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Achievement Award Recipient Suzanne Ritter

Suzanne Ritter, Beta Lambda Chapter, is the 2021 OSO Achievement Award recipient.

Suzanne has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 35 years and immediately following initiation, began serving her chapter. She served twice as president and has held numerous other offices and both chaired and served on committees fulfilling responsibilities every year since her initiation. Additionally, she has initiated and implemented many projects.

Three years after initiation, Suzanne began her service to Oklahoma State Organization, serving on numerous committees, presenting workshops and training and participating in leadership seminars. She has served as chairman of world fellowship, nominations, communications, personal growth and services, professional affairs, bylaws and finance committees. She has held the offices of 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, and corresponding secretary. Her service to OSO has been continuous through every year until 2021. What an outstanding service record.

Our recipient has participated in 30+ state conferences and con-



President (2019-2021) Belinda Clift, award recipient Suzanne Ritter and Past President and achievement award committee chair Sherry Whisler, congratulate Suzanne on her achievement.

ventions and numerous seminars and board meetings. On the international level, she has attended more than 10 conventions and regional meetings. Not only is she good with numbers, but she also is a songbird who sings every year in state and international choirs.

Before her retirement, Suzanne actively served in both local and state professional organizations. Her community of Poteau is fortunate to have her as a resident as she continually contributes and strives to make it a better

place. Additionally, she is very active in her church, teaching and serving in many capacities.

It is quite evident that our 2021 Achievement Award recipient promotes Delta Kappa Gamma at every opportunity and mentors many of our members and leaders as well. She is truly an involved person and never just a member of any group; she always puts forth her best effort. She fully epitomizes an outstanding Delta Kappa Gamma member who “never says no,” and achieves at the ultimate level.

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Lori's Letters



Dear OSO Sisters,

It is with great pride that I draft this first letter for *The Lighthouse*. This is going to be an amazing biennium, and I'm glad that you'll be a part of it.

My theme for this year is **The Gifts of DKG**. There are so many opportunities throughout our society: scholarship, publishing, travel, discounts, recognitions, and networking. Give the gift of membership to other professional

women educators.

We had a wonderful Executive Board meeting in September. Twenty-four ladies attended in person and nine more via Zoom. I felt the meeting was successful, and we made some preliminary plans for this first year.

Diane Lasse has reported our Society numbers. **Oklahoma has 414 Active members, 37 Reserve members, 11 chapter honorary and 10 state honorary member — for a total of 472.** There are some with dues yet to be paid, so please reach out to those sisters and remind them to submit their dues.

International has begun a Centennial Campaign to bring attention and recognition to 100 years as a society. Please visit the website (www.dkg.org) to watch the decade video posted. A new decade video will be released every year until 2029.

International also set a goal of 200,000 members worldwide. Let's embrace their motto "**Each One Reach One**" and let us do

our part to reach that goal.

If I may assist you or your chapter, please feel free to reach out to me.

Most Sincerely,
Lori

Finding New Members

Where can you find new members? Here are the ABC's of it...

- A**-Administrators, Adjunct professors
- B**-Business employees responsible for training
- C**-College instructors, classroom teachers, education consultants, charter schools
- D**-Department leaders of Church schools
- E**-Education Department employees
- I**-Instructional Aides
- N**-Nursery school teachers
- P**-Private tutors, para-professionals, private school teachers, preschool teachers
- T**-Trade school instructors, teacher training educators

DKGSI: **Award Concepts – Our Society Jeweler**



Have you had a chance to order from Award Concepts? An online shopping store found on the DKG website, Award Concepts has been in business since 1985 and is a leading designer of successful employee and organization engagement programs and products.

If you have been to an international convention, you probably have seen the Award Concepts booth. They design our convention pins and so much more for our organization. They have been a long-time partner of DKG.

When you log in as a member to the DKG website—www.dkg.org—choose **DKG store > shop now**. Award Concepts is listed on that page. Take a minute and look at all the branded products that have been designed for Delta Kappa Gamma. Check out the new bangle bracelets, too. Ordering is easy via the order form provided on the website.

After looking over the items, if you have suggestions for new products that you would like to see in the online store or have questions about Award Concepts, contact Headquarters. You can also talk to the representatives at convention and offer your suggestions.

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Debbie Schimmer

State Chapter Service

Award Recipient

Debbie Schimmer, Beta Beta Chapter, is the 2020 the OSO Chapter Service Award. She models the importance of not only chapter membership but chapter participation as well. She has served her chapter as treasurer, corresponding secretary, parliamentarian, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president and president. She also chaired many committees for her chapter and attended OSO training over the years to learn from and to help others with chapter duties.

Debbie was a leader in her school district. Not only was she Teacher of the Year at two different schools where she taught, but she was District Teacher of the

Year, too.

Additionally, she has served on community committees in the city where she lives, even serving as president of the Foundation for Excellence. She has been an active member of her church for forty years where she is involved with the Women's Bible Study and, not surprisingly, teaches Children's Sunday School.

Since she became a Delta Kappa Gamma member in 1977, she has served not only her chapter, but the Oklahoma State Organization as well. She has served on the education excellence committee, communications and publicity committee,

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Debbie Schimmer, center, receives OSO Chapter Achievement Award from **Alice Petit**, previous award recipient, as **President Belinda Clift** joins in congratulations.



GetConnected!

MARKETING STRATEGIES RESOURCE

At the recent Portland and San Antonio DKG Conferences, attendees had the opportunity to participate in an International C&M session. One outcome of the sessions is a marketing strategies resource developed by the committee using input from attendees.

The [International Marketing Strategies Resource](#) is to launch membership wide by September 30, 2021.

The chart includes initial and follow-up marketing strategies which are further divided into thematic categories.

The resource is designed to be dynamic as it includes a section for members to offer “outcomes” for strategies that are implemented.

Using the Google link, members can review strategies and make “comments” using the “suggesting” editing feature. Commenters are asked to include their name, state, and email address along with their feedback. Comments will be “accepted” into the document once reviewed by the C&M Committee.

The resource and the Marketing Plan model presented at conference are available by contacting the International C&M Committee and will be available on the DKG website.

Creating a marketing plan implementing strategy ideas is a first step toward attracting potential members.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Communications & Marketing Modules and Regional Roundtables

In response to the International Communications and Marketing Survey conducted fall 2020, the International Communications and Marketing Committee (C&M) is taking a different approach to “training” by offering virtual C&M Modules and Regional Roundtables.

Acknowledging that each DKG member is responsible for communications and marketing within and beyond the Society, the purpose of these opportunities is to provide DKG members tools that enable them to “market” the Society through personalization, DKG media (publications, websites, social media, etc.), and the use of effective strategies.

International C&M modules, open to all DKG members, will be conducted over the next six months through Zoom. Links will be posted on the DKG International website, within timely publications, and offered by regional members of the International C&M Committee.

C&M Modules open to all members – Mark your calendars!

- ◆ October 16 @11:00 CST – *Capitalizing on the DKG Brand*
Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
◆ <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84081561584?pwd=WjludkdI MUxzVldXM0RqZm1uam9mUT09>
Passcode: C&M2021
- ◆ November 20 @11:00 CST - *Enhancing Communication Tools...Newsletters, Websites, Brochures*
◆ <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83431416233?pwd=Yi8xMUVpS DdVT1FFb2lsU05WeVI4dz09>
Passcode: C&M2021
- ◆ January 29 @11:00 CST- *Maximizing Social Media...Digital Newsletters, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter*
- ◆ March 5 @11:00 CST- *Copyright, Fair Use, and Public Domain-Information for All*

Regional Roundtables, designed for webmasters, editors and C&M committee chairs, will be hosted by regional members of the International C&M Committee and links to Zoom meetings will be provided by the hosts. Persons interested in attending a regional roundtable should contact regional committee members for further information.



