygan, Cathy was a long time member and very active in the St. Mary/St Charles Catholic Church.

April 3, 1950 - August 26, 2022

Mary Lou Andres, Sigma



Mary Lou was initiated in 1977. She was active in many chapter projects including the outreach reading projects and play performances at the elementary school that the chapter put on.

Mary Lou graduated from Ionia Public Schools and continued her education at Western Michigan University where she majored in speech pathology and minored in Elementary Education.

Mary Lou was employed by Ionia Public Schools and the Belding School System, the majority of her time teaching was at Orchard Hills Elementary School in Belding. She retired in 1990.

Mary Lou was co-leader the Parkinson's support group in the Greenville Area.

April 9, 1945 - July 4, 2022

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
polech1950@gmail.com



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Chair 2021-2023

Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Barbara Jean Harris, Beta Rho



Barbara was initiated in 1978. She served as the chapter president from 1988 to 1990, she was awarded the Chapter Women of Distinction in 1988, the golden Gift Recipient in 1985 and State Woman of distinction in 1987.

Barbara was a classroom teacher and administrator for Bedford Public Schools for 37 years. She was also a member of the Bedford Education association where she served as secretary and the Michigan Education Association.

Barbara received the Volunteer of the Year at her grandchildren's school.

February 8, 1947 - August 29, 2022

Linda Shiffler, Gamma



Linda was initiated in 1987. She was on the Music Committee and was awarded the chapter Woman of distinction in 2021.

Linda graduated from Camden-Frontier High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College. She taught music and art and other courses at Camden-Frontier before her retirement.

She was a lifelong member of the Camden United Methodist Church and served as organist and pianist for the church. She was also the pianist for Nettle Lake United Brethren Church. She once participated in a mission trip to Haiti where she helped clear land to build a new church. Linda was also member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Pen Dragons Calligraphy Guild in Kalamazoo, Gallery 49 and was a music honorary at Hillsdale College.

August 31, 1947 - November 27, 2022

Mary Swartz, Gamma



Mary was initiated in 1965.

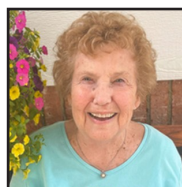
She received a bachelor's degree in education from Ball State University.

Mary was a beloved second grade teacher for many years in the public schools in Litchfield, Michigan.

She was an avid reader, enjoyed birdwatching and gardening, traveled extensively and kept a daily journal for 40 years.

February 9, 1926 - September 3, 2022

Carol Holland, Gamma Alpha



Carol was initiated in 1981. She served as First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary. She also served on World Fellowship. Carol was an avid traveler exploring the US and abroad and would bring a little globe bank to meetings and asked members who forgot to wear their pins to contribute change to the World Fellowship fund.

She graduated from Brighton High School in Rochester, New York and studied at Heidelberg College majoring in home economics. She lived in Alabama and then moved to the Detroit area where she finished her bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University and later earned a Masters of Education degree at Eastern.

Carol completed her 30 year career as a first-grade teacher in Livonia Public Schools, serving at Hoover, Buchanan and Tyler Elementary schools. She volunteered at the Northville Public Library and in her later years she performed alongside other seniors in community musical productions as part of Beyond Belief Senior Theater.

July 20, 1933 - November 29, 2022

Margaret Borton, Epsilon



Margaret was initiated in 1972. She was the chapter Woman of Distinction in 2006. She served as Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, 2nd Vice President and Friendship Chair.

Margaret graduated from State High School in 1956 and from Western Michigan University with a B.S. in 1960 and an M.A. in 1964.

Margaret taught in Kalamazoo Public Schools starting at Milwood Jr. High, continuing to South Jr. High and later to Hillside Middle School. She taught Homemaking, English and Beginning French. She found 7th graders her favorite students to teach and in 1995 won the Excellence in Education Award for Significant Educators.

She belonged to KARSP, American Sewing Guild and NEA Retired.

She loved to travel and meet with friends.

August 4, 1938 - November 28, 2022

Fall Conference, Grand Rapids, 2022

Fall Conference and Future State Events



Former State President, Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha, helped lead a Leadership Session.

