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State President



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President's Message

Greetings! I hope the holiday season was filled with warmth and joy for you and your loved ones.

At the time of my Fall 2023 President's Newsletter, the Avenue M Report had just been released. Avenue M is the company that conducted the membership analysis that International had wanted. I had the opportunity to attend the Virtual Town Hall meeting that was held to discuss first impressions and what steps we should take as an organization. Members who were present shared some wonderful ideas at that meeting. One of the ideas was to publish member testimonials on Why DKG For Me? I thought it might be appropriate for me to share mine here.

In 2004, I was invited to join DKG by my mentor teacher, Kathy Zents. I was so honored to be considered for membership. Her perception of me as a key woman educator meant a great deal. Even though I was the youngest chapter member at the time, I vowed to get more working teachers in our chapter. The ideals, camaraderie and kindness of these women impressed me. While some of these ladies were retired, they were helpful in that they were very empathetic with my struggles in the classroom and could relate to my challenges in balancing work and a personal life.

After almost two decades of membership, I have watched my chapter grow and change. We have a wonderful balance of working and retired teachers. Colleagues who used to work together but have ventured to career options in other buildings savor the time we carve out for ourselves once a month to reunite with one another at a chapter meeting. Retired members are interested in the challenges we encounter and offer all kinds of support. This was especially evident during the Fall of 2020, when the retired members of my chapter adopted a working member and sent us supplies, small gifts and messages of support that strengthened us as we faced the challenges of the COVID pandemic.

I expanded my DKG experience when I applied for a state scholarship to attend my first International Convention in Austin TX in 2018. The networking opportunities at the International and State level are invigorating. I am in awe of all of these women who have achieved so much, and I am so proud to be counted as one of them. As the School Improvement Chair in my school, I am excited to know I have contacts throughout our organization to consult with on topics such as Global Education and MTSS initiatives such as Math Interventionists. DKG members truly are impacting education worldwide!

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State Committees

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So, that is why I am focused on increasing Awareness, Relevance, Accessibility and Membership. I invite you to share your story. I also invite you to consider highlighting a chapter member for a spotlight, or send in articles of ways your chapter cares for others. Our social media presence is gaining momentum. We have almost 100 followers and our posts have reached over 1800 views. Send content info to dkgmichiganprez@gmail.com.

Our Spring Convention in Bay City will be shifting its format to give the AIM Educational Foundation, Inc. an opportunity to host a launch party Friday evening. Part of the ticket price for the entertainment planned for Friday evening will go towards AIM. It will be a great time and I hope you plan to attend. Our business meeting will be shifted to first thing Saturday morning. We will have the Presidents' Procession to recognize incoming and outgoing chapter presidents at our convention banquet Saturday evening. Please read articles in *The Wolverine* that pertain to the changes we have made to our Convention schedule.

Additional changes include decisions around our Fall Conference for 2024. The Fall is a very busy time, and we have been challenged to meet our attendance goals for this event in recent years. Therefore, the business meeting will be conducted virtually on Saturday, September 14th from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. In-person opportunities will exist in the form of the UP Fall Conference and Women in the Arts. Cascades and Metro Coordinating Councils also offer Fall events, so opportunities abound. We intend to continue having an annual Spring Convention, but the Fall Conference will be offered in the odd years instead of annually. Please feel free to share your feedback with me. We will continue to evaluate our options and share updates when they are available.

Keep warm hearts and hands!

Submitted by DKG Michigan President, Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta

International Guest at the Michigan Convention

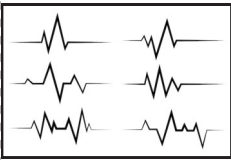


Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan, Tennessee State Organization, is a retired high school principal. A registered nurse, she entered education as a surgical technology instructor. Hall is a believer in lifetime learning as is evident by her educational journey – Associate of Applied Science, Nursing; Bachelor of Science, Nursing; Master of Education, Administration and Supervision; Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership; followed by a Bachelor of Business, Business Administration.

A member of DKG since 2002, Hall was awarded a DKGIEF Lucile Cornet Award to attend the Tennessee School Board Associations Prospective Superintendents' Academy. She is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and International Leadership Management attendee. Her service to DKG includes Tennessee State Recording Secretary, First Vice President, and President. Hall has served as International Chair of Finance and is a DKGIEF Founding Luminary. She is the 2022-2024 International Second Vice President and has been nominated for DKG Society International President for 2024-2026.

State Committees

Take The Pulse of Your Chapter with Your Strategic Plan!



As executive boards are meeting and plans are made for the upcoming year, now might be a good time to check the pulse and effectiveness of your chapter. Updating or developing your Chapter Strategic Plan, especially in the areas of Membership, Communication, Program, Leadership, and Technology is a good place to begin. What changes can be made to move forward, to strengthen and maintain a healthy chapter? Your Chapter Strategic Plan can provide structure and steps in your planning process.

