

THE NEW OREGON TRAIL



Mission: *The Society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

Vision: *Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.*

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Oregon DKG Events--Attend one or attend all. Invite a friend to ride along.

District 1 Iota & Zeta

Date: October 13 -- **Lunch**

Place: Union County Museum
331 S. Main Street, Union, OR

Theme: Visit museum. Discuss scholarships for Umatilla students to Eastern Oregon Univ.

Districts 2 & 3 Alpha, Omega, Lambda, Sigma, Kappa

Date: October 21, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Place: Edgewater Chris. Fellowship
101 Assembly Circle
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Theme: *Step Into Fall* with

A Writer's Workshop

Pre-School Teachers in South Korea

Registration Form: page 5

Districts 4, 5, and 6 Alpha Omicron, Alpha Omega, Beta Beta, Alpha Epsilon, Psi, Chi, Alpha Phi, Beta Gamma

Date: October 7, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Place: Mary's Woods
Lake Oswego, Oregon

Theme: Healthy Minds for All

Poster and registration form on pages 3 and 4.

Save The Date

**2024 OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION
CONFERENCE**

**WHERE? RUNNING Y RANCH RESORT IN
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON**

WHEN? MAY 17-19

Begin planning now to carpool next spring to a fabulous event in a beautiful location. Details will come in a future Trail.

CALLING ALL PRESIDENTS & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS!

Mark your calendars today for a Zoom meeting on **September 30 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.** with the International Membership Committee's Daphne Cagle and our own Dr. Wendy Hacke, Oregon VP and Membership Chair,

NOTE: International President Debbie LeBlanc is attending.

This will be a high quality session that you and your chapter membership chair, will not want to miss!

**2023-2025
Oregon President
Darlene Cook
in Tampere, Finland**



Welcome to DKG Oregon 2023-2024!

“Mentoring: The Bridge to Membership and Leadership”

I look forward to joining forces with you this biennium as we continue our revitalization efforts and work to support the goals of International President Debbie LeBlanc: “Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance and Sustainability in our Changing World.”

DKG is on the move. We are moving forward with vitality, spirit, and passion to make our Society more professional, more education-related, more relevant for our membership, and more sustainable for the challenges of the future.

Membership and leadership are concerns across the Society. Numbers are down, making recruitment, retention, and reinstatement a primary goal. Seriously consider who you might invite into membership. Think outside the box. The gift of DKG is not only for educators in the traditional sense! Who might you mentor to take on a leadership role? On May 11, 2029, Delta Kappa Gamma will be 100 years old! Who will lead our chapters and state organization into the next 100 years? “Mentoring: The Bridge to Membership and Leadership” is the Oregon theme for this biennium. Mentorship is the key, the bridge that will propel us into the future!

This year, instead of one fall conference, we will have three district

meetings across the state.

- District 1 (Iota and Zeta) will meet in Union on October 13th.
- Districts 2 & 3 (Alpha, Omega, Lambda, Kappa, Sigma) will get together in Grants Pass on October 21st.
- Districts 4, 5, and 6 (Alpha Omicron, Alpha Omega, Alpha Epsilon, Psi, Beta Beta, Alpha Phi, Chi, and Beta Gamma) will gather in Lake Oswego on October 7th.

Please plan to attend one of the conferences or maybe even two! Come visit with friends from other chapters; learn about projects throughout the districts; and enjoy enlightening and thought-provoking presentations. Information about the conferences can be found in our newsletter and on our website, dkgoregon.com.

Together we can make a difference! I look forward to working with each of you to strengthen our chapters and our state organization.

My best wishes for a successful and rewarding year!

Darlene Cook

2023-2025

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

October 7, 2023

DKG Oregon Districts' 4, 5, and 6 Fall Conference!

THEME

HEALTHY MINDS FOR ALL

Presented by



WHERE: Mary's Woods
Nathman Building
17510 Provost St
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034
(Building 3 - Park in red line parking areas)

TIME: 9:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.

FOR WHOM: All DKG Members,
possible New Members,
Friends, and Family wanting to learn
more about Mental Illness

REGISTRATION: Registration and
payment due by **Sept. 28, 2023**
so lunches can be ordered.

See costs and lunch menu on registration form!





INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

*You are invited to
join Districts 4, 5, and
6 if you'd like to come to
Mary's Woods.*

**DKG Oregon State Organization
Districts 4, 5, 6 Fall Conference
October 7, 2023
9:30 – 1:30**

Healthy Minds for All

Mary's Woods - Nathman Room

17510 Provost Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

CARPOOLING ENCOURAGED

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00	Registration & light snack
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome/Introductions
10:15 – 11:30	NAMI (Nation Alliance on Mental Health) Presentation
11:30 – 12:15	Lunch
12:15 – 1:15	Break Outs
1:15 – 1:30	Closing
2:00	Tour of Mary's Wood with Grace Pitzer. for those interested

Cost: \$5.00 (snack and your own sack lunch) -or-

\$20.00 (includes snack and prepared box lunch)

**Return the completed registration form (below) and payment by
September 28, 2023**

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Your Chapter: _____

Your State/Chapter Leadership Position: _____

I will bring my own lunch. \$5 for morning snack and beverages

I would like to purchase a box lunch. \$20 for morning snack, beverages, and box lunch

Box Lunch choice: Caprese Veggie on Chibatta Roll

Ham & Brie on Chibatta Roll

California Club (turkey, bacon, cheese) on a croissant

Tuna, Cranberry, Apple Wrap

Enclose this registration with your \$20.00 or \$5.00 check made out to: Sandra Watts

**Mail to: Sandy Watts
33815 E. Columbia Ave.
Scappoose, OR 97056**



DISTRICTS 2 & 3 FALL CONFERENCE

October 21, 2023 - 9:30-2:30

Step Into Fall

Place: Edgewater Christian Fellowship---101 Assembly Circle, Grants Pass, OR

9:30 - 10:00	Registration and snack
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome/Introductions
10:15 - 12:00	Robert Young - Writer's Workshop
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:45	Michelle Gallas - Working with pre-school teachers in South Korea
1:45	Tour of Michelle's Imagine That pre-school Jerome Prairie Campus

You are invited to join Districts 2 & 3 if you like to write or to learn about Korean education.

Cost: \$25 Includes morning snacks and boxed lunch. Return this completed registration form by **October 12, 2023**, to Carolyn Hinesly, 204 Shipley Terrace, Prospect, OR 97536. **Make checks out to Omega Chapter.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Personal Email _____ Your Chapter _____

Your State/Chapter Leadership Position _____

Any special dietary needs? _____

BOXED LUNCH CHOICES:

Circle one choice: (1) whole salad, (2) whole sandwich, or (3) 1/2 salad & 1/2 sandwich

- ___ Vegetarian Salad: mixed greens and vegetables
- ___ Bacon Salad: chicken, bacon, mozzarella, strawberries, walnuts, greens
- ___ Chicken Salad: chicken, feta, tomato, avocado, pepperoncinis, onions, greens
- ___ Bacon Babe: rustic bread, avocado, tomato, lettuce, mustard, mayo
- ___ Plain Jane: rustic bread, turkey, Colby cheese, tomato, onion, cucumber, lettuce
- ___ Veggie Babe: wheat seeded bread, provolone, avocado, onion, bell pepper, cucumber, mushroom, tomato, spinach, oil and vinegar
- ___ Lettuce wraps available for gluten-free sandwiches.

Circle your one **choice of salad dressing** below.

Salad dressings: (1) ranch, (2) blue cheese, (3) balsamic, (4) raspberry vinaigrette,

(5) 1000 island, (6) Greek, (7) oil & vinegar

DATES TO USE

OREGON STATE ORG.

September 30, 2023

8:30-11:30 a.m. Zoom

Presidents & Membership

Scholarship Applications Due

December 1, 2023

March 1, 2024

August 1, 2024

Grant-in-Aid Applications Due

March 1, 2024

Applications & Recommendations

Service Awards

Order of the Rose

Rosette Awards

Due: March 15, 2024

INTERNATIONAL

September 15, 2023

Art Galley Submissions due.