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Population and Demographics of Active Generations

Maturists (pre1945)

Strengths — loyal, respectful, hard-working, dependable, prudent

Weaknesses – less tech savvy, prefer traditional ways

Baby Boomers (1946-1964)

Strengths – team players, strong mentors, committed to their roles

Weaknesses – competitive, prefer structure and discipline, often resist change

Generation X (1965-1980)

Strengths – ‘best overall workers,’ committed to work/life balance

Weaknesses – prefer to finish tasks quickly, less likely to speak up in disagreement

Millennials or Gen Y (1981-1997)

Strengths – work well independently, concerned with ethics and social responsibilities

Weaknesses – do not enjoy teamwork, weaker work ethic, impatient for growth

Gen Z or Centennials (1998-2010)

Strengths – tech savvy, ambitious, multitaskers

Weaknesses – prefer a realistic outlook, can be cynical, reliant on technology

Generation Alpha (2011-2025) They are the future DKG members!

Strengths and weaknesses to be determined.

What part will education have in determining these traits? Generalities are just that. Might there be much more to it than simply the year of one’s birth? Something to think about. Generational descriptions were combined from numerous resources.

Promoting DKG Visibility

Fall 2020, the International Communications and Marketing (C&M) Committee asked state C&M committee chairs how they promoted visibility of DKG to nonmembers. The answers included methods such as websites, newsletters, social media, public news articles, and DKG brochures. As a result of the data provided, the International C&M Committee invites you to explore alternate options for promoting DKG using electronic platforms that can appeal to all generations.

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Pinterest page](#)

Pinterest – This site is a resource for followers looking for personal and professional information. Refer non-members to this site as an additional resource, another way that DKG supports educators.

[DKG: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International YouTube channel](#)

YouTube – This site is a storehouse of sorts for DKG related videos. Refer nonmembers to this site as it offers current updates and programs, and showcases countless aspects of the Society overall.

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Facebook page](#)

*Hosted by DKG Staff

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International public group](#)

*Hosted by DKG members

Facebook – Social media is a marketing tool appreciated by all ages. Current trend is that Millennials and Centennials follow FB pages more heavily but will abandon quickly if a post opposes their views. Refer nonmembers to either site for fresh, timely, and applicable Society information.

[Delta Kappa Gamma Instagram](#)

Instagram – Social media sharing app that allows users to edit and share photos and videos to followers. Refer non-members to this site to offer them a visual snapshot into the Society.

[DKG: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International LinkedIn page](#)

LinkedIn – Often considered a “career-building” site but so much more. Refer nonmembers to this site as it explains what DKG is, it’s role in the education profession, and offers means for building a professional connection.

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Twitter page](#)

Twitter – Refer non-members here for the latest news and developments of the Society. Quick, easy, and “hot off the press” knowledge that can be used for marketing the Society.

What are we missing? Snapchat, Tumblr, WhatsApp, Reddit, and more are other social media, communication sites that are available. Consider your population as you explore and implement social media tools to communicate and market membership to non-members. Remember non-members are often prospective members, donors, and community affiliates.

Electronic platforms are listed in a similar order as the given generations. This information is based on reading articles, talking with persons from each generation, and personal experiences.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International May/June 2021

Scholarships Available



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

DO YOU HAVE MEMBERS PURSUING DEGREES?

There is money available from Oklahoma State Organization as well as International to help with expenses!

OKLAHOMA STATE ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIPS

- The application deadline for Oklahoma State Organization scholarships is **March 15**.
- Members who apply and are accepted will be awarded scholarships at the State Convention (odd years) or at the Leadership Conference (even years).
- To qualify for an Oklahoma State Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following requirements:
 1. Completed the second year as an active member when she applies for the scholarship.
 2. Be actively engaged in the field of education and planning to return to education. This does not include Enrichment Scholarship applicants.
- An individual may only receive one major scholarship (\$1500 or \$3000) in a 5-year period.

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

DKG annually offers scholarships to members of the Society to fulfill its fifth purpose, "To endow scholarships to aid out standing women educators in pursuing graduate study..."

Awards are made for the academic work during the period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Scholarships will not be awarded for work completed or degrees received prior to July 1, 2022.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS (from Standing Rule 13.62) The applicant is required to:

- Be an Active Member of the Society for a minimum of (3) years if pursuing doctoral studies, and be an active member of the Society for a minimum of (1) year at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies;
- Have completed a Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- As of the application due date **February 1**, be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree.
- Provide evidence of active participation and demonstrated leadership in the Society;
- Provide evidence of excellence in scholarship;
- Provide evidence of service to the community; and
- Be a first-time recipient of an international scholarship.



Linda C. Gunsaulis, Beta Mu, OSO Scholarship Chair
Harriett Webber, Rho
Janet Curtis, Eta
Kim Lucas, Alpha
Dr. Melissa Brevetti, Beta Xi
Hilda Martinez, Alpha



Calendar

DEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

DKG International Conventions

New Orleans, Louisiana
July 12-16, 2022

Future International Conferences

National Harbor, Maryland 2023
Aurora, Colorado 2023

OKLAHOMA EVENTS

Oklahoma State Organization Conference

Oklahoma City
June 3-4, 2022
Embassy Suites
1815 South Meridian



DKGIEF Cornet CIPD Applications
Cornet Individual Professional Development
November 1, 2021; May 1, 2022

DKGIEF Cornet CSPD Applications
Cornet Seminar Professional Development
November 1, 2021

All Treasurers to file IRS 990
November 15, 2021

Bulletin: *Collegial Exchange* submissions
December 15, 2021

DKG Ignite (LMS) application
December 15, 2021

Scholarship Application
February 1, 2022

Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
February 15, 2022

Debbie Schimmer

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leadership development committee, essay committee, and financial development committee. Over the years in a variety of different meetings, this woman has exemplified grace and poise as she calmly and pleasantly kept things moving forward. She has attended several regional and international conventions. In fact, in 2010 she was awarded the Woman of Vision and Action at the International Convention in Spokane, Washington.

A few years ago, she stepped

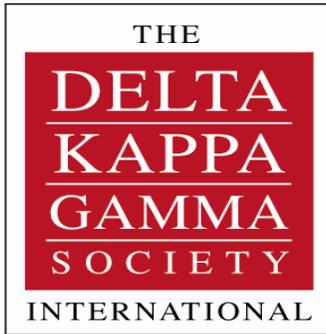
back from leadership responsibilities in the chapter and state organizations to care for her husband, whose health was declining. While she cared for her husband at home, she continued to send cards of encouragement to other chapter members and contributed to the chapter as her home responsibilities allowed. Clearly, she is a woman that thinks of and willingly serves others.

Known for her creativity, innovation, insight, and compassion, Debbie has given unselfish-

ly of her many talents to help her local chapter and OSO achieve higher standards. Leadership, dedication, mentorship, and service are among her greatest attributes. An active and loyal chapter member for forty-one years, Debbie is one of the first volunteers for an assignment, and she completes all tasks with determination and devotion while inspiring the same in others.

Beta Beta members consider Debbie the consummate DKG member.

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Newsletter Awards

2019-2020

EAST

- 1st Alpha.....Alice Petit
- 2nd Alpha Iota.....Opal Upshaw
- 3rd Nu.....Debbie Terronez

WEST

- 1st Beta Beta.....Kathy Davis
- 2nd Beta Mu.....Linda Gunsaulis
- 3rd Theta.....Janice Stinson

2020-2021

EAST

- 1st Alpha.....Alice Petit
- 2nd Nu.....Opal Upshaw
- 3rd Alpha Iota...Debbie Terronez

WEST

- 1st Beta Beta.....Beth Schieber
- 2nd Beta Mu.....Linda Gunsaulis

Dr. Michelle Smith Published in DKG Journal



Dr. Michelle Smith, Beta Eta Chapter member and an Associate Professor in the Department of Education at Cameron University in Lawton, co-authored the article “High Leverage Practices Create Transformative Learning Amid COVID-19” with fellow Cameron associate professor Sta-

cie Garrett.

The article is published in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin International Journal for Professional Educators*, Volume 87-5. You may find this article on the dkg.org website under publications, under publications—bulletin journal.

From the article description in the magazine: This article “contains research-based pedagogical methods designed to impact student achievement. Students connect to the learning and ultimately improve in their academic performance because learning is engaging. These practices are typically implemented in face-to-face classrooms; however, the pandemic of 2020 has challenged teachers to provide quality instruction through virtual classrooms. Many teachers feel unsure how to create the ideal learning environment because virtual

teaching and learning create new territory. With a little creativity, HLPs can be modified to fit any learning environment. This article provides specific resources and approaches to guide any teacher venturing into virtual learning.”