To write or to update a strategic plan, as a chapter:

- ◆ Determine what members want to see happen - what is the desired result?
- ◆ Set a goal or goals to move the group in the desired direction
- ◆ Based on those goals, determine strategies or specific actions that will move the chapter toward the goals
- ◆ Name the individuals who will assume responsibility for assuring the chapter carries out the proposed actions
- ◆ Determine how and when the chapter will evaluate movement toward the designated goals
- ◆ If needed, modify the original goal and strategy or determine new goals and strategies, repeating the planning process from the beginning with those newly identified goals and strategies

This will take some time, deep thought, and discussion! Develop a solid plan, and then tackle the goals with energy and enthusiasm. Make it a group effort. If modifications are needed, don't give up. Keep taking steps forward, and don't forget to evaluate your progress as specified in your action plan. The chapter will become stronger and healthier. Please let me know if I can help!

Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha, Strategic Planning Chair

The Need and Order of an Agenda for a Meeting



Having an agenda for the meeting is perhaps the most important tool to ensure a productive meeting. An agenda lets attendees know what issues are going to be discussed and eliminates guesswork as to whether a particular issue will be brought up. An agenda can focus participants, giving them a written reminder of what needs to be accomplished during the meeting, which allows them to help drive the discussion toward a conclusion.

Although the order of business in an agenda may be any sequence, Robert's *Rules of Order* specifies an order of business that flows from one item of business to another. This customary order of business has the following subdivisions: (1.) Approval of Minutes, (2.) Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees, (3.) Reports of Special Committees, (4.) Special Orders, (5.) Unfinished Business, (6.) New Business. The mnemonic MRS SUN helps to remember this sequence. Sometimes an agenda might include a formality at the beginning, such as the pledge to the flag, or a roll call. The agenda does not include "Call to Order," this should be done by the chair but is not part of the order of business.

Information for this article is from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 21th edition*.

Gloria Richards, Nu, State Parliamentarian

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@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."



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AIM Educational Foundation



Last year our state organization created a nonprofit foundation as a means of furthering the educational purposes of DKG Michigan. In the Fall of 2023, the name of the foundation was changed from DKGMIEF to AIM Educational Foundation, Inc. The name has been chosen in order to honor the original name of the DKG Michigan state organization – Alpha Iota. It is a 501 (c) (3) corporation and contributions to its funds are fully tax-deductible.

The AIM Educational Foundation, Inc. supports Michigan women educators at any stage in their career by offering scholarships and grants to college students pursuing a degree in education, mid-career educators, and retired educators who are either engaged in a life-long learning program or pursuing their professional interests. It will host professional seminars on a variety of subjects related to leadership and education. To be able to fulfill these purposes, we need your help. Be among the first donors to support this worthy cause! You may donate individually or as a chapter. There are three levels of donation and recognition: Become a Founder! Donate \$500 or more by March 31, 2025. Your name will live in perpetuity and will always be listed. You may continue to give at this level after March 31, 2025. Donors at the \$500 level of giving will be called Ambassadors. Donors who give \$100 - \$499 will be Innovators and those who give \$50 - \$99 will be Motivators.

You may make a one-time donation or divide the amount as quarterly donations, by check payable to AIM Educational Foundation or by credit card. Please fill out the pledge card and mail it, with your donation, to Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, President of the AIM Educational Foundation, Inc., 2420 North Channel Drive, Harsens Island, MI 48028.

We are planning a Launch Party for the AIM Educational Foundation on Friday, April 26, 2024, at the DKG Michigan Spring Convention at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Bay City. It will be a fun event, with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, entertainment, and camaraderie. Donors at all levels will be recognized. Stay tuned for more information! We will also have a Birthday Party for the AIM Educational Foundation at the 2025 DKG Michigan Spring Convention, which will have a special recognition for all Founders.

We are looking for people who are willing to join one of the AIM Educational Foundation, Inc. sub-committees to help in the following areas: a) events; b) finance; c) donor relations; d) scholarships and grants; e) communications. If you are interested, please contact me by email or texting.

Dr. Elena Ivanova, Chair of the AIM Educational Foundation, Inc.

AIM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PLEDGE CARD

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone/Email _____

**I pledge to give \$_____ to AIM Educational Foundation over
the course of the next 12 months:**

____ one time ____ twice a year ____ quarterly

Your donation will be used in the greatest area of need. If you wish to direct your support to a specific fund, please choose from the list:

____ Seminars ____ Scholarships ____ Grants

Choose payment method:

____ Check payable to AIM Educational Foundation, Inc.

____ Credit card coming soon

Name on the card _____

Number _____

Expiration date _____ CVV _____

**Please mail the pledge card and your donation to
Ranae Beyerlein, 2420 North Channel Drive, Harsens Island, MI 48028**

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Women in the Arts

Thirty nine women joined us for a fabulous fall weekend of arts, crafts, presentations & fellowship at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon MI, November 10-12, 2023. A special thank you goes to Nancy Walters, Beta Chi for organizing this year's Women in the Arts. If you are interested in helping with or presenting at next year's event please email Nancy Walters at Nwalt1855@comcast.net.

Submitted by; Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha, State Communications Chair



We kicked off the weekend with a soup and sandwich bar. R-L: Carol Trembath, Beta Chi; Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu; Liz VanWestenburg, Gamma Gamma; mElena Ivanova, Beta Chi; Kathy Duff, Beta Chi.