October 1, 2023

Proposals for changes to the *International Constitution and Standing Rules* due.

November 1, 2023

- Chapter Treasurers: File Form 990N with IRS before today.
- Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award applications due
- Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award applications Due

December 1, 2023

DKG Ignite applications due

February 1, 2024

International Scholarship Aps Due

March 10-13, 2024

National Legislative Seminar

OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

Sign up to shadow us--or another officer. "Try before you buy."

As you may have heard, **President Darlene wants officers to train (mentor) a possible successor in what each position requires.** The goal is to have trained personnel in place should an officer need to leave her office. **No, we are not resigning!**

Consider the state editor position. If you'd like to try being *The New Oregon Trail* editor as a future position, contact Marie Mueller: cwmueller33@gmail.com. We can work together to see how you like the job.

Important info about the job:

- Good grammar for spotting and fixing problems.
- Ability to write, edit, proofread, revise, summarize, and evaluate content.
- Word processing (type quickly and accurately).
- Publishing software and skills to format documents for (1) sharing by email, (2) posting to the website, or (3) sending in printed copy. Current edition of MS Word.
- Photo-editing ability and software.

Consider the job of state webmaster. If this might be the next position for you, contact Grace Pitzer: gcpitzer@comcast.net We can work together to see how you like the job.

Important info about the job:

- Website design software and knowledge: Setting up, maintaining, revising, updating, etc. Work closely with the editor and Communication/Tech group
- Photo-editing and manipulation abilities and software
- Zoom software license and ability to assist state and chapters as needed.
- Willingness to coordinate with other Oregon State Organization officers and chapters to best publicize us on the web.
- Willingness to comply with International standards and knowledge to help chapters establish or improve their local websites.

Consider the job of state treasurer. If you like working with figures, credits and debits, Excel or Quickbooks, and International guidelines and requirements, this might be a future job for you. It's all on the computer, so you'd need appropriate software. We can work together to see how you like the job. Contact Vickie Jackson: dandvjackson@gmail.com

- Ability to accurately add, subtract, multiply, divide and all that good stuff.
- Manage state accounts for the business of the Oregon State Organization.
- Manage savings and investment accounts for Oregon State Organization and the Alpha Rho Foundation.
- Serve on the Alpha Rho Foundation Board, working with the ARF board members to invest wisely and disburse appropriately for the good of educators and students in Oregon who are NOT members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

For info on officers' duties, check the *Oregon Bylaws & Standing Rules*: dkgoregon.com >>Resources>>Other resources>> Bylaws or Standing Rules.

2023 International Conferences: Detroit -- Phoenix -- Tampere, Finland

OREGON WAS PRESENT AT ALL CONFERENCES!

Darlene Cook, Jo Strom Lane, Kaye Jones, & Julie Voelker-Morris



Tampere, Finland, Conference

Darlene Cook

Jo Strom Lane

Julie Voelker-Morris

OREGON: Our Oregon State Organization was well represented in July at the three DKG International Conferences: Detroit, Phoenix, and Tampere, Finland! Oregon State President and US Forum Steering Committee Chair, Darlene Cook, Chi/6, was present at all three events. Kaye Jones, Kappa/3,



Phoenix, AZ, Conference Kaye Jones

(above on the right) with Daphne Cagle (CA--left)

attended the conference in Phoenix; and Jo Strom Lane, Chi/6, and Julie Voelker-Morris, Lambda/3, traveled to Finland to join the conference in Tampere. Oregon was pleased and excited that Julie was presenting her workshop, “Why You Should Consider Starting a Common Reading Program” in Finland! Great job, Julie.! Thank you to our state organization for helping fund the expenses of Darlene, Jo, and Julie!

THEME: The theme of all three conferences was “Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World.” Each stressed the importance of membership recruitment, retention, and reinstatement. The conferences offered motivating and energizing speakers, informational forums, stimulating panel discussions and thought-provoking workshops on varied topics. Members were empowered to hone and expand key leadership skills, to enhance mind and body, and to take valuable resources and materials back to their states and chapters. Congratulations to Immediate Past President Becky Sadowski who received the 2023 International Achievement Award!

US FORUM: As Chair of the US Forum Steering Committee, Darlene planned and presided over the US Forum Session in Tampere. Fifty US members attended the session, which was the first US Forum held at a European conference. Darlene shared information on the US Forum includ-

Pat Bennett-Forman (Washington state) emphasized the importance of the Mental Health Resolution passed by the Forum at the 2022 International Convention. She presented information on H.R. 744, “Supporting the Mental Health of Educators and Staff Act of 2023.” To support DKG advocacy efforts, she shared a handy guide for crafting an advocacy message and an easy testimony fill-in sheet. Both are available at dkgwa.org in the advocacy tool kit under resources.

The European Forum hosted an activity that involved all three Forums: US, Canada, and Europe. Conference attendees were asked to design a “recipe” for either “A Happy Student” or “A Happy Teacher.” For both categories, “ingredients” such as safety at school, healthy food and sleep, friendship, respect for both students and teachers, positive support from home, and a caring community were most often selected. No matter the country, state, or province, the recipe is usually the same!



Darlene presenting on the US Forum

ing the Purpose and Mission and how members can be involved in Forum work. Discussion included pending federal legislation affecting women, children, and education and results of the survey conducted last fall. Darlene encouraged members to attend the 2024 National Legislative Seminar and to consider running for a position on the 2024-2026 committee.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON'S COMMON READING PROGRAM

Julie Voelker-Morris (she/they)
University of Oregon

Senior Instructor II/Graduate Career Services Director
School of Planning, Public Policy, and Management
Director: UO Common Reading

I was extremely honored to serve as an invited presenter at the 2023 DKG International Women Educators Conference in Tampere, Finland, on July 26-29. The title



of my presentation was “Why You Should Consider Starting a Common Reading Program.” The presentation explored the successes, outcomes, and benefits of the University of Oregon’s Common Reading program, which I have directed for 6+ years. My international audience included workshop participants from Germany, Estonia, Canada, Tennessee, and other locations. They said they were inspired by the talk and hope to design common reading programs at their own educational institutions.

Because of this presentation, I have been invited to contribute to *OPEN!*, the professional journal of the Estonian Association of Teachers of English, about the value of UO Common Reading as a case study example of a successful program. I made new connections with colleagues from across the world -- enjoying many “Skol!” cheers with Norwegian and Swedish colleagues throughout the opening night reception. I learned the extent of international educator awareness about the influence and impact of the University of Oregon through its exposure during the World Championships 2022 and through the UO’s American English Institute. I attended lectures, seminars, workshops, and other activities throughout the conference that provided a strong emphasis on educational models in Finland, arts and culture experience, and a focus on social and environmental sustainability in educational models. All this directly connects with (1) social sustainability; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and (2) cultural management focus that I bring to my courses and publications. I gained new pedagogical tools and content knowledge to bring to classroom experiences and to further support student success in my departments, college, and throughout the university.

WHOLE PERSON AND PROFESSIONAL COACHING PROGRAMS

Through the generous support of DKG Oregon State Organization and the University of Oregon, I completed both the Certified Professional Coaching Certification and the Whole Person Coaching Certification through Coach Training World. Through this internationally accredited professional training program, I have been learning from a Level 3/Master Certified Coach alongside 15 peers (125 hours); preparing for the next level of certification through the International Coaching Federation exam; and achieving a high level of required coaching practice hours (100 hours) as part of the tiered certification process. Areas of content focus within the training include ethics, somatics and mindfulness, intervention models, communication and relationship building techniques, referral procedures, motivational preferences, assessments, contracting, neuroscience, and psychology, among others. This professional development training and certification has allowed me to a) rejuvenate myself and refresh my role as an educator, b) apply what I learn to my own teaching and coaching with students; and c) support other educators, leaders, and professionals in strengthening themselves and their work. This certification process requires prior leadership experience, an openness to experimenting and to varied epistemologies, openness to feedback and uncertainty, and a personal investment and intention. I look forward to further translating the practices and skills I have learned into my current teaching practice to support my students as they journey into the next stages of their professional lives.