The fall conference brought together 73 members and guests at DoubleTree by Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids. It was great to see old friends, make new friends, and spend two days socializing and learning. Thanks to our 1st VP, Karen Lessnau-Scott, and her committee, our members had a wide range of presentations to attend. The evaluations showed that all sessions received high ratings from the members.

Special thanks go to Lynn Mason (Sigma) for filling in at the session “Advocating for Educators in a Polarizing Political World” when the presenter was unable to attend. Lynn came forward and shared interesting personal experiences at the local level of government.

Many words of praise were given for the final session of the Betsy Cooper Leadership Workshop presented by Dr. Ranae Beyerlein. It was the first time that leadership training was offered as a four-session series, with three sessions presented online during summer and the fourth one at the conference. Respondents to the evaluations were in favor of using the online format for future leadership workshops.

All Michigan DKG members are invited to join the ongoing conversation about the future of state events. The question we are pondering is whether we should have two state events each year or one (spring convention). Of the members who responded to the

evaluation at the spring convention over 70% were in favor of one annual state event, 10% were in favor of two annual events, and 16% were undecided (keep in mind, this was not a large representation of our state membership). At the fall conference, 57% of 53 members who responded to the evaluation answered

that they would be more likely to attend one annual state event, 13% answered “maybe,” 11% answered “no,” and 19% said that they would defer to the Executive Board to make the decision on the frequency of state events.

Another question for us to consider is the frequency of the spring convention - whether to hold it annually or once in two years, alternating it with the conference/leadership workshop. Out of 53 members who responded to the evaluation at the fall conference, over 70% preferred to have it annually.

We will meet annually, whether for a convention (which is a larger event) or a conference (an event that is focused more, but not exclusively, on leadership training). There are ten coordinating councils in our state; maybe we can discuss how these councils can be more engaged in organizing regional events. We all agree that fellowship is the basis of our society.



Laura Ruggles, Sigma presented at the Fall Conference on the Grand Rapids Art Prize.



Carol Trembath, Beta Chi, presented on her books she has written about the Great Lakes and Native American society.



Dr. Penny Larson, Beta Omicron and Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha lead the Chapter Roundtable Session.



Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu, State Executive Secretary, Anne Wade, Alpha Lambda, Wolverine Editor and Karen Lessnau Scott, Alpha Theta, State First Vice President prepare for the Friday night meeting.



Monica Hacker from Howell High School presented on different online games

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

Fall Conference

Live Fierce: It's Never Too Late to Put Your Health First



Our motivational keynote speaker, Kristy Sidlar, a runner, triathlon athlete, and fitness instructor was diagnosed with a rare heart condition in 1999 and heart failure in 2021. She was put on the heart transplant list on March 8, 2021 and three days later received her new heart. Her personal health journey has motivated her to make wellness a priority and share that with others. Her Wellness Widget describes 6 areas to focus on for personal wellness, physical, emotional, social, spiritual, financial and vocational. She shared her tips for wellness success which include making incremental changes – no cold turkey, Commit, Forgive and Commit again, join an accountability group for support, hire or follow a fitness professional for suggestions and reward yourself. She is on the board of Project Beautiful – Inside and Out, a Detroit nonprofit, and the American Heart Association Board, she has a 30-year career as a sales professional and has traveled the world. She tells her inspirational story of surviving in her memoir, *Change of Heart: My Journey of Transplantation, Revelation and Transformation*.

Submitted by Carol Dean, Phi

Luncheon Reflection, Grand Rapids, October 1, 2022.



What I have learned since DKG has become part of my life is that the DKG perspective is all women are extraordinary. It is perspective and support that drive the idea of “extraordinary” to being actualized.

DKG supports, develops, and honors shy women, who quietly take care of everyone around them...husbands, children, parents, siblings, and friends. We all know what we do. DKG highlights that leadership within their families.

The DKG Perspective: women's' leadership within their families is appreciated, important, and transferable to local, state, and world platforms.

DKG supports women with professional ambition. If you would like to transition from a classroom teacher to administrator. Guess what? There are DKG sisters ready to support your development by providing mentorship, encouragement, and opportunities to learn the skills necessary for upward mobility.