For our service project, organized by Liz VanWestenburg, we completed fleece blankets to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. 1st row L-R Kathleen Rodak, Beta Omicron; Cindy Dietz, Gamma Alpha; Carole Ford, Alpha Eta; Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu; Pam Olech, Alpha Theta; Kathy Duff, Beta Chi; 2nd row L-R Shaila Jehle, Alpha Theta; Karen Bowen, Alpha Theta; Debbie Fish, Alpha Omega; Kathy O'Neill, Alpha Omega; Liz VanWestenburg, Gamma Gamma; Pam Husson, Gamma Alpha.



Participants had fun working on paper bag pumpkins. Participants included L-R Barb Kaplan, Gamma Gamma; Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu; Cindy Dietz, Pam Husson, and Judi Fisher; Gamma Alpha, Kathy Duff, Beta Chi; Liz VanWestenburg, Gamma Gamma; Kathleen Rodak, Beta Omicron; Nancy Higgins, Zeta; Penny Larsen, Beta Omicron.



Every year the WITA Moose Mascot gains a new embellishment, this year it was a gingerbread nametag.

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

Diamond Shape



Bright Gold



Antique Copper



Antique Gold



Bright Copper



Bright Silver



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



Bright Gold



Bright Gold



Bright Gold



Bright Gold



Bright Gold

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

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Opportunities for Scholarships and 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 2023 Conference, the 50/25/25 raffle was held. This year **Jeannie Matherly** from **Alpha Omega** and **Nancy Higgins** from **Zeta** were the winners. Also, **Linda Clark**, **Gamma Alpha**, **Susan Fleming**, **Beta Rho**, and **Gloria Fisher**, Nu, had their registration fees paid from the Member-to-Member drawing.

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

Awards! Awards! Awards!



Check out DKG Michigan Website for the awards that are available. All application forms are on the website. So, what do you do? Simply fill out the form online and it will be submitted electronically.

Available Awards: Award of the Rose, President's Award, Chapter Friend of Education, Distinguished Service and The State Woman of Distinction.

Benefits for your chapter include: **Encouraging** members to apply for awards can be a great way to recognize their accomplishments and promote the success of your chapter. **Awareness** ensures that all members are aware of the availability of awards and the benefits applying for them. This can be done through internal communication channels such as a newsletters or emails. Showcase your members' expertise. **Share** success stories of past award recipients and their achievements. Highlight how these awards have positively influenced their careers or contributed to the success of the chapter. This can inspire others to strive for a similar recognition. **Recognize and acknowledge** the efforts of those who apply for awards, regardless of the outcome. Celebrate their initiative and recognize their hard work to encourage others to follow suit.

Let's make this a fabulous year to acknowledge our chapter members in many ways including AWARDS!

Penny Larsen, Ed D, Beta Omicron, 2nd VP DKG Michigan

Send in your Nominees!



Two chapters have submitted names for Friend of Education Awards for this year. Beta Lambda nominated restaurant owner Patrick Hingst who helps all local school districts cover their lunch school debts. Alpha Tau nominated Marty Miller, a custodian in the Pickford Area Schools who helps out whenever and wherever needed. Send in your nominees today and honor those who provide service to the area school children.

Penny Larsen, Ed.D., Beta Omicron, 2nd VP DKG Michigan

State Convention – Bay City

Call for Speakers at the DKG Michigan Convention



Do you have something you'd like to share with your DKG sisters? Does your chapter have a great project that they could share with other chapters? Do you have really great meetings that inspire your members? Your fellow DKG sisters would love to hear from you. Please consider sharing your expertise with your state membership. Presenting can be a great way to inspire other people and share information about great organizations that your chapter works with that other chapters might also consider. If you are interested in filling a time slot and helping out, please contact Colleen Retherford at colleenrethdkg@gmail.com. Thank you!

Submitted by Colleen Retherford, Epsilon, State 1st V.P.

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, dkgmiexecsec@gmail.com. She will try to pair you up with someone else in the same situation.

Michigan State Organization Convention Chapter/Committee Sales Application Saturday, April 27th at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Bay City

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, 2024 to:
Nancy Higgins, 11305 Island Lake Road
Dexter, MI 48130, nhigs@aol.com

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Michigan State Convention Schedule

DoubleTree by Hilton

Bay City

April 26 - 28, 2024

Friday, April 26, 2024

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Convention Registration
7:30 PM	New Bees and Rose Buddies Meeting
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	AIM Gala

Saturday, April 27, 2024

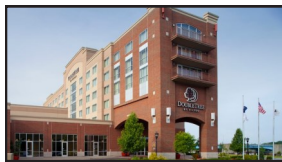
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Convention Registration
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	General Membership Meeting
<i>All members and guests are invited to attend</i>	
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Funding Our Purposes Auction, Chapter Sales and Informational Display (Closed during the General Membership Meeting)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	First Workshop Sessions
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch
	Speaker, Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Second Workshop Sessions
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Third Workshop Sessions
4:30 PM	Presidential Procession Practice
6:15 PM	Presidents' Procession and Head Table Line-up
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Presidents' Banquet
<i>All members and guests are invited to attend</i>	
Distinguished Service Award	
Michigan State Woman of Distinction Presentation	

Sunday, April 28, 2024

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Convention Registration
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Celebration of Life and Remembrance
<i>All members and guests are invited to attend.</i>	
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Brunch:
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Speaker - Owning Your Grief
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Founders' Celebration
	Executive Board Reconvened
	Evaluations
	Funding Our Purposes Auction
	Announcements
	Delta Kappa Gamma Song
	Awards Pick-up

State Convention Bay City

Join us in Bay City!



