

# KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION



# NEWS

## Northeastern Area Coordinating Council



On Saturday, October 19, 2019, over 30 ladies from the Northeast region of DKG, along with state president Beth Pyle and some guests from XI chapter, met at the Beehive Tavern in historic Augusta, Kentucky. We had a wonderful gathering which included a “getting to know you” activity, historical presentation about Augusta, news from state president Beth Pyle, fun, fellowship and food!! What more could you want on a beautiful fall day. We even had a surprise visit from Nick Clooney (George’s father)! Each chapter present gave an update on their activities and we all got to know each other. Many ladies then spent the afternoon shopping in the unique shops in Augusta. All in attendance had a wonderful time.

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# President's Message

## *Beth's Blog* –

Greetings! Another beautiful autumn day here in southcentral Kentucky; this is my favorite time of year and brings back childhood memories in upstate New York walking to school and rustling the leaves on the sidewalk; Saturday afternoon football games; the brilliant fall colors of the sugar maples against the bright blue sky. The 2019 Fall conference is in the books and the compilation of the evaluations has been recorded. The vast majority thought the Fall Conference was very good overall and liked the length of the sessions as well as having sessions repeated. There were a few responses that would have enjoyed a larger variety of sessions rather than repeating. That being the case, if you know of a presentation that would be appropriate for the 2020 Fall Conference, please let me know – the KSO officers and committees are continually looking for fresh ideas. The formation of committees has taken me longer than I anticipated; in fact, I am still looking for a couple of members to step up to the World Fellowship Committee. The major responsibility is communicating the importance of DKG International World Fellowship and organizing the collection of donations at the KY State Conventions in 2020 and 2021. I have traveled to several chapters and can honestly say that if the programs and projects I have learned about are any indication, DKG is alive and well in the state of Kentucky! The biennium pins are selling quite well – at least we are now in the profit area! These pins reflect my biennium theme – Step Up for DKG --- and can be worn on your DKG ribbon nametag. They would make good “door prizes” at chapter meetings or perhaps a welcome to DKG gift for new members – a good way to introduce a new member to the 2-year committee/officers organization of our chapter, state, and international society. The pins are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go into our non-dues revenue budget item. If you would like to buy some pins or have any questions about them, please contact me through my email ([bethpyle@gmail.com](mailto:bethpyle@gmail.com)). We are currently getting things in order for the State Convention in March. Registration forms and more details will be sent out as they become available. Please mark the Convention dates – March 20-22, 2020 – on your calendar and make every effort to attend. Continue enjoying October's bright blue weather....



# Educational Excellence

## Chair News



**Educational Excellence. We, the members of DKG, are key in making sure that the education of our students is excellent! And here are three ways that your chapter can Step Up for DKG this year:**

Is there an active educator in your chapter that you can nominate for the Educational Excellence in the Classroom award? You look for ways that the nominee exhibits one or more of the purposes of DKG as they serve in the classroom as a key educator.

What projects does your chapter get involved with? At our fall workshop, I heard of so many wonderful projects. Now, I am hoping that you will share your projects with us, and even better – we want someone to complete the “Annie” Award Application for Outstanding Projects.

Has your chapter had an awesome program? There is also an “Annie” Award Application for Outstanding Programs. We want your chapter to apply for this award, too. In fact, you can complete and submit all three applications. We hope you do!

Please begin to think about who you could nominate for the classroom teacher award. Think about your chapter project(s) and is there a program that you would consider for the program award?

The applications for these awards will be due February 1, 2020 and you will be able to find them on our website. If you have questions about the applications, please get in touch with me and I will be happy to help.

Yours in DKG,  
Bonnie



## Membership News

### Lucy Riffle

One of President Beth Pyle's goals for her biennium is to not only increase membership in our chapters, but to retain the members that we have. Our state, like the international organization, is decreasing in the numbers of members that we have. In order to remain a vibrant, functioning organization, we need to increase our efforts to retain members and encourage them to be active in local, state and international events. Below are some suggestions from DKG International on accomplishing this.