The DKG perspective: You want to expand your skill set and move up the career ladder - we will support you toward your career goals.

Lastly, what has been most impactful from my perspective is that DKG supports the academic goals of women - members and non-members. We provide scholarships to undergraduates pursuing careers in education. We support members pursuing graduate degrees, and most importantly because I am a cheerleader for the underdog. As a new member, I was most impressed by Mu chapter embracing those who start an undergraduate or graduate degree, pause due to the circumstances of life, and then wrap them in love and resources to lay the foundation for following through and finishing.

So yes, I fully support the DKG perspective as it is aligned with MY PERSPECTIVE: Every woman is extraordinary; which has influenced me as I continue my growth as a “regular smegular” working her way to be asymptotically close to standards set by the extraordinary women for whom I am grateful to have as my example of greatness. Thank you.

Submitted by Johnetta Ricks, Mu

Paws with a Cause



Carrie Simmons, PAWS Director of Advancement, Presented on PAWS with a Cause. The organization was founded in 1979 by Mike and Candye

Sapp in Wayland, Michigan. When the program first started they were able to train up to 12 dogs. Now they train about 60 to 80 dogs a year, but get 400 requests for dogs. There are different kinds of service dogs, but theirs are usually trained for deaf individuals or those in wheelchairs. Dogs can help open doors, alert their owners to danger or perform other functions. Dogs are trained by volunteers who are also trained handlers, this training may last up to 12 months. Dogs might also be trained by prisoners. If you see a PAWS with a Cause dog, know that they are working and that they cannot be approached like other dogs.

Submitted by Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, AlphaMu

Chapter News

Sister Marie Kopin, Mu, receives Bob Ball Award



Sister Marie Kopin, newest member of Mu Chapter, Flint, is honored for her scientific study of Fungi (mycology). The Bob Ball Award was presented for her service to the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy for many years doing "Educational Field Mycology" in the 4 main preserves in Isabella County every year. Sister Marie has received two mycology awards at the National Level and is a life member of the North American Mycology Association as well as a life member of the Michigan Club. Additionally, she is a life member of the Michigan Audubon Society and the Michigan Nature Association. She is currently celebrating 60 years as a Sister of the Precious Blood, Dayton, Ohio. Sister Marie says that getting outdoors with friends is part of my family heritage and is work she fully enjoys.

Submitted by Cathy Ayers, Mu

Teachers Helping Teachers



Deb Herrick, Beta Omicron and Riley Feenstra.

The local Ottawa/Kent County chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has launched a program titled "Teachers Helping Teachers". They "adopted" two first year teachers to help with their "wish list" of items they would like purchased for their classroom. Next semester they will mentor these teachers, and plan to help in the classroom

when needed. Riley Feenstra is a 3-5 grade ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) teacher at Oakwood Elementary School. Charlotte Szakal is the other teacher who teaches 2nd grade at West Godwin Elementary. Riley was surprised at Christmas time to receive gift cards totaling \$290 for classroom supplies. Each student in Riley's room also received a \$20 gift card for their parents to get their child a gift. Charlotte was given \$200 for classroom supplies, a book for each student and headphones to be used in class.

Submitted by Deb Herrick, Beta Omicron

Beta Omicron Gathers for the Holidays

Beta Omicron (Grand Rapids) celebrated Christmas together and that collected money and gift cards for our Teacher to Teacher program. Chapter members also wrapped presents earlier in the month for the Santa Claus Girls.



Submitted by Kathleen Rodak, Beta Omicron

Funding Our Purposes in the Fall



Shoppers peruse the items available at the Funding Our Purposes Raffle.

Our Funding Our Purposes raffle was a great success at the Fall Conference in Grand Rapids. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped set up, sell tickets and of

course to all who brought baskets and items for auctions. Thanks to who purchased tickets to help make it a great success!

The auction earned \$1020 for World Fellowship. The Member Supporting Member sales earned \$ 214.

We will hold another auction at the Spring Conference in Port Huron, April 21-23, 2023. 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, Funding Our Purposes Chair

Chapter News

Coordinating Council Idea!

