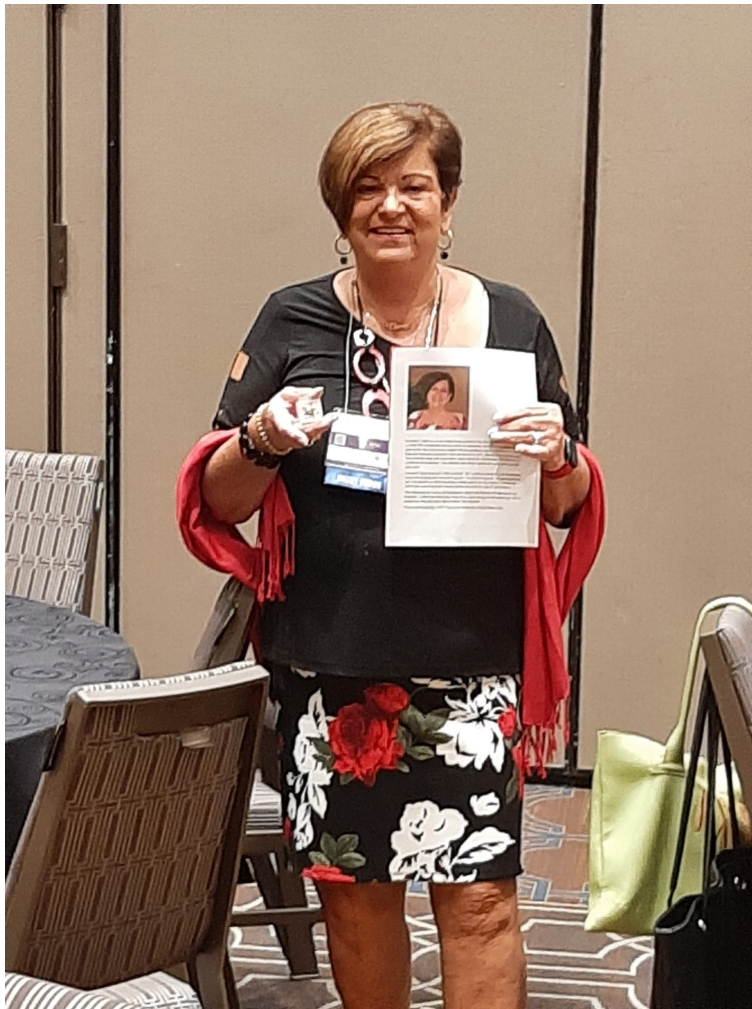


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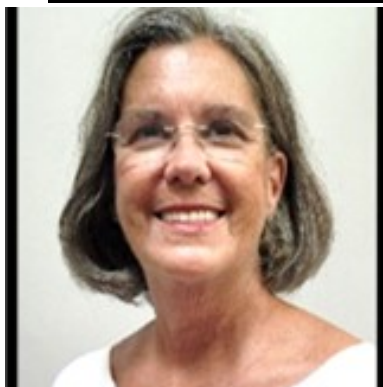
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President's Message



Bonnie's Beacon Bullets

Greetings to all!

Some of your state officers and committee chairs attended our 3rd annual leadership retreat in June. (We have had two held at Carrolton, and one on Zoom) Much was accomplished, we left feeling invigorated, and together we developed a few take aways! Some of those ideas will be shared in Lexington at our Fall Workshop. Please take time to read about our Fall Workshop and all the sessions that will be offered. We hope you plan to attend!

By the time you read this I will have already visited Alpha Beta chapter (Louisville), and I will be visiting Iota chapter (Somerset) the last Saturday in August. If I have not yet attended one of your chapter meetings, you should see me sometime between now and June. I have learned so many great things about Kentucky and what different chapters do for projects and programs, and I have met so many of you. What a wonderful experience!

We are also striving to have at least one member from each chapter attend our first revitalization meeting on Saturday, August 20th. Please make sure your chapter is represented! You can read about this elsewhere in this NEWS and the reservation form is on our KSO website. Do visit the website often! Our webmaster, Greta Gilbert (Tau), is doing an excellent job keeping it updated. Thanks, Greta! <https://kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com>

Who could have known that Kentucky would experience two natural disasters within a year!? I was fortunate to have visited south eastern Kentucky in May (Nu chapter, Pikeville; and Tau chapter (Prestonsburg). My husband and I commented often on the beauty in that area. To see the devastation from the flooding is heartbreaking. Just as with the tornadoes in western Kentucky, members from all over the world are reaching out to us in concern. I have received nearly 100 emails from women who want to know how we are and if there is anything we need. We truly are an international organization and fielding those emails is heartwarming. If you know of any member or if you have damage from the flooding, please contact me as soon as possible and we will apply for emergency fund money. In the meantime, please continue to hold all of eastern Kentucky in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks for growing and glowing in DKG with me,

Bonnie

Planned Sessions for Our Annual Fall Leadership Workshop

It is important for all to understand that while there are sessions to help train new chapter officers, there are also sessions for all members whether they are an officer, a committee chair, or simply a participating member. Also, any member is always welcome to join the officer training session if they wish. There could be a couple more sessions but at this time the following sessions will be offered:

Scholarship information as both a presentation and possible answer and question time. This will be presented by the state scholarship committee.