#### Nurture Member Relationships:

- Include a social/fellowship time at meetings that do not include a meal.
- In addition to the 4 required business oriented meetings, plan for a few social events in order to allow members to interact socially.
- Encourage members to listen and respect all members' ideas and viewpoints and consider all views with an open mind.
- Invite members to attend area, state, regional, and international events together. Plan to travel together and provide financial support when possible.
- Assign a member or group of members to reach out to members who are not attending meetings to let them know they are missed and make sure they are well.
- Provide extra support for new members , transferred and reinstated members.

Consider assigning a sponsor/buddy for each of these members.

- Develop a strategy for including members who can no longer attend meetings regularly:
  - o Help members attend virtually, using Skype or other virtual meeting options.
  - o Hold a meeting or event at the assisted living/nursing facility where a member resides. Visit on holidays to deliver a small gift or flowers.
  - o Plan a ride to meetings for members who can no longer drive.

## Chapter News

### Beta Chapter News!

It's been an exciting couple of months in the Beta Chapter. Though small in number and after having last year experienced the loss of two of our dearest and most devoted sisters, Jane Thompson and Betty Dozier, we have managed to continue on and do things that we know would make them both proud of "their" Beta Chapter.

Applications for our scholarship for a high school senior going to the education field had shrunk; this dramatically coupled with the dwindling numbers of college students declaring education as their major, we decided we would reach out to the local high school and see what could be done to help the "Future Teachers" club. We quickly learned that there was only a non-active club and even more concerning was that the high school had closed the Pathway in Education because only 4 students in a class of nearly 300 plus had declared interest in the "Teacher Pathway". After contacting the sponsor (one of our past students), she agreed to accept the \$150 and utilize it in a way that could support a club revival. We just found out that she was able to fund 14 students who qualified to take a national industry certification exam at the end of the semester. With a cost of \$30 each, our donation would help lower the cost for those students and spur their interest!

Our project this year is promoting reading in elementary schools in our area. In September, we visited Ward Elementary determined to read to kids and spread some excitement for reading. Our mission was accomplished! Eleven classrooms had a guest reader who read, engaged the kids in discussion and left behind the book and a character stuffed animal for the classroom. All students received a bookmark and each teacher a Sharpie surprise! We left smiling and happy and even received a request from an excited principal to return to read before Christmas! A follow up thank you has been delivered to each of the teachers who allowed us in their classroom along with an invitation to join DKG and the Beta Chapter.

Kudos to Marilyn Hughes, Angie Foster, Mary Evelyn Poole, Karen Allen and Lisa Petrey-Kirk!

Lisa Petrey-Kirk, President

Beta Chapter

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The Omega Chapter of DKG has a busy year planned. Officers met in August to plan the meetings for the year. President Bonnye Roof and Treasurer Emily Perry attended the Fall Leadership Workshop in September in Lexington. At our September meeting, we presented Kaitlyn Anderson our Grant-in-Aid Scholarship. This was presented in honor of Barbara Sturm who passed away in January. Our guest speaker for Sept. was Judge Shea Nickell. He spoke to us on duties of the judges and the importance of voting. He also shared two songs: "My Old KY Home" and "It Is Well". In July, we lost one of our Charter DKG members, Linda Long. Our activity in October was preparing and serving lunch at the Community Kitchen in Paducah who aid the homeless in our area. For our December meeting, we plan to have a Christmas Potluck at Ann Rushing's home. We plan to make boxes and share Christmas songs. A Silent Auction will be held to finance our Grant-in-Aid Scholarship. Our February meeting, hosted by Jane Sykes, will have the administrator for Ladies Living Free. Members will attend the KAGS DKG meeting in Lexington in March. Our year will end with the joint meeting of Omega and Chi Chapters at Olive Garden in Paducah. KAGS President Beth Pyle will give greetings from the state and install our new officers. Philanthropy projects for the year are 4-H Backpack, Ladies Living Free, and Read Across America.



