

# KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION



# NEWS

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# President's Message

## *Beth's Blog* –

The DKG Leadership Training in Des Moines, IA, for incoming state presidents has come and gone; it was worthwhile and I was able to connect/reconnect with state presidents from not only the Southeast but all regions. More about the specifics at our **Fall Conference at the Embassy Suites Lexington Green, Lexington, September 6-7.**

I am continuing to work on filling all committees and securing chairs. If you have already accepted a committee position, I sincerely thank you! If you receive a committee request from me, please consider this as my affirmation that you are a qualified leader and that you were chosen because together we can accomplish a great deal. Many hands make light work!



### Fall Conference – *Step Up for Some Fun in KY DKG*

Fall conferences are special because it is a time to learn, share, relax, and have fun with your DKG sisters. We are planning a variety sessions from make & take, to drama, movement, books of different genres, travel and happenings from DKG International. In other words something for everyone.

One of the sessions that needs advance notice is our Book Talk – *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. This book is on the New York Times Best Seller list and comes highly recommended. It is a fast read because you cannot put it down – a number of twists and turns.

Registration forms and direct hotel reservation information can be found on our Web Page and on our Face Book page

One more plug – be sure to order a sparkle rose T-shirt from Upsilon Chapter.

*Hope to see you on September 6-7  
Embassy Suites at Lexington Green!*



# Educational Excellence

## Chair News



**Educational Excellence. *Excellence in Education.* Educators who are key. *Key Educators.*** No matter how it is written, it means the same thing, and in DKG, that is us – each of us – all of us. **We, the members of DKG, are key in making sure that the education of our students is excellent!**

We have begun a new biennium and for the next two years, I am your chair of the Excellence in Education Committee (EEC). From 2014 – 2016, I had the wonderful privilege of serving on the International Educational Excellence Committee and learned so many things. The EEC generally supports, promotes, and encourages the programs that are presented by the chapters. These programs are meant to enhance education in some fashion and can be about local, state, national, and/or global issues, concepts, activities, or events.

Chapters can have different needs and interests and the programs should exemplify that difference. For example, a chapter with several members who have retired from teaching may benefit from a program on caregiving or eldercare while a chapter who has several members teaching everyday may benefit more from a program that discusses successful strategies in the classroom. Many of our state chapters have more than a handful of both active and retired teachers; we walk a fine line to accommodate various demographics. And what about our reserve members? How do we keep them interested in what we are doing? Is there a way to take our programs to them? Perhaps, another member can visit and tell them about the meeting and program.

You are probably thinking the last paragraph sounds like membership. That is because your programs can help to drive your membership. How many of you wait until there is a special program to invite guests? During this biennium, let us try to get away from that and invite guests to every meeting. Besides programs, DKG has many other benefits.

What makes education excellent? Educators and administrators! DKG can be a tremendous support for those actively teaching, for those college students who have chosen to be educators, for those members who choose to substitute teach, and for those who have retired. We can mentor the active, pre-service, and substitute teachers. We can be a bridge for the retired and keep them informed of what is happening in the classroom. DKG is key!

I am stepping up for Beth and DKG and know you will be doing the same. Most of you have already planned your programs for this year; however, if you have any needs, please let me know and I will do my best to assist and support you and your chapter. I also want to hear about your programs all year long. I especially want you EEC chairs to keep me informed; nevertheless, I would love to hear from any of you. Please let me know about your programs and activities! **Thank you** for all **you** do for DKG, our Kentucky State Organization, and especially, **the chapter to which you belong and are key!**

Yours in DKG, Bonnia



## Membership News

### Lucy Riffle

The joys and excitement that surround “back to school” are in full swing. Although I’m retired, I still enjoy all of the pictures, stories, and activities that surround this time of year. Students are ready to begin their year and teachers have been furiously preparing for their arrival. Teachers are starting in new schools or in new positions.

Are we ready for a new year in DKG? Are you preparing?