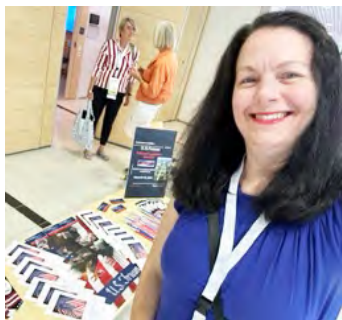
Opportunity: I would be honored to work with any DKG members who would be interested in engaging in coaching in support of any aspect of their sense of purpose or growth as leaders or professionals.



One of Julie's museum photos. I'm guessing it's Cinderella's slipper??

FEELING FINNISH IN FINLAND, AND OTHER ADVENTURES ABROAD

Jo Strom Lane



Hyvää huomenta! Or less formally, **hyvää päivää!** The phrase translates into “Good day” in Finnish and is a greeting that is sincere and reflects the relaxed, present, and genuine feeling of being in the country of Finland, a place where Moomin and its creator, Tove Jansson, were seen at the conference site.

Finnish is known as a more challenging language to learn. Spelling and length of words can seem almost impossible. Forget about pronunciation! Luckily, the first workshop I took entitled “Stimulate Your Brain with Some Finnish,” led by Sirkku Lato-maa and Virpi Matala, made learning 50 Finnish words fun and accessible! They demonstrated tools for both engagement in the classroom and interactive techniques that I recognize from my own theatre arts classroom: demonstration with a partner, songs with rhythm for memorization, turn and talk, repeat after me, and guess and check, all accompanied by visuals to reinforce the lesson.

In 60 short minutes, I picked up a few words and phrases, their pronunciation, and fun facts to make this Finn (yep, that’s me—a Finn from the USA) learning Finnish feel more comfortable speaking the language. Some highlights may help you learn Finnish, too!

All Finnish words place emphasis on

the first syllable. The letter “i” always sounds like “ee” while “y” is an “I” sound. If there’s a double letter, both are pronounced. In the case of “*Hyvää huomenta*” or “*hyvää päivää*,” both words should sound like “HOO-vah WHO-oh-mentah” or “HOO-vah PIE-vaah.”

Like we did in this workshop, test yourself to see if you recognize these Finnish words and can guess how they might be pronounced: *kulttuuri*, *teatteri*, *baletti*, *konserti*, *musiikki*, and *museo*. You’re right! It’s culture, theatre, ballet, concert, music, and museum. See? It’s not as difficult as it seems.

Beyond workshops, the conference



included other adventures, although I didn’t have to go far! Speaking of a museum, the conference location in Tampere, which I learned is pronounced TAM-puh-ruh, houses the world’s only Moomin Museum. I explored the museum, which was filled with artifacts, information, and interactive exhibits showcasing Tove Jansson’s famous creation of Moomin characters, as well as learning more about her life. (Coincidentally, Nordic Northwest, of which I am also a member, is hosting a film this November at Nordia House about Tove Jansson’s life. More information can be found on the Nordic Northwest website.) Learning about the Moomins, and subsequently a bit about Jansson’s life, was interesting. And yes, you got it correct. It’s pronounced TOE-vah YAN-son.

Additionally, conference attendees had the opportunity to gather at the Vapriikki Museum, tour a fairy tale storytelling exhibit (Fabulous!!), and hear the city’s mayor speak about educators in his family and the impact of education. Like my fellow sisters, I had the chance to shake his hand before hearing him speak, and I practiced my newly acquired Finnish to say “*Hauska tavata!*” (HOW-ska TAH-vah-ta) or “Nice to meet you.”



Monique Harrison, Jo, and Darlene displaying the US Forum info.

Kiitos (KEY-e-e-toes), or Finnish for “thank you,” which is heard frequently, for supporting me to be able to attend this remarkable experience!

Your proposed changes to either the *Constitution* or the *Standing Rules* are

DUE OCTOBER 1, 2023

All suggestions for changes to the *International DKG Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules* are due on or before October 1.

To find the current documents, go to dkg.org, Sign in!, THEN SELECT Publications/Documents on the main banner. The *Constitution* and *ISR* are the first things listed.

**VIEW THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & TRAINING
THROUGH THE CAMERAS OF OREGON MEMBERS**

*International DKG President Debbie LeBlanc (L)
and Darlene in Detroit*



*Darlene (R) and Carola
(L) from The Netherlands, Golden Gift sisters
renew their friendship.*

Tampere, Finland



*Photos by
Jo Strom Lane
Julie Voelker-Morris
Darlene Cook*



*L to R: Brenda, Wendy, Darlene and
Vickie at Officers' Training in Irving, TX.*



Tampere Trio from Oregon: Jo, Darlene, Julie



*Jo at the final banquet at
Tampere.*

Traditional Finnish Dresses



Jo and Julie, playing dress-up. Tampere Museum

Tampere sound techs (?) at work with smiles



From the left: Monique Harrison, Washington; Jo Strom Lane, Chi; Julie Voelker-Morris, Lambda.

They are setting up the US Forum display in Tampere

Tampere offered many musicians and entertainers. This is a favorite.



A "knight" at the Tampere Museum

TRAINING IN TEXAS: TAKEAWAYS & TIPS

Dr. Wendy Hacke



June 23-25, 2023, was an impactful time. Brenda Jensen, Darlene Cook, Wendy Hacke, and Vickie Jackson (left to right in the photo above) traveled to Fort Worth for the DKG International training sessions for State Organization Leaders. Separate sessions were designed for incoming state presidents, treasurers, membership chairs, and educational excellence chairs regarding roles and responsibilities for their specific offices. Additionally, there were critical conversations about strategic planning and moving DKG into the next century.

At the retreat, International Leadership Development, Membership & Expansion, Educational Excellence, and Finance committees presented information to help state leadership plan for their roles this biennium. State teams completed a planning document to help them develop a focus for the biennium. The program for state presidents emphasized the importance of communication and team building. Resources such as parliamentary procedure, revitalization and the Leadership Discovery Centre were highlighted.

The training for membership chairs focused on recruitment and retention as part of revitalization which was a clear theme of the retreat, as both workshops and keynotes focused on the rapid decline in DKG membership. The training for Educational Excellence chairs had members participate with leaders from other states and even an EEC chair from Finland. The sessions helped participants plan for being Ed Excellence Chairs this biennium.

Treasurer training was a helpful review of the job of a treasurer. The International team has improved their online presence and made the paperwork clearer. The “Basecamp” is still being used by the treasurer for communication to all treasurers as is the Basecamp for the other three groups.

NOTE: October 7 will be a “worldwide” treasurer’s meeting to assist in governmental forms due to monies collected for DKG.

ATTRACTING & KEEPING MEMBERS

Dr. Wendy Hacke

In the Blog of Tuesday, May 23, 2023, titled [Will Your Members Continue in Your Chapter?](#), the authors posed the question of what happens after the member induction ceremony takes place. Will those newly-inducted members still be with your chapter next year? In two years? In five years?

The [State Organization Leaders Training](#) also broached the same question with a collaborative activity designed to help chapter leaders address recruitment, retention, and reinstatement in the current biennium. The reason for focusing on these areas during this biennium was made clear by International DKG President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc during her presentation. Membership has declined over the past few biennia, enough so that—unless numbers make an abrupt upward shift—within a decade DKG could cease to exist. Therefore, the International focus for this biennium will be “Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World.”

Oregon DKG is no exception to this mounting membership crisis, and that is why the Membership and Expansion Committee will focus the first year of the biennium on recruitment, retention, and reinstatement. Toward that end, OSO’s focus for the biennium will be “**Mentoring: The Bridge to Membership and Leadership.**” While every chapter’s needs are different, there is a common need to come together and determine the next steps for the Oregon State Organization of DKG.