Accepting Grant-in-Aid is  
Kaitlyn's grandmother



Judge Shea Nickell



Charlotte Benton donating  
items for 4-H backpack pro-

### Alpha Beta Chapter

The years are passing far too quickly but the care and love our members show for each other and for those outside our organization is immeasurable. We continue to support Family Scholar House with items that are needed such as school supplies to holiday cards and treats as well as much needed clothing. We also often donate unrestricted funding to Family Scholar House as there are other needs for the families who live there.

Care is also extended to our members, several of whom have experienced illnesses and need our love and support. At our October meeting, we signed cards for those who could not be with us and had a group picture made to include in the cards. In the picture we were all waving to those members not present. Missing from the picture was Diana Motsch, who was taking the picture. Diana is our historian and brought our Alpha Beta scrapbook to the meeting for all to enjoy.

During this past summer, we lost a dear and long-time Alpha Beta member. Maxine Stickler passed away after a long battle with her health. Maxine spent her working career with the Jefferson County Public Schools serving first as a teacher and moving into several important positions including curriculum coordi-



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nator, resource teacher, and academic challenge coordinator. She loved and was loved by all the children she served.

The year so far has not been without celebrations, however. Bonnie Abner was not able to attend our October meeting so we showered her with 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cards that were delivered to her. We hope that she felt our presence and love for her.

We are only a few months into the new year but committees are working hard. Our first speaker this year was Terri Kendall, a mental and academic support specialist for Jefferson County Public Schools. In her talk she made us very aware of the needs of many JCPS students who certainly live in a time much different and perhaps more difficult than the days when many of us were classroom teachers.

Several of our members attended the Fall Workshop in Lexington and assisted with registration. Our President Diana French, Ann Hafling, Janet Chase and Judy Reeves attended. They were able to get to know the new state president Beth Pyle and also to fellowship with the DKG sisters from across the state. Alpha Beta Chapter was well represented.

We continue to support future teachers as we offer scholarships yearly to assist them with their college expenses. At our October meeting graciously coordinated by Mary Winges and held at Treyton Oak Towers, Idru Vibbert read a thank you note from Sydney Bolton, one of our scholarship recipients. It's always nice to hear from the future teachers we support. The November meeting is when we hold our yearly auction and the proceeds from that auction support the scholarships. Last year we were able to raise \$1,069 and we expect to exceed that amount this year, certainly a worthy goal.

As we look forward to the remainder of the year, we wish all DKG sisters around the state wonderful upcoming holidays and a blessed new year.

Submitted by:

Brenda Logan, Communications Chair



Cards for those  
who are ill



Mary Minges  
with President  
French

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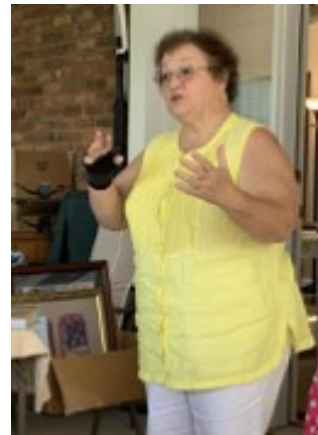


Last summer several members of **Xi** joined members of **Zeta** to visit Old Friends, a “retirement home” for race horses” in Georgetown Kentucky.

Kathy Zwanzig presented at the International Conference in Asheville, NC this summer. She demonstrated how to make Christmas spider ornaments.



Xi Chapter in Louisville is off to a great year. At our back to school potluck picnic we heard from Terri Roberts about her experiences teaching in living in Saudi Arabia. We will be inducting Terri into our chapter in December.



Member, Lisa Cain is the first literacy master teacher in Bardstown City Schools. The chapter is selling pecans to raise funds for their Grant-in-Aid. During our fall meeting we learned about the many opportunities to enjoy our state parks. President, Donna Whitis, received the Linda Van Houten Award for teaching at Walden School. Cindy Shiroma received the Latin Teacher of the Year Award. Congratulations! We are looking forward to our Holiday Brunch in December.