As this new year starts, who can we invite to join our chapters? There are many “key women educators” in our schools. Are you actively recruiting them to join? Think about all of the love and support that you receive from being a member of DKG. Shouldn’t we be giving this same support to our colleagues?

Many of our chapters are dwindling in numbers. One chapter in Kentucky sadly voted to disband this summer. I hope that the remaining members of this chapter have found another one to join. Let’s all work to revitalize our chapters with new members. Let’s pledge to increase our membership with new members, while celebrating the existing ones that we have.

I have discovered that several chapters in Kentucky do not have a membership chair. It is then the responsibility of every member to seek and invite new members.

During this biennium I pledge to donate \$100.00 to the chapter that increases their membership the most. This can be by new members or reinstated members. When dues are collected next summer, I will check with our Treasurer, Shelia Wilkinson for this information and will then send the money to the winning chapter. The chapter can use the reward as they see fit. Who will win???

If I can be of any assistance in your recruiting efforts, please contact me.

The officers of KSO will be either conducting sessions for chapter officers or available for questions/concerns from members during the Fall Workshop in Lexington. Coming to the Fall Workshop will avail you direct contact with your state officers.

# Kentucky State Organization



## 2019 Fall Leadership and Arts & Humanities Workshop

September 7, 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton at Lexington Green  
 245 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY 40405  
 Hosted by **Alpha Beta** Chapter

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Registration Fee

\_\_\_\_\_ \$26 Lunch

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to Alpha Beta Chapter & Mail to:**

**Diana French**

1811 Allanwood Road  
 Louisville, KY 40214

Phone: 502 375-1167  
 email: diana.french@jefferson.kyschools.us

Registration confirmation will be sent via e-mail unless otherwise requested.

**Conference Registration Deadline – August 15, 2019**

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone (Include Area Code)		
Email		
Chapter	Chapter or State Officer? (circle one)	
Position Held		
Dietary Restrictions		
Special Needs		
First Time to Attend a Fall Conference? Yes or No		

*Reservations can be made at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at Lexington Green  
 245 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY 40405*

**Phone:** (859) 271-4000 **Our web page address for reservations is:**  
[https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LEXLGES-KGF-20190906/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LEXLGES-KGF-20190906/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

*The conference block will be held until August 15, 2019. Twenty (20) rooms will be reserved in the block.  
 Cost per room is \$149 per night before taxes and includes a Friday night reception, a complimentary breakfast on Saturday morning, and WiFi.*

***Please make your reservations as soon as possible***



# Chapter News

## UPSILON CHAPTER (submitted but not published in May)

Upsilon Chapter’s 2018-19 year was filled with learning from informative programs, supporting our Northern KY community with service projects, and awarding grants to deserving college students and local teachers. We also had the honor of inducting four new members: Connie Curry, Jennifer Davis, Morgan Gilvin, and Bonnie Yates.

September Meeting Our guest speaker was Shellie Baker, Director of Lincoln Grant Scholar House in Covington, Kentucky. She explained how the program provides housing and support for single parents pursuing college degrees. Our chapter presented Shellie with a financial donation to help purchase needed items for this very impressive program.

November Meeting Our State President, Kathy Zwanzig, was our special guest. Kathy spoke to us about positivity towards ourselves and each other and enjoying our DKG experience. She also brought a lovely wreath for a silent auction. The proceeds went to the DKG Emergency Fund for hurricane and flood relief. The program for this meeting was “In the Trenches” which was presented by Upsilon members currently teaching in the classroom. They shared their successes, concerns, and hopes for the school year. For our Service Project, our retired members donated needed school supplies for our in-class teachers, to help offset out of pocket expenses.

January Meeting This was a relaxing and fun meeting. After our business meeting, members Charlotte Depew and Karen Martin showed us how to make gift boxes out of old Christmas cards and calendar pages. Sarah Graff taught our chapter members easy exercises to accommodate all fitness levels. Members brought in winter hats, scarves and gloves to donate to the Dayton Ind. School’s Family Resource Center.