We Welcome YOU to the Convention at the DoubleTree Hilton Riverfront Bay City April 26-28, 2024. We are excited to present our AIM Educational Foundation, Inc. Launch Party. We are hoping you will join us at our evening soiree with live entertainment, snacks, a cash bar and opportunities to support AIM while having fun and the possibility to win prizes.

We have been to this hotel before. What I remember best about our last stay was the beautiful riverfront view and the lovely spring weather that beckoned me to walk along the river's shore. Some of you may remember the great shopping within walking distance and fine dining in the many hotels within the area.

This hotel is known for its food, and we have negotiated to get some fantastic prices. We are structuring the meals a little differently this time because of the hotel's reputation for delicious meals and it saves our members money. We are bundling Saturday's meals (breakfast and lunch), together to include access to hot beverages through the day with an afternoon snack. You are not required to purchase this plan; you can eat at the hotel restaurant or go out or bring your own breakfast and lunch. You can also purchase a ticket for Sunday Brunch and for our Saturday evening banquet. We hope you will also purchase a ticket to Friday's Launch Party for AIM, as \$20 of the event price will go toward our new Educational Foundation.

To register for a room, call the hotel registration desk by April 1, 2024 and tell them you are with Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for your reduced rate of \$107 per night. Call 989-891-6000 to book your room. After that, prices will go up. If you're in need of a roommate, email me at DKGMIexecsec@gmail.com.

The rooms are spectacular, and the food will be divine. I look forward to being together and getting our Society business work done Saturday morning. This is a change in the schedule from previous years so that everyone can celebrate our new Educational Foundation on Friday evening.

On Saturday evening, before the Presidents procession, we will begin with a cash bar. You have a choice of fish or beef for your dinner, and the bartender will stick around for an afterglow.

Please attend the Ceremony of Remembrance followed by the awards brunch on Sunday morning.

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

It's a Party And You Are Invited!



Don't miss the Roaring Twenties party hosted by the AIM Educational Foundation on Friday, April 26, 2024, from 8 pm – 10 pm. Imagine yourself in a speakeasy in Bay City in the 1920s. You are welcomed by the sounds of jazz played by the famous Sheila Landis Trio, a 7-time winner of the Detroit Music Awards "Outstanding Jazz Vocalist" and "Outstanding Traditional Jazz Group." Relax, sip your favorite drink, and sample hors d'oeuvres as you chat with friends. Take your picture at the photo-booth. Peruse merchandise at the Rose Shop. Try your luck at the Mystery Mania lottery for a chance to

win a \$100 gift card. Hit the dance floor and, if you feel like it, learn the basic steps of the Charleston with Elena Ivanova. You may choose to wear an outfit or accessories from the Roaring Twenties era, but you are just as welcome if you prefer to wear something else. The ticket price is \$30, which includes a \$20 tax-deductible donation to the AIM Educational Foundation. By attending the party, you will support grants, scholarships, and leadership seminars for Michigan women educators, both DKG members and nonmembers.

We need your help to make this party a success.

We are asking chapters to donate 2 gift cards per chapter for the Mystery Mania lottery. The value of the cards must be between \$10 and \$100. Donations of gift cards from individual members are also appreciated. Please mail the gift cards (and remember to disclose their value) to Elena Ivanova, 4179 Ironside Drive, Waterford, 48329, **by April 1.**

Please consider donating nice looking items for the Rose Shop. Items may include jewelry (DKG and other), accessories, souvenirs, and other things that you think someone would want. Please bring them with you to the party or send them with a friend who is attending the party.

We look forward to seeing you on April 26!

Submitted by Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi, Chair of AIM Educational Foundation, Inc.

State Convention Registration - Bay City

DKG-Michigan State Organization State Convention

April 26-28, 2024
One Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708
Reservations

(989-891-6000) by April 1, 2024 for the group rate

Use Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to get the rates at \$107 per room plus taxes for two Queen Beds
doubletreebaycity.guestreservations.com

Please Print: Use one form for each person

First	Last	Chapter
Address	City/State	Zip
Preferred Phone	Email	Years of Membership
Chapter Position	State Position	International Position

Will you be walking as current or future president in the president's procession at Saturday's banquet? **Yes** **No**

Would you like to be registered for State Continuing Educational Clock Hours at no cost? **Yes** **No**

All participants must register to attend, even workers.

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

Registration Fee Postmarked by April 9, 2024	\$80.00	\$
Late Fee (Postmarked after April 9, 2024)	\$20.00	\$
If this is your first time attending a DKG state conference or convention, please check here. Your registration fee is waived.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Friday AIM Kick-Off Event (includes snacks, entertainment and cash bar, 8:00 pm) \$20 goes to AIM	\$30.00	\$
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, & Break hot beverages, soda, and Snacks (Meals include Tax & Gratuities)	\$56.00	\$
Saturday Banquet (Includes Tax & Gratuities) Select Entrée 6 oz Filet or Parmesan Encrusted Whitefish	Fish or Beef <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$38.00 or \$45.00	\$
Sunday Brunch	\$35.00	\$
Total amount enclosed: Make Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma	(Note: Checks will not be deposited until March 30 in case of event cancellation)	\$

*Cost of the meals helps to defray the cost of the room rentals. Costs include mandatory gratuity and taxes.