Daphne Cagle, who serves on the International Membership Committee, and Wendy Hacke, the OSO Vice-President and Chair of the State Membership and Expansion Committee, will be hosting a planning session for all Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs on September 30 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

NOTE: Please save this date and come with your thoughts and ideas. If you have time, check out the International website under Membership. It features a variety of videos, blogs, and articles on membership and expansion that may be helpful in focusing your thoughts

Inside International

1st Tuesdays, monthly
October 3, 10:30 a.m.
November 7, 5:30 p.m.
December 5, 10:30 a.m.

**Join a Zoom with
International officers!**

UPDATE ON ALPHA EPSILON LITERACY PROJECTS

#1 The Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Kathy Martell, Dolly Parton Ambassador

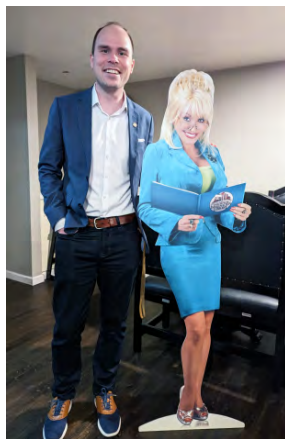
The Imagination Library provides:

- One specially selected, high-quality **free-to-the-family** book is mailed directly to the child each month from birth to age five, costing the Dolly Parton Affiliate, \$2.20 per month per child.
- Reading tips to help increase interaction between caregivers and children during book time are included.
- Book themes include love of reading and learning; regard for diversity of people; promotion of self-esteem and confidence.
- Audio and Braille books available.

A lot has happened with The Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Oregon since our State Convention last April. Thank you to everyone who signed the letter in support of this program!! I sent it to the Ways and Means Committee after the convention. DKG members can say they had a part in passing this bill.

In case you haven't heard, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library was funded statewide for this biennium for **\$1.7 million**. These funds will provide a 50-50 match for affiliates doing the program in their areas. Currently, Oregon has 56 affiliates. To find out if there's one in your area, type in your zip code at www.imaginationlibrary.com/usa. If there isn't one, you might talk with your local librarian or the Early Learning Hub in your area to see about starting one. Those \$1.7 million in matching funds are encouraging as the Marion and Polk Early Learning Hub and their partner, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, are trying to fund two counties.

HB 2872 was first sponsored by Rep. Ben Bowman, District 25 Beaverton and Senator Deb Patterson, District 10 Salem (at the request of the United Ways of the Pacific Northwest). Many other legislators signed on as the bill moved forward. Rep. Tom Anderson, District 19 Salem, was very enthusiastic about helping get the bill passed. With strong bipartisan support, HB2872 established the Oregon Imagination Library Account within the Early Learning Division Fund to fund the project. The process for requesting funds is still being developed. With members from around the state, the committee will be meeting soon to discuss dispersing the money.



Rep. Bowman & "Dolly"

As of August, 213,859,527 books have been gifted to 2,566,290 children enrolled in the program around the world. Dolly Parton is celebrating having over 200 million books sent out by putting 4 golden tickets in with 4 books being mailed in September. Whoever gets a golden ticket will get a free trip to Dollywood with their families.



In Oregon, 46,080 eligible children were enrolled in the program as of August 20. The Dolly Parton Foundation predicts that in five years, affiliates will enroll about 65% of the eligible children in their areas. The Marion and Polk Early Learning Hub (MPELH) affiliate surpassed their projected first-year numbers in about six months. The 16 Early Learning Hubs in Oregon have a direct line to all the preschools in their areas and can get the word out about the program very easily.

Before MPELH agreed to be an affiliate, Marion County already had three affiliates: Silverton, Stayton, and Jefferson. MPELH launched their program on July 29, 2022, in four Marion and Polk zip codes. From January to August, three more were added, and 97302 is in planning stages.

We met August 24 with the Marion County Commissioners, who are considering supporting Salem's biggest and most needy zip code, 97305. Marjorie Lowe from the MPELH gave a great presentation about the program and on the other Marion County zip codes that still need funding, including Woodburn, South Salem, and West Salem in Polk County. We are hopeful that the commissioners will vote "Yes"! A fundraiser is planned in September at Capital Manor (a retirement complex). If successful, then we will have all of Salem-Keizer School District in the program. That will still leave 8 zip codes in Marion County to cover in 2024: More work!

When the Learning Hub completes enrolling all zip codes in Marion and Polk counties not previously sponsored, they will have 20 zip codes under their affiliate name. Thank you MPELH for taking on this tremendous task as our 501(c)(3) partner and making it part of your literacy programs. My dream of about 12 years to bring this program to Salem-Keizer is coming true! I had never considered that it would become a statewide project, but I am very excited about it! Alpha Epsilon Chapter continues partnering with MPELH: doing presentations to funding sources and helping enroll children in the program. MPELH is doing all the rest!

Watch for our second literacy project in the next Trail. You'll learn how the Salem Health & Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit sponsors literacy among those tiny little children--and how they support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

REMEMBERING OUR SISTERS

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Our Roles and Responsibilities

Dr. Wendy Hacke, OSO Membership Committee Chair

Please let your Chapter and State Membership Chairs know of a Delta Kappa Gamma sister in your life who has passed away. DKG celebrates their life and loyalty to our sisterhood at the chapter, state, and international levels. Two ways that the state honors sisters who have passed away is through having a "Remembering Our Sisters" section in *The New Oregon Trail* and at the White Rose Ceremony conducted at the state conference/convention.

International celebrates the lives of loved DKG members when Chapter Presidents send in their Form 6 (see below). Form 6 is to be filled out by the Chapter President and sent to International Membership Services so that they can remove the deceased member from the membership rolls and can include them in the International Celebration of Life. Send a copy to the State Treasurer for notice of dues and to the State Membership Chair or Necrology Chair for the state's recognition at the annual meeting of members. Then both the International and State ceremonies will honor our sisters who passed in the year prior to the ceremony.

All levels of the organization (International, State, Chapter) are encouraged to send cards of condolence. Form 6 requests the name and mailing address of the closest relative or friend, so be sure your chapter has current information on file.

FINDING FORM 6:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGS/Forms/Membership_Forms.aspx OR: Go to [dkg.org](https://www.dkg.org). Sign in.

- (1) Click on Resources.
- (2) Click on Membership.
- (3) Form 6 is at the top of the list of forms.

Finding Officers 2023-24:

- International Membership Services: mem@dkg.org
- State Treasurer: Vickie Jacson: dandvjackson@gmail.com
- State Membership & Necrology: Dr. Wendy Hacke: wdhacke57dkg@gmail.com
- Chapter positions: Presidents, please copy your own chapter treasurer, membership, and necrology chairs when you complete Form 6.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Does your chapter have an **honorary** member? These are women not eligible for DKG membership, but who have sponsored and assisted schools, colleges, teachers, education, and funding in your community. They deserve the honor and the publicity. Think about them for membership.

WHITE ROSE

Sheila Kleinheinz, Beta Beta /5

June 22, 2023

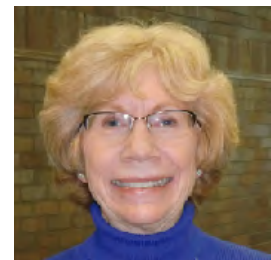


Inducted 4/12/2021 Beta Beta
BB Ed Foundation Board
VP Our Lady of the Lake School
Retired Special Education &
Administration

WHITE ROSE

Judy Kieser, Beta Beta/5

July 22, 2023



Inducted 4/13/2009 Beta Beta
BB Spring Tea Committee
Other Beta Beta Committees
Retired School Psychologist

WHITE ROSE



Beverly Emmons, Lambda/3

July 3, 2023

Beverly (Bev) Emmons, Lambda, passed away July 3 in Eugene, less than two weeks after being diagnosed with cancer. Bev had been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 59 years, having been initiated in Anchorage, AK, in 1964. She transferred to Lambda in 1977.

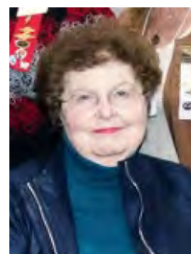
DKG involvement ranged from chapter president (1988-90) to being a member of multiple committees at local and State levels. Her first recorded state-level Oregon position was as district coordinator (1989-91). Bev's organizational skills and attention to detail helped when she was Convention Coordinator ('91-93). She served on the Leadership Development Committee for several biennia and providing mentorship and encouragement to members all over the state.