Dr. Smith has held the offices of president, vice president, and treasurer of **Beta Eta Chapter**. She earned her doctorate from Oklahoma State University (1999) in Curriculum and Instruction (Mathematics Education Emphasis) High Leverage Practices (HLPs).

She is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Oklahoma Educators Association and is currently the chapter advisor of Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association at Cameron University. A board member for the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association, Smith has served as chair of professional development.

Red and Gold

Red Chapter

Alpha.....Joann Rogers, President
 Nu.....Kay Morris, President
 Beta Nu.....Elayne Bowman, President
 Gamma Beta...Donna Talley, President

Gold Chapter

Beta Beta Mu.....Beth Schieber, President
 Beta MuLinda Gunsaulis, President

Creative Women of Oklahoma Award

The Creative Women of Oklahoma Award was created by Beth Schieber, Oklahoma State president 1995-1997. It has now evolved into the review of literary works of Oklahoma women in four areas: Children, Young Adult, Nonfiction or Poetry, and Illustrator. This year awards were presented in Children, Young Adult, and Illustrator categories.

The criteria for book review selection: the book is written or illustrated by a woman born in Oklahoma, a current resident of Oklahoma, or who has lived in Oklahoma; the year of publication is two years behind the year of review; and books must be suitable for classroom use. The books for this year's award were published in 2019. Nominations for review can be made by chap-

ters or individuals.

The review is completed by an appointed committee, composed of five women, three of whom are appointed each biennium. Each OSO president appoints three members to this committee for a term of four years. This year, the committee reviewed a total of sixty-two books. Included in this list were nineteen Children's books by fourteen authors, two Juvenile Fiction books by two authors, thirty-three Young Adult books by twenty-five authors, three Poetry books by three authors, and five books by five illustrators for Illustrator review. all award recipients, can now display the OSO Creative Women of Oklahoma's Seal on these 2021 award winning books.

Children

Buddy Bench by Gwendolyn Hooks, Oklahoma City

Young Adult

2Roam by C.H. Armstrong of Rochester, Minnesota, formerly of Canadian County, OK

Illustrator

Bear Is Awake! by Hannah E. Harrison, Ada.

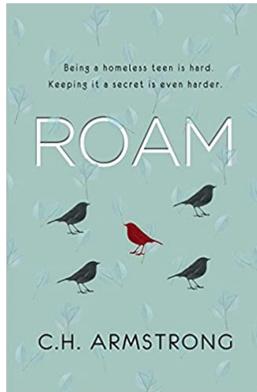
Books are continually being added to the review list. If you know of a book that fits the criteria and was published in 2020 or later, please contact Cynthia Adair, Chair, Creative Women of Oklahoma Committee, to submit the book for review.



Right: The Creative Women of Oklahoma committee chair, **Cynthia Adair**, presents the Illustrator's Award to **Hannah E. Harrison**, the author and illustrator of *Bear Is Awake*.



Creative Women of Oklahoma Continued

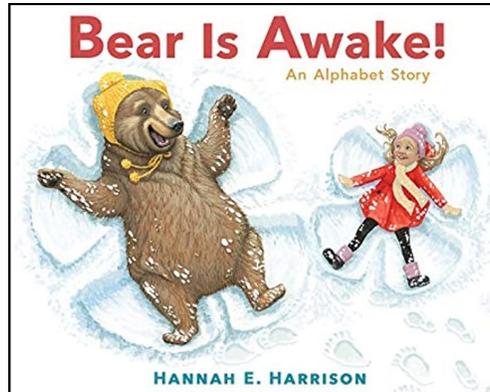


Roam

Seventeen-year-old Abby Lunde and her family are living on the streets. They had a normal life back in Omaha, but, thanks to her mother's awful mistake, they had to leave behind what little they had for a new start in Rochester. Abby tries to be an average teenager—fitting in at school, dreaming of a boyfriend, college and a career in music. But Minnesota winters are unforgiving, and so are many teenagers.

Her stepdad promises to put a roof over their heads, but times are tough for everyone and Abby is doing everything she can to keep her shameful secret from her new friends. The divide between rich and poor in high school is painfully obvious, and the stress of never knowing where they're sleeping or where they'll find their next meal is taking its toll on the whole family.

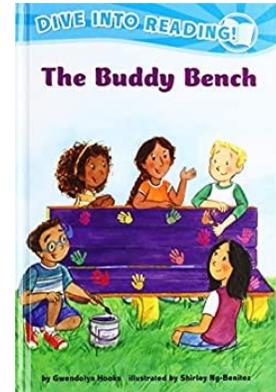
As secrets are exposed and the hope for a home fades, Abby knows she must trust those around her to help. But will her new friends let her down like the ones back home, or will they rise to the challenge to help them find a normal life?



Bear Is Awake!

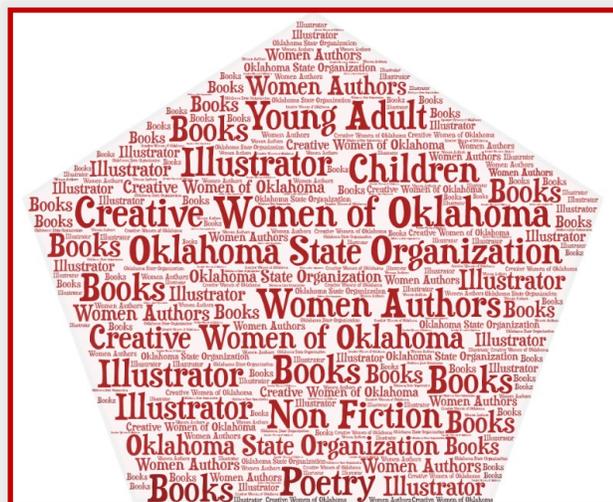
Suddenly "awake" in the middle of winter, a "big bear" explores a "cozy cabin," which Bear of course "enters excitedly." But the cabin isn't empty--a little girl lives there. So begins an unlikely friendship and an unexpected adventure as the girl attempts to figure out what a bear is supposed to be doing in the winter. (Hint: It's not eating pancakes or visiting the library!)

With her trademark humor and warmth, Hannah E. Harrison puts her own irresistible spin on the classic alphabet book. The result is a story families will treasure for years to come. (Amazon.com review)



Buddy Bench

Five friends from diverse backgrounds learn how to navigate common childhood challenges, new experiences, and the world around them in the realistic and kid-friendly Confetti Kids early chapter books. In this story, Padma is excited about meeting new people at school. Making friends comes easily to her, but she soon discovers that it can be hard for others. When she notices a boy sitting by himself every day, Padma enlists her friends to create a buddy bench, where kids can go if they need a friend. (Amazon.com review)



DKG: A Journey of a Lifetime



**International President
Becky Sadowski**

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DKG—A Journey of a Lifetime
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Have you ever thought of your membership in DKG as a journey? When we become members, the path for our journey isn't clear. Although we don't always understand this in the beginning, each of us plays a key role in determining her own future DKG experience.

Our organization is committed to providing many different kinds of opportunities for its members, but it is our responsibility as members to explore those possibilities and decide how we want to participate and contribute to the life of DKG. It is the willingness of our members to learn, grow, lead, and make a difference that will sustain our organization. Along our journey, other members guide us and provide encouragement and support.

Attending DKG events at the state organization and international levels helps us see the big-

ger DKG "picture." Soon we discover that we are taking this journey with many other women who share our desire to make a difference. Networking connections and lasting friendships develop. If we truly believe in the power of these relationships, perhaps we should occasionally ask ourselves, "What have I done to enrich someone else's DKG journey?"

I want to share one of the many exciting opportunities I've experienced this year on my own journey. Membership Director Trish Woodley and I have begun monthly Zoom sessions with new members who joined DKG during the previous month. We're having conversations with them during their first few weeks of membership. It is so interesting to listen to their "stories" — why they joined DKG, what they are looking for in their membership, and their first impressions of the DKG experience. These women express the honor of being asked to join, their gratitude for the support they've already been given, and their desire to learn more about our organization. Their questions reinforce the need to continue educating our new members even after they have been inducted.