State Convention Registration - Bay City

Dietary Needs:

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

Gluten Free ___ Vegetarian ___ Diabetic ___

Handicap Assistance:

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

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

There is NO SCECH fee for this Convention.

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

1. Register for the Clock Hours on your registration form.
2. Sign in for SCECHs at the registration desk when you check in. (State Required Form) A sheet will be in your packet.
3. 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.)
4. 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 8:30 AM Saturday.
- ALL MEMBERS should attend that meeting at 8:30 AM Saturday

Please mail this completed form and your check, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, to the 2024 Convention Registrar:

Judi Fisher
20180 Rippling Lane
Northville, MI 48167-1905
248-808-0477
judifisher@yahoo.com

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 1, 2024.** (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 1, 2024**, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. No refunds will be made after the cancellation date.

NOTE: HOTEL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 FOR CONVENTION RATE OF \$107 FOR STANDARD QUEEN, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

You must personally make and/or cancel your hotel accommodations:

DoubleTree by Hilton Riverfront
Reservations doubletreebaycity.guestreservations.com or
989-891-6000 by April 1, 2024
For the group rate, use Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

State Committees and Upcoming Events

What is the Wilma Adams Fund?



Sure you have heard of the Wilma Adams Fund. But do you really know what it is? The fund has two purposes. One is to provide seed money for a new and innovative chapter service projects, or even in some cases to sustain a continuing project. Chapters are usually allocated at \$300 but previously funded projects could receive \$200 more. The other purpose is to provide emergency assistance to an individual member. The committee votes to rapidly approve \$300 to assist after a catastrophic experience. Funds for Wilma Adams are raised by sales of merchandise at the Spring convention and Fall conference. For sale are reasonably priced DKG paraphernalia and new quality homemade items. If you would like more information consult the Michigan State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules. If you are interested in serving on the committee or have items to be considered for sale please contact Claire Rettenmund at cerbirder@yahoo.com.

*Submitted by Claire Rettenmund,
Alpha Omega, State Wilma Adams Chair*



Communications Committee

The Communications Committee continues to gather and share ideas among our chapters in the areas requested by our members in October 2022. These include fundraising, program ideas, recruitment, retention and service projects. These will be used as a tool to share and gather ideas in a forum accessible to all via the state DKG website. These will also be linked to both Facebook and Instagram to improve access.

*Submitted by Ginny Cole, Alpha Theta,
State Communications Chair*

Upcoming Events

Jan.15 - Feb. 15: Submissions to the DKG Arts and Humanities Spring Gallery due

February 1: International Scholarship DKGIEF Project applications due

February 15, 2024 - 7:00 PM - Zoom - Getting Ready for the National Legislative Seminar - go to www.dkg.org for more details

February 26, 2024 - Webinar hosted by International - Meet Patrick Bringley, author.

March 16: PAC, 9:00 AM, Zoom

April 13, 2024 - Capital Area Coordinating Council Luncheon

Getting Ready for the Presidents' Procession

On the Saturday night of our DKG State Convention in April, chapter presidents will participate in the March of the Roses. Please register at the state website under "Forms."

Submitted by Dr. Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi



Professional Affairs Committee Calling Presiders To Help At DKG Convention

Planning on attending the State Convention in Bay City? The Professional Affairs Committee can use your help and talents. Presiding over a session 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 Bay City, MI., please contact me. Your willingness to volunteer as a presider will help to ensure that the session will run smoothly and successfully. If you would like to assist with any session, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from many of you.

*Carol Dean, Pi, Professional Affairs
Committee Chair.
carolmdean@charter.net*



Membership

A Special Welcome to Michigan State Initiates

Mu

Jean L. Dundas
Nancy A. Lyon
Susan E. Sage
Kim Hatfield

Alpha Xi

*Stephanie A. Gosselin

Beta Beta

Christi Harrington
Kristen Milling

Alpha Omicron

*Shirley M. Paley



* Reinstated
H - Honorary

White Roses in Memoriam

F. Jose Engle, Gamma Alpha



Jose was initiated in 1974. Jose was a loyal member serving on many committees and offices at the chapter level. Even as a nursing home resident she paid her dues because DKG was important to her. During her lifetime, she was all the Society represents – a key woman educator.

Jose was a smart and caring person and was the Valedictorian of her high school class. She received her BA from the University of Michigan and her MA from Michigan State University. Jose taught at Burton Elementary in Berkley. She changed districts and taught math at Anderson Middle School and Bloomfield East and West Junior high for a total of 37 years. She performed her educational tasks with enthusiasm, professionalism, and dedication. She searched constantly to enrich the lives of those she taught and with whom she worked.

Jose scored and timed girls and boys sporting events (track, basketball, volleyball, and wrestling) for 40 years until she was 90.