A lovely Celebration of Life was held Aug. 20 for Beverly Emmons,. Bev had received the OSO Service to the Society award in 2013. She had been a devoted, inspiring, hard-working leader for many years, and her passing has deeply affected all who knew her. Lambda members helped her daughter, Jodi Emmons, prepare a ceremony that would have made Bev proud.

Among Bev's greatest traits was her concern for others. She became passionate about World Fellowship, spearheading Lambda fundraising, resulting in yearly donations to the World Fellowship Fund. She encouraged members to apply for scholarships. When an award was received by a member, Bev was one of the first to congratulate and help celebrate.

To honor Bev's wishes for no flowers, members may make contributions to the International World Fellowship Fund (tax deductible) at DKGIEF at www.dkg.org,

WHITE ROSE



Patricia Jean Howard, Chi/6

August 24, 2023

Past State President Patricia (Pat) Howard, Chi, passed away Aug. 24 after having a fall in June. She was in a rehab facility at the time of her death.

Pat's first State position was that of Alpha Rho State Secretary from 1991-93. She became State President in 1993-95. She dealt with some controversy regarding the location of state convention in 1995 (due to OCA political issues), remaining calm and dedicated to providing the responsible leadership to keep the State unified and moving forward.

Following her term as President, Pat served not only as Immediate Past President, but also as a member of the State Bylaws Committee. She remained on that committee until her death, serving as chairman from 2003-05. From 1999-2001, she also served as International Projects chair for the State. From 2008-2017, she was State Parliamentarian, after being co-parliamentarian from 2005-08.

Pat received the Service to Alpha Rho State award in 2009, in recognition of her many contributions to Oregon DKG.

Pat displayed dedication and commitment to DKG since becoming a member of Theta Chapter in 1986. She transferred to Phi Chapter after Theta dissolved and was president from 2010-12. Upon the dissolution of Phi, she became a member of Chi Chapter.

Whether in a leadership role or as a "regular member," Pat represented OSO many times at regional conferences and International conventions, including being on the International Executive Board when she was Oregon DKG President. She attended many workshops, business sessions, and social activities, fully participating in each event.

Plagiarism is back in the spotlight.

Be certain:

- That you have permission to use any person's name, photo, or contact info in anything you do or your chapter does.
- Fill out a current Media Permission Form online or obtain written permission or an email that allows you to use the info.
- Watch particularly for online pictures, logos (even from DKG), and what might look like a common knowledge statement or quote. Not so. Written permission may be needed.
- Review the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (online).
- Review DKG suggestions at www.dkg.org under Resources, then Logos, then Graphics Guidelines.
- Use the right sources and check the requirements for giving credit, cost to use, "free" with strings, or again, written permission needed.
- If it's old and you have used it before, don't use it again until you check.
- Fines for plagiarism of written works, music, photos, art, blueprints, designs, and much more are enormous--and ignorance is not an excuse.
- Just like in the movies, robots are online, searching to see if you have used copyrighted material without permission.

It's not the old days anymore.

FALL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

One scholarship was awarded this fall, going to **Stevie Viaene**, Beta Beta. She had received a Personal Enrichment Commemorative Scholarship last spring but had to return it because her dog was injured and was unable to



participate in the agility competition. "Bandit" (below) is pulling a long fishing net.



Another opportunity became available for later this summer, so Stevie reapplied and was approved. She received \$968.30 to participate in a national specialty competition of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America. She entered both her experienced dog and a new puppy in events which took place in Albany and at Dexter Reservoir between Aug. 24 and Sept. 1.

"Puppy" (left) at 8 months is bigger than Bandit. "He gets his 'show dog' grooming this week, but now is a big mop," says Stevie.

US FORUM – MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND INFO

Nancy Sheng, US Forum NW Representative

Here is a timely article that aligns with the DKG Resolution on Mental Health for teachers and support staff. As teachers return to the classrooms soon, please forward to your chapters and members. Links to many helpful resources are included.

https://www.common sense media.org/kids-action/articles/this-back-to-school-its-time-to-talk-teacher-mental-health?j=9431437&sfmc_sub=228146132&l=2048712_HTML&u=222192113&mid=6409703&jb=21&utm_source=edu_nl_2023.8.15&utm_medium=email

Save the Date: March 10-13, 2024, for the National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC, where DKG members receive training and then visit with and lobby their congressional representatives! Planning is underway and more information will be coming soon!

I hope your summer break has been rejuvenating! Enjoy these last days of your summer!

COMMITTEE CORNER
Featuring tidbits for your info.

Educational Excellence & Leadership Development

Brenda Jensen, Chair, Alpha/2
bcjdkg@gmail.com

Hello Sisters,

As EEC chair I will share the committee's ideas and happenings this biennium. Among state committees, the Educational Excellence / Leadership Development Committee is the least defined.

I have listed the elements under **The Umbrella of EEC:**

- Leadership Development
- Legislation
- Programs
- Projects
- Supporting Early Career Educators
- The Arts
- UN/CTAUN
- UNICEF/USA
- US Forum

Communications & Technology

Kate Kelleher, Chair
katekelleher4@gmail.com

This committee met in August, focusing on ways to support chapter communications—with each other, with the State leadership team and with their local schools and colleges. The committee is updating posters, postcards, and brochures for chapter use. We decided to create an OSO Facebook^(R) page that will link to Instagram^(R). Watch for a Chapter Contact list, coming soon! Our next meeting is set for September 20 at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Contact me if you have questions or comments for this committee.

- Communications of all types
- Marketing
- Social Media Issues
- The New Oregon Trail
- Website

General Awards Committee
Co-Chairs:

Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon/5 and
Sandy Watts, Alpha Omicron/4

Appointed by the OSO President, the committee oversees recognition awards for individual members, nonmembers, and chapters. Awards granted include:

- Chapter Awards – Order of the Rose and Rosette Awards
- Longevity Awards – 25 and 50 years of membership
- Service Achievement Awards – Service to Community, Service to Education, and Service to the Society
- Recognition of Advanced Degrees or National Board Certification
- OSO Certificate of Appreciation

Celebrate your chapter's accomplishments with a Rosette or **Order of the Rose Award**. Appoint a member to print the easy-to-use record keeping form. Track chapter programs and Society involvement each month. It can steer your chapter toward recognition and celebration at our 2025 convention. The form is on the Oregon DKG website: www.dkgoregon.com, then > Resources > Forms > State Awards > Rosette and Order of the Rose Requirements & Form. Complete it and send it to your District Coordinator by March 31.

Recognize a deserving member with a **State Service Achievement Award**. The form for nominating a member for these prestigious awards is also on the State Website > Resources > State Awards > Oregon DKG Achievement Awards nomination form. It's due to a Co-Chair by March 31.

OSO Scholarships

Christine Luehring, Chair, Lambda/3

1. **Hazel Fishwood:** for pursuit of a postdoctoral degree, pursuit of a doctoral degree, pursuit of a master's degree, a postdoctoral study, a doctoral study, a master's study, a general graduate study.
2. **Emma Henkle:** for graduate study, preferably in the field of language arts and possibly including multiple languages.
3. **State Founders and State Presidents:** for candidates pursuing graduate studies.
4. **Isabelle Huston Commemorative:** for graduate study, special certification, and studies or projects advancing educational excellence.
5. **Personal Enrichment Commemorative:** for short-term programs such as Roads Scholars or similar study groups, workshops, seminars, conferences, and non-credit courses that will aid in personal growth.

Applications and details about available scholarships are on the State website. For more info, contact Chris Luehring at cluehrin@epud.net or cluehring@gmail.com. **The next applications are due Dec. 1.** The Scholarship Committee continues to work on revising and updating forms and procedures. If you would like to join the committee, contact Chris or President Darlene Cook.

More committee summaries will appear in the Winter Trail.