Learning about our organization and our work around the world should be an ongoing effort no matter how long one has been a member. This is both a benefit and a responsibility of membership!

I'm sharing this with all of you with the hope that we will never underestimate the significance of the journey and the im-

portance of being open to possibilities. That willingness to recognize opportunities and respond to them allows us to explore DKG and experience the many facets of this organization.

The journey that you and I are taking is not the only journey we must consider. Actually, Delta Kappa Gamma as an organization is on a journey as well. In 2029, we will celebrate DKG's 100th anniversary. As we eagerly look forward to celebrating this special milestone, we have the opportunity to look back to our beginning and acknowledge the challenges and successes that are part of our history.

This last year has certainly taught us the importance of being flexible, nimble, and forward thinking. DKG continues to evolve as we strive to remain strong and relevant in an ever-changing world. The path for our organization's journey will depend on ALL of us. Every member assuming responsibility for our future will reflect one of Dr. Blanton's strongest beliefs: There is tremendous power in women working together to accomplish a goal and realize a dream!



US Forum



Are you interested in advocating for women, children, and education? Join DKG Key Women Educators March 6-8, 2022 in Washington D.C. for The National Legislative Seminar.

At the DKG Conference in San Antonio, Dalton Talyer from "United Against Human Trafficking" spoke on "Human Trafficking 101."

What Is Human Trafficking?

Trafficked persons are forced, defrauded, or coerced into sexual or labor exploitation by another person who recruited, harbored, transported, provided, obtained, solicited, and/or patronized them.

Is Human Trafficking

Really a Problem?

Almost twenty-five million

were trafficked globally and 22,326 victims reported in the United States in 2019.

What Do We Look For?

Some of the red flags look for are evidence of mental/physical abuse, tattoos/branding marks, accompanied by a controlling person, fearful/lack of eye contact, malnutrition, lack of identification and inability to leave job/living situation. These are just a few.

How Do We Help?

We cannot end human trafficking alone. The systems that allow poverty, racism, and misogyny to flourish fuel the exploitation of human beings. To end human trafficking requires massive culture shift. It is not some-

thing that can be done by one person or by one organization. If you suspect human trafficking, take note of your observations and call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888)373-7888.



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Hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and even volcanic eruptions are just a few of the natural disasters that may face DKG members throughout the seventeen countries that make up our Society. When DKG members, no matter their location, are confronted with destruction brought on by a force of nature, they know that help in the form of a 500 USD check to assist in moving forward is available. It's a unique practice and a benefit of membership that has been in effect since 1948!

Where do you begin when a natural disaster occurs? That is a question that at least 124 DKG members have asked during the last year and to which they have received an answer from our Society. A simple notification from their state organization president to the executive director in Austin netted 500 USD for each qualified request. While this sum will not address the full expenses

tied to a natural disaster, it begins the process of rebuilding. More importantly it comes with a message of HOPE and CARE. DKG members regularly contribute to the Society's Emergency Fund, knowing that it will make a difference in the lives of members when they most need it. It may even, in turn, make a difference in their own lives in a similar situation. We never know when a force of nature may wrack havoc any more than we know to whom that disaster may hit.

Over the last year and a half most DKG members have not been meeting as often in face-to-face gatherings at any of the three levels of the Society – chapter, state organization, international. That means that there have been fewer opportunities to collect for the Emergency Fund. Even though collections will be taken at each international conference this summer, the numbers attending those

events will not be as great as in the past. It is imperative that we make the effort to donate to this fund to keep this unique and meaningful activity available for our members when needed.

While natural disasters can occur at any time, it is the summer months when property-destroying storms most often occur. Don't let the 2022 storm season be the one when DKG falls short in helping members facing the aftermath of a natural disaster. Give to the Emergency Fund today and make a difference tomorrow!

[Follow this link on the DKG website to donate to the Emergency Fund or any of the other eight funds under DKGIEF.](#)



Arts and Humanities Jury Blog

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"Creativity takes courage" - Henri Matisse

DKG News

For many, stepping out of one's comfort zone through the arts is an expression of courage. The reward is the feeling of gratification in the work, whether it be in the visual arts, music, or written word. The key lies within each to find her true passion and to have the courage to express it.

The DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury has developed a mission to support and encourage members in the various fields of the creative arts. The committee is excited to expand the DKG platform into a new digital space and is offering to connect with members through a monthly creative-arts blog site, Arts & Humanities Jury.

The interactive visual arts, literary, and musical composition blog will provide interesting content and

informational links and resources for readers. Topics will include spotlighting artists featured within the DKG Gallery, tips and tricks-of-the-trade resources, insights into the motivations of an artist, and Q & A moments to gain insight and knowledge from seasoned artists, writers, and craftsmen.

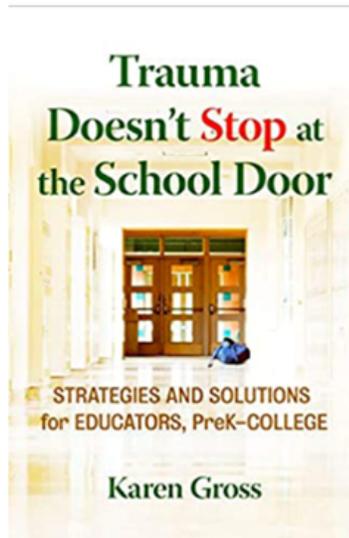
Join the Jury members in their art-world exploration, where you, as an avid artist, are front and center and forever courageous. They look forward to your being a follower of the blog, which can be accessed by clicking on the blog icon on the home page of dkg.org or by using this address: <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com>. Sign up in the upper left corner to "follow" and receive a notice when a new blog is posted.

Delta Chapter: It's a Formal Affair



Delta Chapter in a tribute to the past. Members wear hats, eat delicious finger foods from fine china plates and drink from fine china cups. Left to right: **Dacia Huddleston, Fran Long, Sandy Pendergraft, Belinda Clift, Susie Hinton, Dorothy Garrett, Pat Lutz and Nancy Chaney.**

2021 Educators Book Award Winner



Trauma Doesn't Stop at the School Door: Strategies and Solutions for Educators: Pre-K-College by Dr. Karen Gross

Have you, your students, or family members experienced trauma during the last weeks, month, or year? If so, this book may help you gain a long-range perspective of the causes and possible solutions to traumatic stress. *Trauma Doesn't Stop at the School Door: Strategies and Solutions for Educators: Pre-K—College* by Dr. Karen Gross provides background information about how trauma may influence stress. That trauma might be a macro-event such as 9/11, a school shooting, or COVID-19 or it might be a

personal incident such as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) or something more recent such as a death of a family member or friend. Gross also shows how trauma can be cumulative, adding onto previous incidents, or acting as a boomerang in causing one event to trigger past memory experiences.

This well-researched book, which combines scholarship and practicality, provides ways to assess trauma and suggests strategies to reduce the impact and repercussions.

This book explores how our schools, at all grade levels, have been remiss in addressing trauma. The author encourages new approaches and responses to traumatic incidents. She asks us to examine our instructional strategies, classroom designs, calendar and schedule use, classroom management strategies, behavior management plans, and preparation of future teachers. She discusses creating welcoming, safe, engaging environments for students of all ages.

This well-researched book, which combines scholarship and practicality, provides ways to assess trauma and suggests strategies to reduce the impact and repercussions. The author provides examples of her own teaching experiences, as well as that of others. She gives useful suggestions, resources, and recommendations for creating a trauma-sensitive and stress-responsive school. If you wish to help you and your students (or children or grandchildren) gain a positive mental health perspective and garner resilience as a life attitude, this book is for you.

Educators Book Award Committee Members' thoughts after reading this book:

"It's a dream to read for a teacher or principal."

"The topic of trauma is an important one for educators today. I like how the book describes ACES as well as positive indicators in student life. The examples of 9/11, school shootings, and Covid 19 implications are valid."

"It covers a very timely topic that members still in the classroom could find beneficial and retired members might find informative. I found useful strategies as an admin."