November 15, 1929 – June 23, 2023



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
- ◆ Member Supporting Member Fund
- ◆ AIM Educational Foundation, Inc.
- ◆ International Educational Foundation
- ◆ World Fellowship Fund
- ◆ International Emergency Fund

*Contributions should be sent to State Treasurer, Liz VanWestenburg
- (see contact information on page 2)

Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs



**Pam Olech
State
Necrology
Chair
2023-2025**

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:

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

- Bay City Convention Forms
- President's Newsletters

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

Membership



White Roses in Memoriam



June Pauline Hill, Beta Sigma



Pauline Hill was initiated in 1971. In her chapter she served as a dedicated Co-President, was active on the Finance Committee and Personal Growth/Services. She showed unending commitment, leadership, and was a positive promoter of DKG. She conducted successful Chapter raffles that made extra money for school projects; and always brought fun into meetings. Chapter honors include Woman of Distinction, Lifetime Service Award and Longevity.

Pauline graduated from Negaunee High School. She attended Northern Michigan University where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Education. She taught at schools in the upper peninsula, northern lower peninsula and Wisconsin, before settling in Iron Mountain where she taught at East Elementary School for 29 years. After retiring she received training in Los Angeles, CA, on administering assessments for the Nation's Report Card. She was the assessment coordinator who led a team to administer standardized tests to schools in the UP, Northern LP and WI.

Pauline organized a Parkinson's Support group in Dickinson City and planned 3 successful Parkinson's UP Symposiums bringing in nationally renowned Parkinson's specialists.

Pauline was also involved in the P.E.O. Sisterhood, MEA-NEA, MARSP, Lions Club, and was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Pauline loved to spend time with her family and traveling.

June 1, 1939 – September 7, 2023

Hester Newton, Alpha Kappa

Hester was initiated in 1982. Hester attended every meeting until her health failed her in 2019. At that time, she went to live close to her family in Galena, IL, but continued to be a chapter member until she passed away. Hester was the spirit of the chapter! She always had a kind word and encouragement for all of the members, and her storytelling was memorable. Hester's faithfulness to her chapter and wonderful sense of humor will always be remembered.

Hester majored in history at Grinnell College. After raising her family, she returned to college, and earned her teaching certificate as well as a master's degree. She taught second grade for the Muskegon Heights School District for many years before her retirement. Hester possessed a unique ability to judge people by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin and taught this trait to her students. She was adored by her students, their parents and her colleagues.

Hester was a member of PEO for more than 75 years and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Muskegon.

January 24, 1928 - October 20, 2023

Carol "Patty" Baldwin, Alpha Lambda



Patty was initiated in December, 1974. She served her chapter as president and treasurer. She was a great hostess and was the auctioneer at the annual picnic and auction. She was also named Chapter Woman of Distinction.

Patty grew up in Kansas and started as a nun in the Ursuline Community of the Catholic Church. She attended College of St. Theresa and she completed her masters in Deaf Education at University of Kansas. In 1972 she was released from her vows and became an administrator at the

Kansas School for the Deaf. She moved to Michigan and until 1998 she was a Deaf Education Specialist for Ingham Intermediate School District.

She served as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan and as a lay leader in the Catholic Church.

March 20, 1938 - November 21, 2023

Fall Conference Highlights



Carol Trembath, Beta Chi has become a volunteer of the space program. She presented the Women in STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Carol presented slides of women and men in the space program. Carol presented an exciting history of the program, sharing that we were the second country to be up in Space. If you are excited about computers, math, like discovering how things work, want to go into space, like biology and chemistry, want to understand the universe or love studying the stars, all of these areas are important. She encouraged any of us that might enjoy this area of life to become a volunteer for the Space Program.

Submitted by Pat Little, Beta Kappa



State President, Karen Lessnau-Scott and Nanette Hanson, the 2023 Michigan Teacher of the Year.



Jeanine DeLay presented in the morning about the Ethics Bowl. The Ethics Bowl is a competition among high schoolers where students discuss the pros and cons of various issues.



Early risers braved a chilly pool to enjoy Water Aerobics lead by Alice Chrenko, Gamma Gamma.



Deb Pajula, Beta Sigma and Lynn Mason, Sigma presented on issues in our State and Federal government. At the presentation they handed out tips on how you can get informed and involved with what is going on in the government.



Kristen Milling, Beta Beta and State President Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta presented a workshop on diamond painting.

The basket raffle in the Auction room was a success helping to raise \$830.00 for World Fellowship.



State President Karen Lessnau-Scott with Ontario President, Stephanie Allen.



The State Strategic Planning Committee, held a Leadership Training session with the technology help of Amy Wright, Gamma Gamma; and with former state presidents: Dot Sample, Mu; Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu; Dr. Elena Ivanova, Beta Chi; and Liz VanWestenburg, Gamma Gamma. They shared ideas with chapter leaders on how to build membership and strengthen chapters..

Chapter News

Phi Chapter's Annual Auction



Auctioneers Ruth Jones and Beth Bynum, Phi.

Phi Chapter, in the Grand Traverse Area, held its annual Auction on October 17th to raise funds for Educator Grants. The event is not only an opportunity to support local educators but to involve members in a common goal. The auction has been an important part of Phi Chapter's commitment to education for 19 years!

Members volunteer for a variety of responsibilities including registration, set up of three auction areas - Chance, Silent and Live, food/refreshments, tabulators/cashiers, publicity, inviting friends and relatives, donating items and seeking donations from community businesses.

This year's proceeds amounted to \$2,355.00. Once the proceeds are determined the Scholarships, Grants and Awards Committee, chair Alicia Sanford, sends out information about the availability of the grants with information about how to apply and the deadline. When the grant applications are received, the committee members individually select their top choices and discuss what grant best meets the needs of each recipient.