REVISED Budget after changes recommended at 2023 Oregon State Convention

OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION OPERATING FUND 2023-24

ESTIMATED INCOME

ACTIVE MEMBERS	350 @ 24.00	\$8,400
RESERVE MEMBERS	50 @ 14.00	\$700
CONVENTION TRAIL FEE & INSURANCE		\$125
CARRY OVER		\$6,400
TOTAL INCOME		\$15,625.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

OFFICERS//SPECIAL PERSONNEL 5000

5001 PRESIDENT	2,775
5002 VICE-PRESIDENT	1,035
5003 SECRETARY	375
5004 PARLIAMENTARIAN	200
5005 TREASURER	725
5006 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	690
5007 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	375
SUB-TOTAL	\$6,175.00

STANDING COMMITTEES 5100

5111	
5112	
5113 FINANCE	460
5114 MEMBERSHIP/EXPANSION	900
5115 NOMINATIONS	200
5116 BYLAWS/STANDING RULES	200
5117 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE/Leadership	1,350
5118 COMMUNICATIONS	200
5119 MUSIC REPRESENTATIVE	200
5120A GENERAL AWARDS	200
5120B SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS	200
5121 DISTRICT COORDINATORS	
5121A DISTRICT 1	200
5121B DISTRICT 2	200
5121C DISTRICT 3	200
5121D DISTRICT 4	200
5121E DISTRICT 5	200
5121F DISTRICT 6	200
SUB-TOTAL	\$5,110.00

BUSINESS EXPENSES 5200

5210 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	400
5220 AWARDS (service necklace)	400
5231 BUSINESS FEES: financial review, etc	600
5232 THE NEW OREGON TRAIL	
5232A PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION	800
5232B EDITOR	400
5233 WEBMASTER	200
5260 COURTESIES	40
5280 CONTINGENCY FUND	1,500
SUB-total	<u>\$4,340.00</u>

BUDGET TOTAL

\$15,625.00

- The mileage reimbursement for 2023-2024 is 30 cents per mile until the line is zero.
- The annual Chapter Treasurer’s Bonding Fee is \$10.00.
- Biennium dues for the State are \$24.00 Active and \$14.00 for Reserved.
- Collegiate member turned active member will have their first year’s membership paid by the state. (\$64.00 from the Presidents and Founders Fund interest)

UPDATE ON ALPHA RHO FOUNDATION : July 2023

Thank you to all who have given to the cause! We have given out four (4) grants so far in 2023:

1. Duniway Middle School to help with a “Wellness chair” purchase. (\$1,000.00)
2. Elgin Grade School to buy special reading cards for the third grade. (\$ 450.00)
3. Lambda Chapter for their non-member grants to university students. (\$1,000.00)
4. Janica Nowak to help Melanie buy supplies for her service dog. (\$1,000.00)

The Foundation is making money for grants by a \$15,000 CD making 4% and by investing a gift of \$30,000 from a past member Elizabeth J. Oren’s estate. This investment should make 4% as well.

Revenue –

Donations from individuals and fundraisers -	\$3,380.00
OSO Investment interest of 1% -	\$5,774.00
• Total -	\$9,154.00

Expenses –

• Mailing, brochures, governmental fees, and supplies -	\$1,048.00
• Grants fund distributed -	\$3,450.00
• Total -	\$4,498.00

ARF is a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. EIN # 85-3550647

Donations are tax deductible.

WHICH OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES WILL YOUR CHAPTER SUPPORT THIS BIENNIUM?

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SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Since that time, members have donated approximately \$445,134.90 since the inception of the partnership with UNICEF USA. Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including 21 countries: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters.

READ MORE: https://www.dkg.org/DKGS/About/Key_Initiatives/Schools_for_Africa/DKGS/About_Us/Schools_for_Africa.aspx?hkey=f4325e82-a450-41da-a5fc-87321a3b9536

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DKG & THE UNITED NATIONS

Beginning in 1995, DKG has played an instrumental role as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with the United Nations Department of Public Information. In addition, the Society was also granted Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 2003. What does it mean to be granted Consultative Sta-

tus? These are Organizations that can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Council that they have substantive and sustained contributions to make for the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations. They are NGO's that are closely involved with the economic and social life of the peoples of the areas they represent and whose membership is broadly representative of major segments of society in a large number of countries in different regions of the world. These organizations are known as organizations in General Consultative Status. This in, and, of itself fulfills the seventh Society Purpose: To inform members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

CTAUN

Most of the Society's NGO representatives are also involved with The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), an organization made up of representatives from a variety of NGOs with an interest in education. CTAUN provides educators opportunities to learn about the United Nations and its work. Through events and resources available on the website, CTAUN assists teach

READ MORE: https://www.dkg.org/DKGS/About/Key_Initiatives/DKG_UN/DKGS/About_Us/DKG_UN_Relationship.aspx?hkey=0f187521-ef8b-4d19-97c3-0abd09d08349

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SEE: SUPPORT FOR EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS

In order to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and strengthen our Society, the Educational Excellence Committee

established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City.

SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as

- giving support for phone calls and visits,
- helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,
- offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and
- providing support in appropriate and practical ways.

Start supporting early-career educators in your community today! Get a list of new teachers/educators from your local school district and list of student teachers in your area to support.

READ MORE https://www.dkg.org/DKGS/About/Key_Initiatives/Supporting_Early_Career_Educators/DKGS/About_Us/Support_for_Early_Career_Educators.aspx?hey=42f2d78d-0b40-405a-b3d4-e01b0c9aec1e

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UNITED STATES FORUM

It is important that all U.S. members become active and involved in the efforts of the U.S. Forum. Each Society member in the United States is a member of the U.S. Forum at chapter and state levels and when attending International Conventions or Conferences. The Forums are structured to enable US members--that's YOU!-- to identify and select major educational issues upon which official U.S. Forum

action could be taken. At national, state, and chapter levels, it serves as a venue where members may participate to make the purposes of the Society come to fruition through action.

Mission Statement of the United States Forum

The United States Forum seeks to serve the interests of members which reflect the purposes and mission of the Society. Emphasis is on sharing information and ideas which explore solutions to common problems.

READ MORE <https://dkgusforum.org/>

5 NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

When? March 10-13, 2024
SAVE THE DATE!!

Where? Arlington, Virginia

How? Registration information on U. S. Forum website at dkgusforum.org

What? All new and exciting! Mark your calendars. Plan to attend. Learn to be an advocate, how to make connections on Capitol Hill and much more. dkgusforum.org will keep you informed. Or use the Take Action button or contact us for more information. Join DKG Key Women Educators for speakers, tours, a day on Capitol Hill and networking with legislators

Who? All U.S. members

OUR PORTLAND ROSIE CONVENTION EXCEEDED OUR WILDEST DREAMS !!

Dr. Yvonne Fasold, a Rosebud



14 of the 15 Rosies present. Photo by Jan Davis

We honored the Rosies for four days and did a really good job of it. The Rose Festival Foundation created a spectacular float and invited the Rosies to a reception where they announced that the Rosies were the Grand Marshals of the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade! The Boeing Company sponsored our float and current Boeing workers walked in the parade with us. The parade route was lined with people cheering. Waving, and thanking our WWII Rosies for their service.

Nita Eggers (98) and Clarice LaFreniere (101) were the Rosies we met at our OSO Conference in Independence. They were both featured in special interviews! Clarice worked as a welder in Portland, so a local TV station did a pre-Rose Festival interview with her to explain the role of women in wartime production. Clarice was also featured in the Rose Festival Souvenir Program. Nita had worked as a riveter and buckler at Boeing in Seattle, so the Boeing camera crew interviewed her before the parade started, then took photos during the parade.

In all, 15 World War II Rosies attended, ages 94-101, which is an incredible turnout of World War II women workers. Family and friends shared the excitement with them. Two Rosies had five generations of family present! At our Friday open house, the room was packed as convention participants and the community honored our Rosies, gave them gifts, and took photos.

There must have been four TV channels there. That room was filled with enough electricity to power most of the universe!