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OSO Essay Contest Winners



Left to Right:

Seventh Grade, 2nd place, **Stephen Dixon**, "Virtual Path vs. Classroom Path," submitted by **Beta Lambda Chapter**;

Eighth Grade, 2nd place, **Shane Rosa**, "My Educational Plan," submitted by **Beta Lambda Chapter**;

Seventh Grade, 1st place, **Jaici Easton**, "My Education Throughout the Years," submitted by **Theta Chapter**.



Okarche students **Brenna Crider** and **Jaici Easton** pose with **Traci Fuller**, Jaici's teacher.

Not pictured is **Lyndal Westmoreland**, Brenna Crider's teacher, and **Tammy Bray**, Stephen's and Shane's teacher.



Remember Your Sisters



Barbara Barnard ("Barbie") (Gamma Beta)

May 31, 1958 - January 17, 2021

Barbara Lynn Barnard was born June 6, 1958, in Muskogee to Harold and Patty Hall.

Barbie attended Tahlequah schools and then attended Oklahoma University. In 1980, she graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood.

She then started teaching for Wagoner Public Schools until she retired in 2010. While teaching, she also worked with the

Just a reminder to chapters about the importance of record keeping and membership.

If you are not sure if you have sent me a Form 6, please email me: **Dr. Jamie Polk**, jcpolk@okcps.org.

A copy also should be sent to Diane Lasse and International (mem@dkg.org).

In addition, Beth Schieber (triumphantheartwoman@yahoo.com) will post the obituary in *The Limelighter*.

Tahlequah United Methodist Youth Group until 2018. Barbie also served as church camp counselor for 17 years and worked for the church for 10 years after retiring from teaching.

Barbie was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Kappa Delta Sorority, a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and a proud member of the Harley Davidson Owners Group.

Barbie had a bubbly personality. She lived her life with joy and kindness. Barbie's family and friends will always remember her

as a beautiful woman, blessed with a great smile, kindness and a gorgeous full head of hair.

In addition to spending time with her family, church and friends, Barbie had a passionate love for snow skiing, riding her Harley Davidson motorcycle and attending her daughter's softball and tennis matches while she was growing up. Before her illness, she enjoyed going on mission trips with the church, kayaking down the Illinois river, running 5k's and going on overnight trips with her close girlfriends.

Jane Bailey (Gamma Beta)

March, 1937— April 10, 2021

Jane Bailey was born in Corinth, Mississippi, on March 13, 1937, to Forrest and Hazel L (Preston) Bailey. She departed this life on April 10, 2021, at the age of 87 years.

Jane began playing on the radio at the age of seven for a Christian show. She learned how to play the organ and began playing and sharing her talent in

church.

Jane attended Tulsa University where she earned her Bachelor Degree and Indiana University where she would earn her Master Degree in Music.

Jane taught music at Indiana University before coming to Oklahoma where she taught music for over 30 years at Northeastern State. She taught form and analysis, counter point and piano.

Jane had a quick wit, which was enjoyed by all who knew

her.

She would do anything for those she considered her friends.



World Fellowship

“Contributions to the World Fellowship Fund may be made using Form 43 or with the online contributions form. *Both can be accessed at www.dkg.org under Forms, Contribution Forms.”*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE World Fellowship Fund are TAX DEDUCTIBLE in the United States and other countries.

Collect for World Fellowship a few times a year in fun, creative ways. Each chapter can become involved in this worthy project by using the suggestions provided in “Fun Ways to contribute to World Fellowship.”

EASY as 1-2-3!

Step 1: Form 43 is an interactive form or can be printed and mailed to International.

Step 2: Send a copy to:

Oklahoma State Organization, DKG
World Fellowship State Chairman

Ramona Paine, Theta ramona.paine@gmail.com
5801 N. Oakwood, Apt. E-116
Enid, OK 73703

Step 3: Be recognized at state convention/conference.



World Fellowship Committee Members: Pam Harding, Beta Lambda; Betty Estes, Alpha Sigma; Cheryl Hasty, Beta Mu; Nikki Coshaw, Alpha; Samantha Terryman, Alpha; Ramona Paine, Theta, Chair



Have information on your “chapter ‘ticipation” to the World Fellowships Chairman by May 1st.

The World Fellowship fund is used to grant fellowships to non-member women educators who are not citizens or permanent residents of the USA or Canada. This program makes a global impact on women, their lives and their country.

The World Fellowship Committee evaluates applications from all over the world. These women applicants are very ac-

complished citizens within their countries.

They are seeking to learn what they cannot learn in their own country, and they are searching for universities that are top notch in the areas they seek expertise. These women have a desire to return to their countries and help impact the lives of others. The students who apply are

from varied backgrounds and have various interests.

Women are changing this world. The World Fellowship Fund falls under the umbrella of the [DKG International Educators Foundation](#). Your [donations to the World Fellowship Fund](#) make it possible for DKG to be at the forefront of helping make these changes possible.

World Fellowship

WORLD FELLOWSHIP MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Did you know there are women in Canada and the United States that are 1000 miles from home and families? These women are from many other countries, some third-world countries or other countries with little educational opportunities for women.

These women sacrifice so much to come here for an advanced degree so they can follow their dream and make a difference in this world.

Many of these women would love a postcard, a birthday card, a word of encouragement, or a phone conversation if you live nearby. Unfortunately, Oklahoma does not have recipient attending college at this time. If you would like to be in touch with a student, check out www.dkg.org for complete information.

World Fellowship is the DKG fellowship grant supported by our Society since 1960. We have supported over 920 women from 120 countries and given over \$4,172,173 in grants since June 30, 2020. We work with the Fulbright Organization to select these women and then our members provide emotional support for these women in Canada and the United States. In addition, any donations you or your chapter can contribute would be appreciated.

We hope the following list will provide you with inspiration as you collect funds for donation to the International World Fellowship Fund.

THE LIST

- Silent Raffle-local businesses or members donate items for the raffle
- White Elephant Sale
- A “Pound” Sale – Bring a pound of anything and have an auction.
- Make a “change” for World Fellowship program
- Direct member appeal – World Fellowship Program
- 50/50 Drawing – proceeds to go to World Fellowship
- Donation from chapter treasury
- Sewing project – potholders, aprons, etc. to sell
- Christmas ornament exchange or auction – ornaments from foreign countries
- A penny for each mile you traveled for vacation
- Calendar project – Keep a jar on your counter to collect change for World Fellowship.
- Each member is given a calendar with days marked for special donation (a nickel for each grandchild, a penny per pair of shoes in your closet, a dime if you forgot to kiss your husband, etc.) Bring each month to your DKG meeting to put in the World Fellowship Fund.
- Articles from your travels for centerpieces at a World Fellowship auction
- Pay a fine if you forgot to wear your DKG pin or name-tag.
- Trivia contest about countries from which the World Fellowship recipients come
- Shoebox care packages for World Fellowship recipients
- Program by a fellowship recipient
- Pass out small plastic bags for members to collect change.
- International dinner with another chapter – proceeds go to World Fellowship
- Costume parade of countries World Fellowship recipients’ countries
- A nickel or dime for each item in your purse
- Weigh purses – collect a nickel for each ounce
- Thanksgiving – Fill a cornucopia with donations and a blessing received from being in DKG (blessings are shared in the newsletter).
- World Affairs Night – ethnic food, info about World Fellowship; assign countries to members to research regarding their schools and teachers.
- Publicity regarding World Fellowship Program
- Small fundraisers, such as trivia games, at chapter meetings
- Brown Bag Auctions – Donations (\$5-\$10) are made to obtain a number. The member then receives the brown bag that matches her number.
- Small boxes are given to members to collect their spare change each day. Collect twice and donate to the World Fellowship Fund.
- Pass the hat
- Loose change donation
- Purse, scarf and jewelry auction
- Drawing for a quilt
- Bakeless Bake Sale

- Pass the basket at a set meeting or month.



DKG International Educators Foundation

Cornetet Individual Awards will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses and workshops plus other degree programs. This award deadline is November 1 and May 1.