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We had a great time at Renee Miller's house for our Alpha Delta Summer Social in June. The food was delicious, the meeting short, and the discussions delightful. Front: Pam Corum, Libby Richardson, Renee Miller, Mary Lou Jenkins Back: Bev Morrison, Suzannah Whitfield, Loretta Bednar, Mandy Richardson, Allison Doutaz, Betty Barger, Geraldine Miller, and Shirley Jones



Thanks to the persistence of two Alpha Delta members, pictured: Treasurer Renee Miller and President Loretta Bednar, and the generosity of Meade County Superintendent Dr. John Millay and the Board, Alpha Delta now has a new home on the Virginia Miller Campus. Virginia Miller was one of the founding members of the local chapter which was founded in 1980 and has 49 members. The chapter will have a room at the house to store their things as well as display projects and historical information about the organization. They will be able to use the house as a home base for their meetings.





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On Saturday, September 28 at 1:00 PM, fifteen members of Delta Kappa Gamma met at their permanent residence on the Virginia Miller Campus to raise money for the MCHS Scholarship to give to a deserving Senior at awards night in the Spring. Members each give \$10 twice a year and some get together to eat brunch, play Bunco, and bring nice white elephant gifts. We were so blessed to have the State Delta Kappa Gamma President Beth Pyle as an honorary guest at this recent event.

Pictured: Front: Bev Morrison, Suzannah Whitfield, Amy Allen, Suzy Harreld, Margie Gregoriades, Allison Doutaz, Steps: Renee Miller, Betty Barger, Loretta Bednar, Darlah Zweifel, Beth Pyle, Kelly Butler, Nancy Morris, Jennifer Kelly, and Jessie Trotter.

### **Meade County High School Teacher Honored by Yale University.**

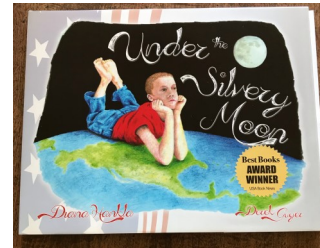
Alpha Delta member, Pamela Foushee has been recognized by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a recipient of the 2019 Yale Education Award. The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding high school educators from around the world who support and inspire students to perform at high levels and to achieve excellence. She was nominated by a member of the Yale Class of 2023.

# Fall Workshop Review

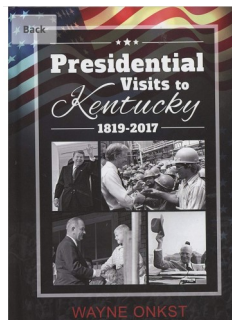
“Great breakout sessions.” “Presenters were superb.” “Presenter did not show. No problem, we compiled a list of our current favorite reads.” “Learned some great things in my training session. Kudos to our officers.” “Nice variety of breakout sessions.” “Glad some of the sessions were repeated.”



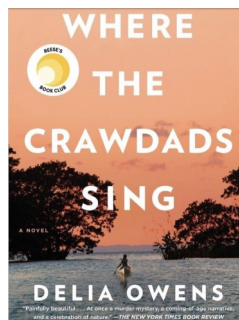
Guest Presenters: Robbie and Miranda Tieman  
Drama and Dance/Movement



Children’s Author: Diana Hankla  
Under the Silvery Moon  
Hope Island



Author: Wayne Onkst  
Presidential Visits to Kentucky



Lynn Mays led the book talk on the group read.  
Author: Delia Owens

# Step Up for DKG

## Biennium Pins

Cost \$5.00 per pin

- All proceeds go into Non-Dues Revenue – monies serve the members and benefit the Society at the State level
- Wear on red name badge/pin ribbon
- Chapters can award pins to members for special achievements; as a chapter meeting door prize; as an additional welcome for new inductees
- To purchase contact Beth Pyle (bethpyle@gmail.com)



Places to look for information concerning Kentucky State Organization.

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

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