Saturday night, we honored the Rosies by introducing each one and telling what she did during the war. On Sunday, we shared activities from around the nation and were inspired at our Memorial Service. Our "grand finale" was a champagne brunch cruise on the Willamette River aboard the Portland Spirit. It was an exhilarating weekend! We thank all who remember, honor, and are inspired by our World War II women home front workers.



Grand Marshals of the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade! Riding on the Boeing-sponsored float.

Top: *Photo by Stephen Dipaola, Boeing*

Bottom: *Photo by Amy Frazier*

DKG was so honored to have two of these women visit with us and share their stories at convention 2023. That was a very special treat.

FUN AND FUNDS FOR THE FOUNDATION

Beta Beta Education Foundation – Women Who Wine for Education

June 22, 2023, was BBEF's initial wine social fundraising event, *Women Who Wine for Education*, but men were invited, too! The two-hour event was held in the lovely Nathman Building at Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego. It was a success! Guests really enjoyed themselves, and we raised about \$8,000! After expenses, we expect to net about \$6,000. As Grace Pitzer and Eloise Gibson are residents, we were able to use this venue at no cost. Grace was pivotal in securing the location and being the liaison between the organizing committee and Mary's Woods. Thanks so much, Grace!

Why a new fundraiser? After members expressed concern over our ability to continue with a summer garage sale, the Beta Beta/BBEF fundraising committee sought a new event. Sandy Barnik told us about the McMinnville Soroptimists' Women Who Wine fundraiser. In 2022 Catie Thurber-Brown, Fundraising chair, proposed that BBEF do a similar event. The motion was accepted, so Pam Culp and Catie Thurber-Brown went on a recognizance mission, attending McMinnville's event in October 2022. The Soroptimists were generous in sharing ideas on how they do tickets sales and their check-in process. Catie (above) then began planning.



By April, major jobs were filled. Dana Murphy designed our flyer and tickets; Susan Scharf designed the brochure and arranged printing. Eloise Gibson ran ticket sales; Sandy Barnik organized the guest check-in. Nancy Lewis procured the wine. Kim Brown, Donna Krauthoefer, and Donna's daughter Alyssa volunteered to be wine pourers. Connie Gillespie and Pam Culp created the décor and food presentation. To add to our potential profits Nona Hoffinger and Sherrie James

coordinated the raffle items, Pam Kenyon prepared the blind wine pull (gift-wrapped bottles of red and white wine at two price points), and Pam Culp created centerpieces featuring bottles of wine for sale. We sold four "larger-ticket items" in a live auction, with Nancy Lewis as auctioneer and Sharon Kabusreiter helping spot bids. Stevie Viaene coordinated door prizes, many made by Joyce Brantley, and Pam Rostron distributed them.



Jo Ann Brinkman's jazz trio—Equinox—provided entertainment, adding to the ambiance of the evening. Barb Fuson, as Emcee, kept the evening moving. Grace Pitzer and Barb Fuson created a BBEF PowerPoint (see above) that we can use again at



coming fundraisers. Grace also designed reusable parking signs and ran the AV and the dishwasher.

Many thanks to Barbara Mills and Carol Swain for their help and "Tea" experience. The menu planning committee included Catie Thurber-Brown, Pam Culp, Connie Gillespie, and Nancy Lewis. They worked with Kim Brown, Sharon Kabusreiter, and Donna Krauthoefer who prepared food for the event.

It takes many people to make such an event happen. I am grateful for everyone who said "Yes!" when asked to help and who worked hard to make the event such a success. Our plans are

to repeat this event every other year, alternating with our Spring Tea.

Catie Thurber-Brown



**Barb Fuson,
Emcee, at
work**

**Eloise Gibson, Sandy Barnik, and
Jennifer Atwood welcome guests**



**Pam Culp and Connie Gillespie in
front of buffet.**



**Donna Krauthoefer and Kim Brown
at wine pour table.**



LAMBDA SELECTS 2023 -24 GRANT-IN-AID RECIPIENTS

Camille Ronzio
(edited—Marie)

It is my pleasure to introduce three amazing women who personify what education should be. They bring to future classrooms and children a sense of culture, hope, and ambition. These women possess skills that are critically needed in classrooms today. They represent programs of study at Portland State University, the University of Oregon, and Pacific University. Lambda Chapter proudly earned and contributed \$1,500 to each, resulting in another wonderful year of support for women in education.

Valeria

Cortes: Valeria immigrated to the United States. As she did not graduate from an Oregon school, she must pay out-of-state tuition to attend the University of Oregon. Because of her family's immigration status, she does not qualify for financial aid. She expressed gratitude for our help, as her family is working hard to fund her education, and she does not know if there will be enough money to complete her degree.



“Throughout my time as an undergraduate, I have been able to put into practice my learning into the classroom with my field experience and jobs as a student and lead teacher at Vivian Olum, a child development center on campus, and Early Years, a daycare from back home. For my field experience, I chose a bilingual elementary school called El Camino where I was able to immerse myself in a culturally responsive classroom. This experience touched my heart because of the depth of positive classroom culture that was built upon the environment and the

diversity that was dispersed around the classroom. This connection between my field experience and my story focused my attention more toward building future culturally responsive and sustaining classrooms in which all students are seen and educated to be lifelong learners and critical thinkers. I am enthusiastic about working with children.”

Mariarosa Fabian Alviso:

Mariarosa has been a Spanish/English interpreter / translator, family advocate and educator. During her 20-year career, she developed skills and exemplified values which made an impact on minority groups she served by using networking and partnerships. She has two children in college as well as a 12-year-old and now is completing her own certification. Her work experience and classes she is taking make her an outstanding grant-in-aid winner.

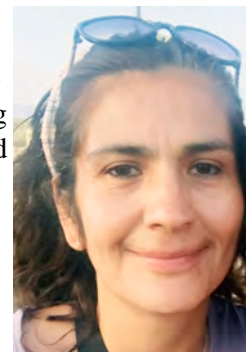


“As an educator it is my right and responsibility to provide an educational experience for students and their families that is culturally and linguistically relevant. I am currently pursuing a Reading Intervention Endorsement, and my goal is to create a literacy curriculum for English learners. English learners are the fastest growing population; as of 2020 over five million English learners attended public schools. Spanish-speaking students represent over 80% of the second-language-learner population, yet only 3- to 4% of teachers are certified to work with ESL students. Our students also represent high numbers in the drop-out-of-school statistics. As a multicultural and bilingual educator, I plan to implement a thoughtful and relevant literacy curriculum that is specifically

tailored for multilingual students, one that would use native language skills and rich cultural backgrounds, so these students can thrive in school.”

Yadira Flores:

Yadira currently serves as the assistant for the McKenney Vento program, working with marginalized and homeless families in the Bethel School District (Northwest Eugene). She supports three children and is working hard to complete her education to better provide for them. Yadira balances a full-time job in the Bethel School District, care of her family, and college classes. She returned to school after 20 years away. As Yadira commented, “I am taking classes to better work with students and families. I enjoy helping and supporting our students and families and assisting them to get resources they need.”



Her reference says, “Ms. Flores is a hardworking and dependable individual who is always looking for ways to help the community and people around her. She is thoughtful, caring, and committed to making this world a better place. Her compassion for others provided opportunities to work with students and families that are struggling, be it financially or in other ways, by connecting them with community resources or organizations that to meet their needs. She uses her bilingual skills to help migrant / immigrant families navigate the systems which may be new to them. She works as a mentor and resource for these families.”

CHAPTER CHATTER (2023-24)

District 1

Zeta (Union County): Three words come to mind as summer winds down and fall is on its way. They are *rewarding, anticipation, and reflection*.

We had the rewarding opportunity to see performances by the OHYA. (Opera House Youth Actors.) Zeta met some of these children when they presented Zeta's May program. OHYA is a team of competitive youth actors, affiliated with the Elgin Opera House, who want an intensive theater experience.

This year Zeta members anticipate being part of a mentoring process for all beginning teachers who are starting their careers in Union County. Each will be offered a Zeta Chapter mentor to help them over those bumps that always appear.