Did you know that both the Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award (CIPD) and its counterpart, the Cornetet Seminar for Professional Development Award (CSPD), are part of the nine funds coming under the auspices of the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF)?

A former recipient of a CIPD Award expressed her gratitude for the significant impact this funding had on her: “Being a recipient [of a CIPD] has

helped me grow as an educator. I attended a workshop with other educators who had a shared vision. It was exciting to collaborate meaningfully. I was surrounded by those who stay curious and celebrate learning. I met friends who continue to inspire me. I am so appreciative to the DKGIEF for this Award.”

More information about applying for either a CIPD (applications due May 1, 2021) or a CSPD (applications due November 1, 2021) can be found in the DKGIEF column of the [DKG News](#), Mar/Apr 2021 issue or on the [DKGIEF page](#) of the Society’s website. Money awaits! Fund your dream experience in education – all made possible through the generosity of this amazing visionary whose bequest now provides meaningful opportunities for Society members.

[Follow this link to donate to the Cornetet Fund or any of the other funds under DKGIEF.](#)

The History of Cornetet

A bequest to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International from the Lucile Cornetet estate was the basis for the establishment of the Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Fund.

Miss Cornetet was a long-time educator in Ohio. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Lucile Cornetet, member of **Beta Lambda Chapter** in Ohio, bequeathed the largest gift ever granted to the Society. Miss Cornetet passed away June 7, 2001, at the age of 92. She was a language specialist certified in Latin, French, English and Spanish. She

earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree at Ohio State University. She taught 39 years, including 34 years as a Latin teacher in the Columbus City Public Schools.

Lucile Cornetet was a worldwide traveler, an expert photographer and member of the Photographic Society of America. She loved to talk to community groups and share her travel experiences and photographs. She was a recipient of the Teachers Freedom Foundation Award, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

As a Delta Kappa Gamma member for 37 years, she treasured her membership. Certainly her generous bequest for the benefit of others speaks volumes

about her belief in the potential of educators. She exemplified the ideals of friendship, loyalty and helpfulness.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Executive Board approved the appointment of a special committee to investigate using the funds from the Lucile Cornetet Bequest for the advancement of professional development. The Lucile Cornetet Fund for Professional Development was established in 2005.



Beta Beta Chapter



Mayor Shelli Selby, a member of **Beta Beta Chapter**, was named Woman of the Year for Oklahoma Municipal League and became a Certified Mayor. Only 15 mayors have achieved this since its inception.

Mayor Selby says, "I am so honored to be chosen by my peers in municipal government across the state, and I worked really hard to get certified."

Left to Right: Mike Fina, Director of Oklahoma Municipal League, Woman of the Year **Mayor Shelli Selby**, and Mayor of the Year **Brea Clark (Norman)**.

Library media specialist and **Beta Beta member Elaine Regier** and French teacher **Holly Blunk (not pictured)** became one of three Oklahoma teams participating in the Air Race Classic Flight this past June. They placed 25th out of 54 teams that competed.

The Air Race Classic dates back to the Women's Air Derby of 1929. Twenty female pilots, including Amelia Earhart and Louise Thaden, flew from Santa Monica, California, to Cleveland, Ohio. Will Rogers dubbed it the "Powder Puff Derby." Over the years, women's air racing changed, and today's version of the Air Race Classic began in 1977.

Elaine said she "learned a lot in the process and had a fantastic experience!" She said she would fly the Air Race Classic Derby again!

At the Beta Beta June salad luncheon, a presentation about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program was given by then Kingfisher County CASA supervisor **Heather Jones**. There are 20 active CASA programs in Oklahoma that train adult volunteers to speak up for abused children in court. CASA serves children in 62 of Oklahoma's 77 counties as well as four tribal courts.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for children's best interests. They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. **President Schieber** is an active CASA volunteer.

Volunteers work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators and service providers to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make the most well-informed decisions for each child.



Elaine Regier prepares for her flight.



Above: Sharon Myrick, Lana McCormack, and Tonya Taylor enjoy the opportunity to visit during the afternoon of fun, food, and friendship.



Yukon Public Schools “Back to School Breakfast”
Kathleen Smith and Trudy Capraro (chair) set up the table the day before, greeted the guests as they arrived, and served the guests.

YPS Breakfast in August was a complete success. **Beta Beta Chapter’s** table was decorated in a ‘Tools of the Trade’ theme. Ace Hardware donated carpenter’s aprons and Breakfast chair **Trudy Capraro** had YPS printed on them. The colors are red & white with black — Miller colors.

Each staff member at Beta Beta’s tables received four \$5 gift cards that included Walmart, Chick-fil-A, Wendy’s, & Long John Silver’s. Each person also received a ‘tool’ gift - the kind of things a teacher would use in a classroom! Drawings were held for the extra supplies in the center decoration.

The teachers seated at the chapter’s tables were excited to receive their gifts and were exceptionally appreciative for Beta Beta’s generosity and thoughtfulness.



Chapter members stop for a camera shot before touring the Cardinal Point facility.



Beta Beta Chapter members met at **Cardinal Point, Canadian County’s Family Justice Center**, in El Reno.

Cardinal Point, through collaboration with partner agencies, serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse and other types of abuse. Their purpose is to promote safety for every adult and child in Canadian County by engaging the community to end abuse and violence. It is the 3rd family justice center in Oklahoma.

Left: Tonya Taylor and Jennie Wilmes listen to **Jennifer Coulson** as she gives members a tour of the facility. **Jennifer, Client Services Coordinator**, spoke with members about the facility and its services.



Beta Mu Chapter



Far Left: Beta Mu Vice-president Twylia Keck presents Jazlyn Fortune, the chapter's recruitment grant recipient, with a \$350 check. Jazlyn is an elementary major at SWOSU.

Near Left: Braden Seifried was the recipient of the high school senior scholarship. Twylia Keck, Vice-president, presented the award during senior night in May.



The Beta Mu officers met for a working lunch to plan the year.

Beta Mu Chapter



Above: Beta Mu members Twylia Keck, Cheryl Hasty, and Gail Major listen to President Clift's presentation.

At the April **Beta Mu Chapter** meeting, members were excited to be meeting in person and enjoying a taco bar prepared by the culinary dept at the Norwest Technology Center and having **OSO State President, Belinda Clift**, present and talking to the members about DKG!



Alpha Chapter



Alpha members and guests at September's meeting.

Above: Around the table (left to right) **Lori Richardson-Morphew** (OSO President), **Joann Rogers** (Alpha Chapter President), **Jen Evans** (Alpha Chapter 2nd VP), guest, **Gerre Riggs**, **Kandy Bishop**, **Karen Stoss**, **Stacy Wehrenberg**, and **Susan Brewer**.

Below: **Dr. Kathy Black**, **Kenzie Richardson** (Alpha Chapter Secretary) and guest (Kenzie's daughter) enjoy a meeting with friends and chapter sisters.



Above Right: Alpha's guest speaker at the September meeting was **Kristi Birk Steinberg**. She currently serves as Director of Development and Programs at **Santa Fe Family Life Center**. She spoke to the members about "**KeepMovingOKC.org** is a website for individuals and families interested in making healthy lifestyle choices by connecting them with free or low-cost physical fitness opportunities. Whether it's walking, running, biking or so much more, there are endless possibilities to keep moving." (*Kristi Birk Steinberg--OCCF website--Sept. 9, 2020*) Both are non-profit entities that promote family friendly activities that will improve an individual's health and well being.

Alpha Chapter



At Left: Alpha members and guests enjoy a meal together at INGRID'S. Shown (left to right around the table) are: **Claranell Zimmerman, Stacy Wehrenberg, Guest, Gerre Riggs, Jen Evans, Karen Stoss, Lori Richardson-Morphew, and Nikki Coshow.**



Above Left: **President Joann Rogers, Dr. Kathy Black, New OSO President and Alpha member Lori Richardson-Morphew, and *AlphaBits* editor Alice Pettit.**



Above Right: **President Rogers visits with Cheryl-Lynn Chow, a prospective candidate for membership, at their Mix and Mingle event. M & M is a get together so members can catch up, and it is an opportunity to invite excellent women educators to check out DKG. We had brochures and applications for membership available. It was a fun evening!**

Nu Chapter



Above: Kay Morris, chapter president, and Opal Upshaw, *Nu News* editor, attend the OSO Convention.