Alicia contacts the educators and makes arrangements for personal delivery of the check. A photo is taken of each grant recipient to be included in The Phi-Lings newsletter. Recipients are invited to our April meeting to meet one another and present a brief explanation of how the grant was implemented.

Our auction is a special opportunity to engage members and assist educators with needed teaching and learning materials.

Submitted by Rita Sleeman, Phi President

***"As women achieve power, the barriers will fall.
As society sees what women can do, as women see
what women can do, there will be more women out
there doing things, and we'll all be better off for it."***

***Sandra Day O'Connor,
1st Female Supreme Court Justice***

Alpha Xi Members present about a Reservation in South Dakota

On Monday evening, November 6, the members of the Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library.

After enjoying a catered meal, Carol Lund and Pat Garant presented a program about their recent volunteer work at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They spoke about the projects they participated in during the week they were there with a group called Re-Member, co-founded by Keith and Ginny Titus, deceased members of our Alpena community. More information about the Re-Member organization is available at www.re-member.org.

Pat Garant also spoke to us about her position with the READ Program at the library.

After a business meeting, members of Alpha Xi prepared bags with Milky Way candy bars for distribution to the employees in the Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle schools. This was done to thank them for their continued work educating children in their schools.

Submitted by Ann Hardesty, Alpha Xi

Gamma Gamma Hosts Downsizing Consultant



In October, Gamma Gamma Chapter hosted Sharon McGill (President Betty) of the Betty Brigade. Over 30 DKG women and guests attended the session that discussed downsizing, decluttering

and ways to prepare to relocate or move. According to their website, the Betty Brigade has been helping people since 2003. They are known for "bringing peace, ease and the utmost care to your move." For information on the services the company provides, you can visit www.bettybrigade.com.

Submitted by Alice Chrenko, Gamma Gamma

Chapter News

Alpha Xi Learns about Ugandan School



LtoR: Bonnie DesRocher, Co-President, Claudia Werner, speaker, Julie Kowalski and Lisa Rhea, Co-President.

The Alpha Xi Chapter met at Calvary Episcopal Church in Hillman, for their first meeting of the school year.

Our special guest for the evening was Claudia Werner, a former teacher and principal in the

Alpena Public Schools and former member of Alpha Xi. She spoke to us about a project she and her church have spearheaded to construct a hospital, Tsiyon Family Hospital, in Sayyi, Uganda. The hospital has now been completed and work continues to provide for the additional health needs of the community. Alpha Xi gave a monetary donation towards achieving these goals.

Submitted by Ann Hardesty, Alpha Xi

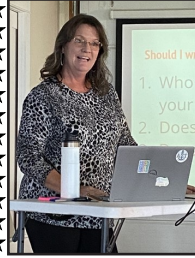
Marilyn Pfister, Beta Sigma Recipient of Lifetime Service Award

DKG Beta Sigma Chapter is proud to announce that member, Marilyn Pfister, has been awarded the Lifetime Service Award from DKG Michigan State Organization on May 6, 2023. Marilyn has 36 years of a career dedicated to the education of children. Initiated in 1986 into DKG Wisconsin's Omega Chapter, Marilyn has been a member for 37 years. She was an active member for Omega Chapter, serving as treasurer for 6 years and as Sunshine Chair. Marilyn transferred to DKG Michigan Beta Sigma Chapter in 2000. Marilyn served as President for 3 biennia. Marilyn has served on numerous Beta Sigma committees: Professional Affairs, Nominations, By-Law/Standing Rules; Finance Committee, Membership, Standing Rules, and Music. She was our Chapter's Woman of Distinction in 2013. The Menominee local library has shared how she chaired, led and attends all of the grueling preparation and book sale work.

Congratulations to Marilyn, on this well-deserved award and thank you for your contributions to education and to DKG!

Submitted by Debbie Pajula, Beta Sigma

A Visit to Alpha Zeta From Author Susan Tetreau



On October 12, 2023, Alpha Zeta had the distinct privilege of a visit from local teacher and author, Susan Tetreau. Susan is a life-long resident of Port Huron where she grew up on a farm with her parents and siblings. She has been a teacher with the Port Huron Area School District for many years and currently teaches elementary math.

As a first-time author, Sue has written a book entitled Pieces of My Father's Heart: Angel 10:13. In it, she writes a heartfelt tribute to her father, Raymond Somogy, as both a father and a veteran of the Viet Nam War. She describes a loving father with a quick wit and strong faith who was always willing to help out whenever he saw others in need. Raymond was an industrious man who could make the hard work of farming a joyful and fun experience for his three children.

Although Sue and her family were aware of some of Raymond's experiences as a member of the military police and as a sergeant in the Army, it wasn't until heart surgery several years later that they realized the trauma he had suffered while in Viet Nam. As a result of anesthesia administered during his surgery, Raymond endured terrifying memories and flashbacks from his active military service.

During her presentation to our chapter, Sue credited many family members and friends with providing support and wisdom as she met the challenges of writing her first book. Particularly, she recognizes former children's book author and Port Huron resident, Ann Tompert, for being an invaluable mentor and for providing the motivation and confidence Sue needed to put pen to paper.