As summer ends, take some time for reflection. Keep in mind how the sun shines as you wake up and how you feel when your grandkids or friends come to visit; enjoy day trips or vacations. Zucchini must be made into bread; there's swimming in the pool, creek, or river. Buy and delight in a Hermiston watermelon, Read. Appreciate that last visit, picnic, or watermelon before the leaves turn and school buses run. As teachers, even retired, thoughts of a new school year are invigorating. There are new ideas and the privilege of touching lives of a new group of students. It seems summer flew by 'way too fast.

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): We held a yard sale fundraiser this summer. Our Friday and Saturday event netted us enough to fund our teacher grants in the upcoming year. Yahoo!

We have been working hard to recruit new members. It looks like we will be welcoming a transfer member to our

chapter. We are busy planning our next year's programs for our Monday night meetings. Alpha members will be



Joanne Skinner (R) and Bonita Fillmore (L): Ready to take dollars!

assisting Brenda Jensen in local needs for our 2024 Conference here in Klamath Falls at the Running Y Resort. Hope you plan to come next May! It will be loads of fun!

Omega (Josephine Co.): Chapter officers met on August 8 to discuss and set up activities for the coming year. A partial schedule was designed, to be filled in by members at a "Meet and Greet" on September 19.

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Lambda's annual yard sale was held at Marj Maxwell's home August 5. Proceeds will be added to our Jule Crume Memorial Grant fund, which is used to support women working toward their teaching certificates. This year we earned over \$900 from the yard sale.

A lovely Celebration of Life was held Aug. 20 for Beverly Emmons (p. 13)

Karen Olsen and Jeanette Engel are preparing for The Non-Stop Players' upcoming fund-raising performance. Their Destinies and Destinations Concert will take place at The Wildish Theater in Springfield on Oct. 7. It will be jam-packed with a combination of well-known comedic and dramatic songs and dances representing many musicals throughout the decades. All are rooted in American dreams and desires of special places. There will be a silent auction as well as a raffle for tickets to their winter production of Oklahoma! Tickets are on sale at The Wildish.

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): We took the summer off!

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem/Marion Co., Polk Co., Lincoln Co.) Almost everyone in our chapter met on August 14 for a planning social. The AC was on, and we had cool drinks. After catching up on summer fun, we mapped out most of our year's work, decided on chapter projects, and celebrated being together again. Our group (below):

Our projects are moving smoothly to add community support through our Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit donations (new books) and contributions



to Salem for Refugees (a "Welcome Baby" Kit). Chapter members helped register kids (0-5) for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. In August, we donated school supplies to CASA for foster children. A collection for the Mary Lynn Morgan Early Career Educator Library award awaits information from Shirley Lomax on logistics.

Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Psi Chapter met in Lincoln City at the home of Roberta Hutton for some summer planning. Our hostess provided a wonderful seafood salad lunch. Attending members brought supplies to donate to the Lincoln County School Supply program. It was wonderful to see everyone after summer break.

Our annual dictionary donation program continues this year. As in the past, we will provide Spanish/ English dictionaries to all third graders at Echo Shaw Elementary School in Cornelius. We are adding third grade classrooms at Joseph Gale Elementary in Forest

Grove. We deliver the dictionaries in early fall so students can make use of their books all year. The members who deliver dictionaries teach a short lesson to each classroom. A second project is continuing our support of homeless youth at Homeplate in Beaverton. In October, we meet at their new location to discuss plans to support them for the coming year.

Psi is happy to add our new collegiate member, **Jordyn Krake**. She is currently completing graduate studies at Pacific University. Jordan is a grateful recipient of the Edith Green Grant from Oregon DKG as well as a scholarship from Psi Chapter.

Pictured from the left: Donalene Biller, Kelly McIntyre, Katherine Warrior. Right: Sue Pass, Roberta Hutton, Anne Kingsley Beeson, Bertha Haas



Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):

Literacy: Our Literacy Committee placed a new Little Free Library, and Joanne Brinkman and her husband painted the benches beside it. Calling all books! Another action item of our literacy committee is distribution of dictionaries to third graders. This year, they will go to schools in Sherwood in October.

Fundraisers: (1) The “Women Who Wine” event met with great reviews and was successful. We look forward to doing it again in two years. (2) In 2024, we will host our Spring Tea, another major event and FUNdraiser. Watch for the opportunity to buy your ticket. (3) The chapter issued checks to recipients of our Beta Beta Education Foundation Margaret Nielsen financial award. They are future Oregon educators who are upper division and graduate level students. (4) July was our yearly garage sale. Thanks to all who participated either by donation, publi-

cation of the event, or being present to help customers. Another success!

Planning: Beta Beta’s Executive Board held their retreat in August. It was fun, filled with plans, sharing of ideas, and a review of what we accomplished last year. We began charting 2023-24: Ignite, Connect, Belong. A takeaway: Begin to mentor members so they feel qualified to serve in an officer position for the chapter. Our Community Service committee will focus on providing necessary items to foster care children. Each month we will donate items to a select age group.

District 6

Chi (Clackamas): Chi mourns the loss of long-time member Pat Howard. (See page 15) after a fall in June.

Alpha Phi (Clackamas Co.): Our first meeting of 2023-24 was “picture perfect.” We met in our hostess’ spacious backyard, overlooking the Willamette River, which sparkled in that evening and was dotted by boats, skiers, and docks that swayed with the current. Trees cast silvery reflections, making a lovely setting.

Our meeting, planned by our Membership Committee, focused on interactive activity to become better acquainted by being in small groups to discuss several questions pertaining to our personal and professional lives.



Questions were placed in handmade origami boxes given to each member. We drew numbers and met with member(s) whose numbers corresponded with our own. Groups (below) had

time to ask and respond to questions from our boxes. (Below)



It was fascinating that we shared similar responses! For example, two in the one group shared that, as kids, they attended lab schools on a college campus in different states, and both expressed what a solid education they received. Three members discovered that each grew up with three brothers! A member attended a multi-cultural high school, and it had a positive effect on her own teaching.

Each person brought a picture of herself as a baby or young child. The committee mounted them on a display, and members attempted to guess the identity of each. At the “reveal,” each member explained the significance of her photo and when and where it was taken. That was an interesting and challenging activity!



A highlight of our short business meeting was that we unanimously approved a generous contribution to DKG OSO Foundation for distribution as needed . . . with special thanks to the Elsie Clements Scholarship Funds that we

received three years ago from the aunt of a member.

We were treated to a stellar sunset, then a brisk wind caused branches on the huge oak tree (our shelter for our meeting) to sway briskly: our “cue” to adjourn and return home with fond memories of time with our Alpha Phi sisters.

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla): Beta Gamma invited our Teacher Grant recipients to the May dinner meeting. The program included reports by the recipients on how they will use their grants. Our winning recipients are:

- Kendall Krage from Clarks Elementary in Molalla. The funds will be used to repair musical instruments and purchase bongo drums.
- Christie Lee from Clarks Elementary in Molalla. Christie is purchasing a reading specialist classroom easel.
- Amy Modric Trost from Lee Elementary in Canby is purchasing art books.
- Jackie Anderson from Mulino Elementary in Molalla will buy 5th grade materials to help her students comply with Spanish benchmark projects
- Melany Mayuiers and Eric Heinsoo at Mulino Elementary in Molalla will use their funds for 4th grade Artist-in-Residence materials.

The May meeting was also the perfect time to present **Carol Stanfield** with her 25-year pin and certificate! Congratulations, Carol!

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Darlene's Schedule Fall 2023		
Date	Event	Site
9/11	NW Presidents	Zoom
9/18	Zeta Chapter	Island City
9/20	State Communication /Technology	Zoom
9/30	State Membership	Zoom
10/4	Iota Chapter	Milton-Freewater
10/7	Dsts. 4-5-6 Meeting	Lake Oswego
10/9	NW Presidents	Zoom
10/13	Dst. 1 Meeting	Union
10/19	Beta Gamma Chapter	Canby
10/21	Dsts. 2 & 3 Meeting	Grants Pass/Zoom
11/6	Alpha Epsilon Chapter	Salem
11/13	NW Presidents	Zoom
12/11	NW Presidents	Zoom