Nu received the **GOLD Chapter Award, 1st place Chapter Newsletter for the East in 2020 and 2nd place chapter newsletter in 2021.**

In addition, Nu contributed to **World Fellowship, Schools for Africa**. Extra donations were made to **Pack-the-Backpack and Hope Clinic**.



Above: Sheryl Scholl and Darla Tresner take notes at the executive officers' meeting.



Left: Chapter President Morris accepts the Nu Chapter's Gold Chapter Award.



Tina, Betty, Vicki and Sheryl are ready for the program. In the back are Opal and Kay.

Nu Chapter



By: Kay Morris
Nu Chapter President

What are your Gifts?

You will find many references if you Google the word “gifts.” The obvious ones are gifts for occasions, perfect gifts, unique gifts, spiritual gifts, etc. The definition of gifts varies but 3 definitions seem to be the most prominent: 1. A thing given willingly to someone without payment, a present; 2. A natural ability or talent; 3. a notable capacity or endowment.

What do gifts symbolize? It can be a way of showing love and devotion. Gifts related to talents involve discovering your personal vision and understanding your comparative advantage. It can also be a concept in extraordinary power bestowed on believers by the Holy Spirit to build up and encourage. WOW!! That’s too deep for me.

All I wanted to know is what are your gifts? So let’s go to GIFTS as it relates to talents. I like the idea that gifts or talents involves your personal vision and understanding your comparative advantage. All of us

have gifts or talents; it’s the personal vision and comparative advantage that determines how we use our gifts.

Some people have the gift of gab; we won’t go further than that. Some people have the gift of comedy or humor. Some people appreciate our humor, others, not so much. Some people have musical talents, organizational talents, and, as they say, the list goes on.

As we explore our gifts, remember we all have gifts, talents, and abilities that we can share. How you perceive your gifts and how others accept your gifts are the key factors. DKG women have unique talents. I like the poster below about DKG key women educators. Explore your gifts and see if you possess any of these qualities. I know every one of you possess many of these qualities.

WHO IS THE DKG KEY
WOMAN EDUCATOR?

Adaptable	Able to bring out the best in others	Authentic
Results oriented	A potential leader	A conceptual thinker
Responsive to feedback		Motivated to make a difference


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FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

Alpha Iota



Left to right:
Becky Stone,
Jana Telford,
Debbie Terronez,
Kim Leatherwood
and
Adrienne DeKlotz
admire all the beauty
in the garden.



Left: Becky stands beside her lovely pond.

The chapter members met in June in the garden of chapter member, **Becky Stone**. Seven members toured the garden to see Becky's day lilies. Her first day-lilies were given to her by her mother in 1976. Becky now grows 115 different varieties of day lilies. Many different forms of day lilies are represented in the garden, including doubles and unusual forms. The garden also contains a pond and examples of garden art. Members enjoyed snacking on refreshments and visiting in the garden after viewing.

Beta Nu



Members receiving longevity awards for increments of 5 years in Delta Kappa Gamma are: **Shereen Rasor**— 10 years, **Diane Ackerman** — 15 years, **Laurie Locke** — 20 years, **Dr. Elayne Bowman** — 20 years, **Sandra Long** — 25 years, **Cynthia Adair** — 35 years, **Joyce Hess** — 40 years, and **Billye Mae Sayers** — 45 years. As is their custom, they stand at the end of the meeting to sing our DKG song.

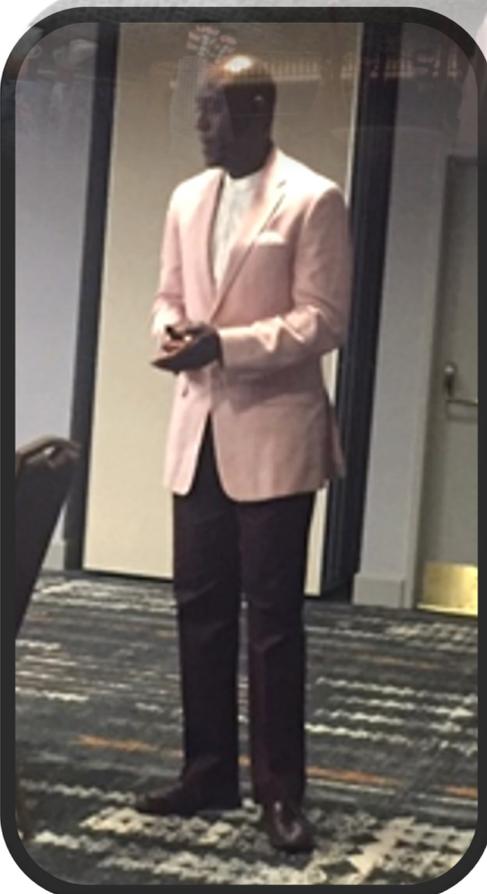


Beta Nu celebrated DKG Founders' Day with a Hats and Gloves Tea for their May meeting. After reciting the mission statement, members answered roll call by sharing their favorite memory of hats and/or gloves. Members told

of long ago Easter Sundays, weddings, proms, and grandmothers. The stories were filled with emotions of days gone by. To stay with the theme, members dined on fine china plates filled with tea cakes and drank various teas from

china cups. Sue Ann Miller shared brief bios of each our founding women. Members noted how impressive each of the women's efforts were during difficult times.

OSO Convention



Left: Guest speaker **Lee Roland** motivated members with “Timeless Best Practices for Educators – What We Should Have Done and Never Stop Doing.” Treat everyone with respect & dignity.

DKG Oklahoma

Right: **Dr. Deena Fisher** presented an interesting and informative workshop about the Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center.





Betty Estes, Ramona Paine, Donna Tally and Patricia Robison give a beautiful memorial service for our departed sisters.



New Leadership: (L to R) Paula Walker, parliamentarian; Diane Lasse, treasurer; Shelly Hudson, secretary; Dr. Jamie Polk, 2nd vice-president; Dr. Jo Ann Pierce, 1st vice-president; Pam Harding, installation nominations committee (2019-2021); 2021-2023 nominations committee: Sandra Pendergraft, Sherry Whisler, Suzanne Ritter, Dr. Deena Fisher; incoming president Lori Richardson-Matthews



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State Organization**

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Left: Lori Richardson-Morphew presents a workshop on “Time Out on Tech,” which was a compilation of research related to the overuse of technology by children.

Center: President Clift presents a session “Smooth Sailing Into the 2nd Half of Your Biennium,” a workshop designed for chapter presidents.

Right: 2nd vice-president Patty Robison presents a 50 — year membership certificate to **Dr. Kathy Black, Alpha Chapter.**

Below: Dr. Elayne Bowman presents “Reticence to Change Mathematics in Education,” a workshop that examines trends facing mathematics classroom teachers and encourages audience discussion for how we might establish lasting systematic change for our profession.

Dr. Bowman also presented this workshop at the San Antonio DKG International Conference.

Right: Shirley Graupman and other OSO members enjoy bidding on amazing baskets and visiting with friends. OSO basket sales and chapter donations totaled \$1,336.50. This money goes to Tebow-Herrington Seminar, scholarship, Creative Women of Oklahoma funds, essay funds, and U.S. Legislative Seminar.





Left: Southeast Regional Director Candice Martin brings us news from International. Candice’s southern charm made her a favorite guest.
Right: Kandy Myers, Beta Beta Chapter, accepts the OSO Hazel Benedict Enrichment Scholarship from **Candy Bishop, OSO Scholarship chair.**



Above Left: Joann Rogers and Opal Upshaw accept awards for chapter newsletters.
Above Right: Ann Richie, Theta Chapter, accepts **Third Place for 2020;** and **Kathleen Smith, Beta Beta Chapter,** accepts **First Place** on behalf of **Kathy Davis (deceased).**

OSO Convention



Outgoing OSO president Belinda Clift and incoming OSO president Lore Richardson-Morphew pose for the camera. Belinda's theme for her biennium was "Changing the Tide...Honoring our Heritage...Charting our course...Sailing for the future." Lori's theme for her biennium is "The Gifts of DKG."