Submitted by Kathy Loewenthal, Alpha Zeta

Articles Wanted For *The Wolverine* about:

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

**Spring Issue Deadline
March 1, 2024**

e-mail-wadedkgmi@gmail.com

Chapter News



**State President,
Karen Lessnau-
Scott with Gamma
Gamma Chapter
President, Alice
Chrenko**

Chapter or Council Visitations By Your State Officers

State President Karen Lessnau-Scott, Alpha Theta, has been on the road this fall. Besides the Fall Conference and Women in the Arts events, Karen attended a meeting of Alpha Rho Chapter in Ann Arbor on Nov. 13. The monthly meeting was well attended on a beautiful fall afternoon in a lovely setting. After Karen's inspiring presentation, she fielded questions on many topics. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made.

On Dec. 1, Karen and I attended the Gamma Gamma Gala at the Art Center in Plymouth. It was a lovely party with live music, door prizes, and entertaining auctions. The Silent Auction items were wonderful with several coming home with us. A good time was had by all.

We have three visitations planned for Spring of 2024 and we are looking forward to hearing requests for others. If your chapter would like to visit with the state president, contact Shaila Jehle at fredandsha@comcast.net.

International Art Gallery Poetry by Susan Seidl, Beta Sigma

WHEN

Dissonance
of a child crying now tucked in bed
alerts the investment
parents create.

It is the ability
to know the essential
and forget oneself
in the act.

It is to pretend
the heaving does not need
in a restless year-old's
torn heart

It is progressing on
simple tasks
with expertise
while the echo
echoes through the nerves
raw unease.
It is to rise to the reproach
in the right second
comfort the whine
with love
and edge back to chores

To own stamina
to stand

wait...
as the child
finally sleeps
again
then wakes
with dancing eyes
and trusting hold
approaching today's adventures
which one day
will end with
a closed door
and footfalls...
silent.

In reflection, we perceive what is owed to our parents: in most cases it exceeds what we expressed.

THE ARTS

What causes inspiration
is unknown.
It crystalizes
or dissipates, is no more.
Timing, seldom perfect,
if denied, ceases.

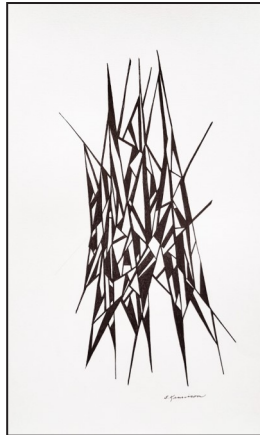
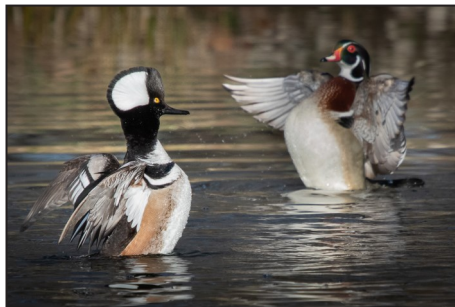
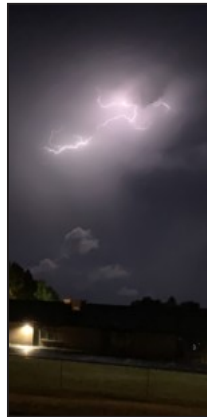
To snatch the moment
is thievery
and deceitful as the thrill
of the tantalizing chase
fulfilling, fully.

No elixir, prescription, chance win
will pad the empty space
gapping in he-of-talent

Creative ability
remains a disease suffered,
alone
amid words and imagery
that waits
but not too patiently,
for capture

To be mul-ti-ply creative we know is a gift that keeps on giving when challenged, when it is unexpected, as well as when it plagues the individual into action or loss.

International Art Gallery



International Fall Art Gallery 2023

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 in Flight*, and *Bolt of Lightning* photographs by Judy Reid, Beta Sigma; *Swans in Bruges* and *Icelandic Interlopers* photographs by Judith Nixon, Upsilon; *Poinsettia* Watercolor by Kathleen Rodak, Beta Omicron; *Black Necked Stilt Feeding* and *Monkey See Monkey Do* photographs by Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho; *Collapsing Scaffolding* drawing by Barbara Kinnison, Phi; *Piano Man* watercolor by Kathleen Rodak; *Kid Crows go to Kindergarten* and *Let Them Speak* mixed media by Beth Bynum, Phi; *Lighthouse* acrylic by Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta. Their work will be on display at DKG.org until April. The next deadline for submission is February 15, 2024.

International News



DKG International Educator's Foundation

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

Celebrate by Giving!

- **Give to the Educational Foundation** to honor your friends, your mentors, your chapter, yourself.
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- **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.dkg.org

Check out www.dkg.org for International News, details on the International Conference, viewing the International Art Gallery and professional learning opportunities.



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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letters in the Greek words for
Teacher, Key, and Women

Dates to Remember

March 16, 2024

PAC

Zoom, 9-11:00 AM

April 26 - 28, 2024

Michigan State Convention

Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City-Riverfront
One Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708

July 9 - 13, 2024

International Convention

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
201 Waterfront Street
National Harbor, MD 20745

September 14, 2024

Executive Board and Fall Conference
Virtual on Zoom
9:00 AM

October 25-27, 2024

Women in the Arts

Ralph McMullan Conference Center
Roscommon, Michigan 48653