Northern Lights Coordinating Council is participating in Round Robin activities. Each chapter invites the other four chapters to a meeting/fundraiser/activity. This has been a great way to support each other's fundraisers and provide fellowship for our council.

Submitted by Carol Dean, Phi



Julie Kowalski, Alpha Xi, Rita Sleeman, Phi, Nancy Hopp, Gamma Eta and Julie Bernstein, Beta Omega. Missing Margie Pearsall -Groenwald, Beta Gamma.

Phi Chapter Sponsors Auction



Beth Bynum, Phi, serves as Auctioneer.

DKG Phi Chapter held its annual Fundraiser Auction on October 18th at Northwest Education Services in Traverse City. The E-Board had been begun planning the event on July 19th. The Members volunteered for various jobs at the

Chance, Silent and Live Auctions, donated items and secured donations from businesses. The evening was highly successful with guests and members having a great time for a worthwhile cause. The auction proceeds will fund eight \$300 grants in 2023-24. Additionally, Phi Chapter funds two other \$300 grants: the Marie Grassa, Michigan State President 1981-83, Teacher to Teacher Grant and the Village Market Grant made possible by members saving shopping receipts. Thanks to members, guests and community donors for supporting education.

Rita Sleeman, Phi

Alpha Xi hosts United Way Director



Allyson Metas and Lori Vought, Alpha Xi.

The October meeting of the Alpha Xi Chapter Michigan State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society was held at the Alpena County Library on Tuesday, October 11th.

Joe Gentry, Executive Director of the Northeast Michigan United Way, spoke to the membership about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. 407 eligible children are currently registered in Alpena County and each receives one book a month.

Registration forms were distributed to support additional children. These forms can also be completed online. As a token of appreciation for his presentation Alpha Xi made a donation to the program.

In December Alpha Xi presented a Grant-in-Aide to Allyson Metas, teacher at Alpena High School. Lori Vought, represented Alpha Xi in the presentation to Allyson.

Ann Hardesty, Alpha Xi

Dr. Renee Richer Presents on Zoom Teaching



Renee Richer, Beta Sigma, is Associate professor of biology and Associate chair of the Division of Natural and Applied Sciences: Duke Kunshan University (Virtually) in China. This unique education has two Universities working together.

Based on student evaluations, she has received Undergraduate Educator of the Year. To be a Professor "in" a foreign country means better pay, different clock hours due to time differences--12 hours!--, and dealing with cultural expectations and differences. (She made the change with fewer opportunities in the University system here and with greater opportunity abroad). Combined are Japan, America, and China in high school and university levels; therefore creating more collaborative efforts. At present tutors and English teachers are sought. We learned that Asian students hold the knowledge while we integrate and apply the knowledge more. Not only did we get insight as to what it is to work on computer/Zoom but to be an educator in a foreign country, and Richer's outstanding job and knowledge.

Susan Seidl, Beta Sigma

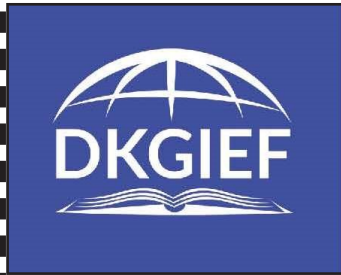
International Art Gallery



International Fall Art Gallery 2022

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: *Bee Gathering Nectar* by Judy Reid, Beta Sigma; *Red Winged Blackbird* and *Orchid* by Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho; *Ropes* by Barbara Drown, Beta Rho; *My Monet* and *Path threw the Trees* by Kathleen Rodak, Beta Omicron; *Pull up a Chair*, by Beth Bynum, Phi; *Farmhouse Acrylic*, Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta; *The Kitchen*, Barbara Drown, Beta Chi; *Starfish* and *Sunflower Textiles*, Claire Rettenmund, Alpha Omega. Their work will be on display at DKG.org until April. The next deadline for submission is February 15, 2023.

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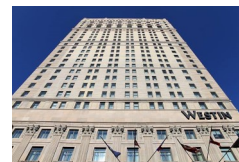
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