Convention 2021 was especially significant for our state organization for last year's conference was cancelled due to COVID. Members were delighted to meet face-to-face and to share President Belinda's plans for an exciting and memorable convention. Great fun was had by all, and state business was conducted. Interesting workshops, instructive and relevant round table discussions were attended, entertaining songs were sung and delicious meals eaten. The small but talented choir performed several DKG favorites..

Below Left: Sherry McGhghy purchases an item from the extensive selection available at our state store. Joann Rogers makes certain to stock fun and practical pieces.



First-timers **Angela Rosa, Patricia McHargue, Julie James, Bobbie Graumann and Ashley Graumann** pose for the camera. OSO conventions and conferences have much to offer both members and chapters. Chapters might consider financially assisting member(s) in attending OSO events.



OSO Treasurer Diane Lasse assists members in registering for convention. **State Parliamentarian Paula Walker** and **State President Belinda Clift** discuss matters before a general assembly. The convention offered benefits for every member. Networking, leadership training, music, ideas, friendship, shopping, and basket bidding were available for all!



OSO Convention



Top Left: Music chair Donna Talley leads the choir with direction and music.

Top Right: Convention chair and state secretary (2021-2023) Shelly Hudson smiles for the camera as she mentally totals the statistics for her convention report.

Below: Cynthia Adair, Pam Harding and Suzanne Ritter perform for the banquet. "Though they be small, they are mighty."

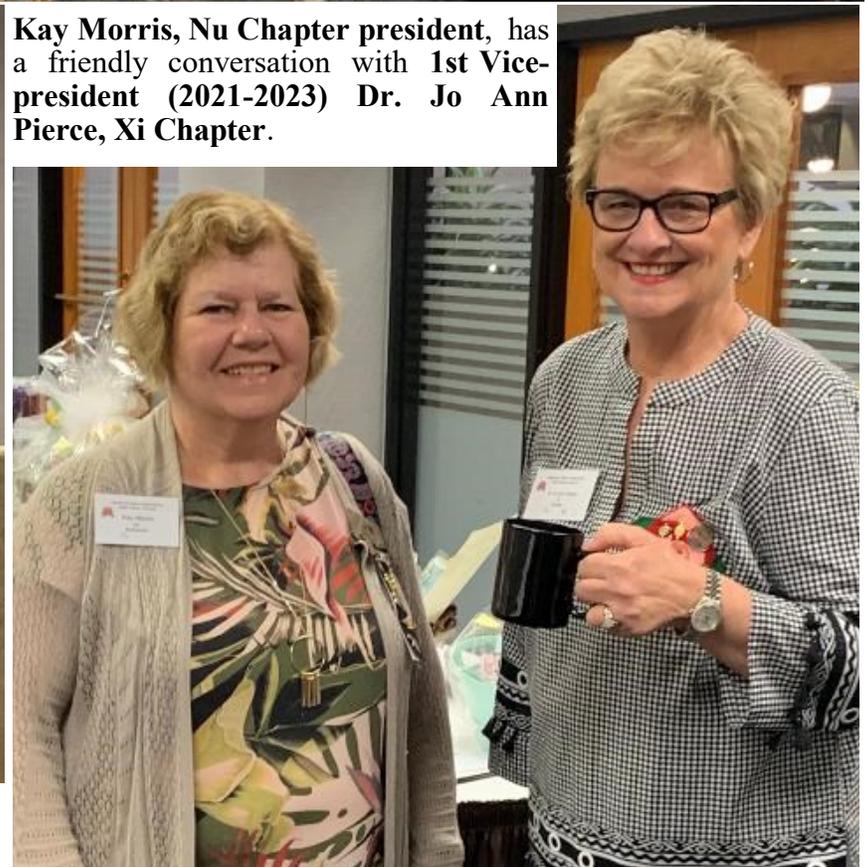




Past State President Sherry Whisler takes a moment to chat with Suzanne Ritter about the baskets available at the auction.



Past President Sandra Pendergraft presents at the OSO banquet.



Kay Morris, Nu Chapter president, has a friendly conversation with 1st Vice-president (2021-2023) Dr. Jo Ann Pierce, Xi Chapter.

Portland



Left: Beth Schieber and Immediate Past International President Cathy Daugherty were Portland Conference representatives of the **Board of Directors for the DKG International Educators Foundation.** Beth is in her fourth year of a six-year term on Foundation Board of Directors.

They presented a workshop entitled **“DKG’s Philanthropic Arm—Benefits and Benefactors,”** a workshop updating members on the work of the Foundation, reviewed success stories and provided insight into the process. The how and why of Foundation donation was also discussed.

In addition, both Beth and Cathy were responsible for the Foundation’s table at the Marketplace.



2021 International Conference - Portland

“We are SO grateful to the Holden Fund for supporting keynote speaker, Leigh Wentz, on ‘The Will to Govern.’

Cornetet’s professional development funds* have supported the Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy workshop and has provided each participant with a copy of the full Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Barbara Clausen
2020-2022 NW Regional Director



Slide from **Beth’s** PowerPoint presentation for DKG International Educators Foundation. Barbara Clausen, NW Regional Director, gives credit to the Foundation for providing funding through Cornetet funds for the “Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy” pre-conference workshop.



Belinda Clifton and Beth-Schieber attended the pre-conference parliamentary procedure workshop financed by the Cornet fund of the DKGIEF.

Dr. Helen Popovich, PRP, and International Parliamentarian, and Lynna Gene Cook, PRP, presented the workshop.

The workshop included explanations, practice, questions/answers and preparation for the National Association of Parliamentarians' membership examination. Taking the test was voluntary.

Beth chose to take the NAP membership examination offered and passed with a 100% and is now a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

In addition to visiting with the **International President Becky Sadowski**, **Beth** and **Belinda** attended workshops, general sessions, and the United States Forum. They even had time to take a river cruise hosted by California.



Using the DKG app made navigating the conference easy and fun.



San Antonio

By Belinda Clift

DKG: Opportunities, Contributions, Impact was the theme of the International Conference in San Antonio, July 22-24, 2021.

The event was kicked off with a Desserts, Drinks, and Friends social on Thursday evening with entertainment provided by a local high school mariachi band.

The conference also provided wonderful guest speakers - from **Eva-Maria Kangro** on the importance of human connections to **Wendy Gates Corbett** with a connecting concept of belonging. **Diane Carroll Phillips** inspired us to say “yes” to possibilities, opportunities, and personal

growth. **President Becky Sadowski** closed the conference with encouraging words on each individual’s journey in DKG and the importance of being open to possibilities.

In between guest speakers, there were many breakout sessions to choose from and shopping opportunities in the Marketplace. **OSO was represented by Elayne Bowman, Belinda Clift, Betty Estes, Shelly Hudson, Sandy Pendergraft, & Joann Rogers. Belinda Clift** served on the steering committee for the conference and oversaw the Marketplace. Belinda also lead a general session.

Speaking of the Marketplace, kudos to **Joann Rogers** for a successful booth in the Marketplace

and thanks to **Sandy Pendergraft** for assisting **Joann** in the booth. **Elayne Bowman** presented a workshop, “Reticence to Change in Mathematics Education” to both in person and virtual attendees.

Oklahoma delegates enjoyed time strolling around the Alamo, a trip to the historic Market Square and a river cruise.



Left and Right: Belinda Clift, member of the Steering Committee for San Antonio, leads a general session.

Below: Dr. Elayne Bowman presents her workshop, “Reticence to Change Mathematics in Education.”





Left: Shelly Hudson visits the Alamo.
Right: Joann Rogers sets up the OSO table at the Marketplace.
Below: Dinner together. (L to R): **Joann Rogers, Belinda Clift, Belinda's Golden Gift sister Diana Sawin, Betty Estes, Shelly Hudson, Sandra Pendergraft, and Dr. Elayne Bowman.**



Posing with the **International President Becky Sadowski** (center), are **Dr. Elayne Bowman, Shelly Hudson, Sandra Pendergraft, Betty Estes and Joann Rogers.**