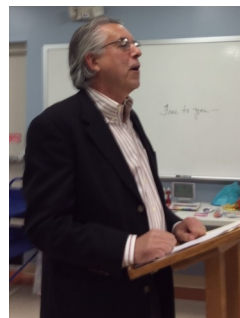
March Meeting Upsilon’s own Roberta Schultz, who is a talented writer and musician, led us in a drum circle session. Drum circles are frequently used in classrooms and various therapeutic settings. The benefits include team building, increased concentration, and stress relief. Our members brought in baby clothing and books to support Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky.

May Meeting Kentucky author, Steve Flairty, was our guest speaker. A former teacher, Steve has written five books in the Kentucky’s Everyday Heroes series. He spoke about some of his favorite heroes, which included some wonderful Kentucky teachers. Our Service Project Chairs, Brenda and Sarah Staggs, collected money to purchase supplies to create “New Teacher Baskets”. These baskets will be delivered to beginning teachers at the start of the 2019-20 school year.



Induction of new Upsilon members, Connie Currie and Bonnie Yates.

Upsilon members participating in a drum circle led by Roberta Shultz.



Kentucky Author, Steve Flairty, talking about Kentucky Everyday Heroes.

Many of our wonderful Upsilon members waiting for our May business meeting to begin.



## Chapter News

### From the editor of the KSO NEWS.

The members of the chapters in Kentucky State Organization want to see Chapter News from all the chapters in our organization. It is a simple procedure. An article can be submitted for either the NOVEMBER issue or the MAY issue. The FEBRUARY issue is designated as the convention issue-pertinent information for the upcoming state convention in March. If all chapters submitted at once, the NEWS issue would be extremely large. To facilitate the submitting of articles, this is the suggested format.



The NOVEMBER submission would be from chapters in the **Louisville** Area Coordinating Council, **Bluegrass** Area Coordinating Council, **Southwestern** Kentucky Area Coordinating Council.

The MAY submission would be from chapters in the **Northwestern** Kentucky Area Coordinating Council, **Southern** Kentucky Area Coordinating Council and **Northeastern** Area Coordinating Council.

The AUGUST issue is for the Fall Workshop. However, an article from chapters would also be welcome for that issue.

So the question looming is to what area coordinating council is my chapter assigned?

**NOVEMBER Louisville**-Alpha, Theta, Xi, Sigma, Alpha Beta; **Bluegrass**-Beta, Phi, Alpha Alpha; **Southwestern**-Gamma, Chi, Omega.

**MAY Northwestern**-Kappa, Mu, Rho, Alpha Delta, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Iota; **Southern**-Delta, Iota, Lambda, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Epsilon; **Northeastern**-Epsilon, Zeta, Nu, Psi, Tau, Upsilon.

Chapters having questions may contact the editor of the KSO NEWS at [editorkags@gmail.com](mailto:editorkags@gmail.com)

Susan Cross, KSO NEWS Editor

There will be time during the Fall Workshop for me to meet with Chapter Treasurers for any assistance they may need. Please encourage your Chapter Treasurer to attend!

***Shelia Wilkinson***  
***KSO Treasurer***

# Highlights of KSO



Melanie VanTassel presents State Treasurer, Shelia Wilkinson, member of Mu chapter, the 2019 Hall of Fame Award



Introducing Greta Gilbert, a member of Tau chapter as the KSO Webmaster

Places to look for information concerning Kentucky State Organization.

Webpage: <https://kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com/>

Facebook: KY ALPHA GAMMA STATE (closed group-ask to join)

## Fundraising Efforts at State Convention

- Emergency Fund \$25
- World Fellowship \$253.84
- Home of the Innocents \$550.00
- McClure Fund
- Women of Vision \$235 at convention; \$335 prior
- Silent Auction \$2440.00
- Donation \$100

## KSO Officers for 2019-2021

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