Lynn Mays (Zeta) will facilitate a book talk on *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. There is definitely one session planned and if we find that more members wish to participate, Lynn is prepared to facilitate a second session.

Boxes and Beads will be a fun craft session facilitated by Karen Martin (Upsilon). Participants will make a decorative box and a self-encouraging item made from beads. You will be able to make one of each at no cost, but if you would like to make a second item there will be a small fee (\$3 or less)

Poetry Plus Music is a session that will be presented by Patricia Hackworth (Tau) and Greta Gilbert (Tau). Participants will become a part of the combined music and poetry.

Vicki Lete (Alpha Beta) and Kathy Fries (Alpha Beta) will present NOLA International Convention Recap. You will enjoy hearing about their convention experiences and participation.

Revitalization Follow-up will be facilitated by Lucy Riffle, KSO 1st Vice-president, Zeta. Revitalization follow-ups will be ongoing for a year or two as we work together to make KSO more lively.

A session for Self-Indulging. Your leadership committee has put together a session to help with relaxation and it is a time to destress. You will be pampered during this session.

Shelia Wilkinson (Mu) and KSO treasurer will facilitate a session for chapter treasurers and anyone else who is interested in finance and this part of our organization.

Cherie Mingus (Mu) and KSO 2nd vice-president and membership chair will facilitate the session for chapter membership chairs. All members are invited to participate and learn about membership.

Lucy Riffle (Zeta) and KSO 1st vice-president and EEC chair will facilitate the session for chapter EEC chairs. All members are invited to participate and learn more about EEC and KSO awards.

Bonnie Cook Fouts (Alpha) and KSO President will facilitate the two sessions for chapter presidents. This session is extremely important and if you cannot attend as chapter president, please send someone in your place to take information back to you. All members are invited to participate in these sessions.

The reservation form is on our state website and it was also sent to your chapter president. If you cannot locate, email Kathy Zwanzig or Bonnie Cook Fouts and they will be glad to help you.

Educational Excellence News

Lucy Riffle



One area of EEC that is often overlooked is the talents of our sisters in Arts & Humanities. Do you have sisters who can sing, draw, paint, do needlework or other crafts? Consider having a time to showcase their talents.

While at the International Convention in New Orleans, DKG International had an art gallery with beautiful works created by DKG members. They also have an exhibit of our sisters' works on the webpage twice a year. If one of your chapter members would like to submit something for the exhibit, the submission process opens August 15th and goes to September 15th.

Do you have sisters who have published a book? Be sure to share this information with all of us in KSO. Most of us love to read!!

A chapter member from Zeta recently had her 2nd children's book published. This one is to alleviate the fears of primary students during the myriad of emergency drills they must participate in. Check it out! Those of you who teach our littlest students may want to purchase one for your classroom.



I'm especially proud of our sister – she's my niece!!

We have lots of talented people in KSO – be sure to acknowledge them!!

Membership News

Cherie Mingus



Congratulations 2nd Vice Presidents! You are beginning the first year of your biennium. As 2nd Vice President you have two main tasks. The first and foremost is membership. If your chapter seems to be struggling with membership, remember you have great resources literally at your fingertips. First of all, the DKG website has a wealth of information. To assist with recruiting new members don't work harder, work smarter and take advantage of what DKG International has prepared. To obtain this information simply go to the DKG website. Click "Resources" on the top banner. Then click on "Chapter Tools." Once there, click on "Membership Plan." Once at the membership plan site you can print out and use the following items:

Overview

Sample Prospect Card

Chapter Member Information Form

Prospect Letter

Honorary Member Nominee

Induction Letter

Letter to Superintendents

Another great source of information is the "KSO Tulip Poplars." These past state presidents are willing to help and answer any questions you may have. And finally, you can contact anyone on the "SOS (Support Our Sisters) Committee." These ladies are also willing to help answer any question you may have concerning membership. The SOS Committee members are listed on the KSO website under the Committees link. I also am available to help and assist you along your journey. And don't forget those ladies who can be inducted into your chapter as an Honorary Member. Ladies that work(ed) as educational assistants are a prime example of someone eligible for this type of membership.

The other task/responsible of your office is to make sure both the state and international know about any deaths that may happen in your chapter. Use [Form 6](#) as soon as one of your members passes away. Copies of [Form 6](#) can also be found on the DKG website and are sent to me, KSO Treasurer Shelia Wilkinson, and to International. Receiving this form is how I am able to know which ladies will be honored at our KSO State Convention during the "Celebration of Life" memorial.

I want to continue to encourage you to stay in contact with your membership either by emails, texts, personal notes, and/or phone calls. Make each and every member feel loved and needed. I hope to see many of you at the KSO Fall Workshop in September. Have a fun and educational 2022-20234 biennium!

Key Women Educators Lighting the Way



Above is the theme of our annual Fall Leadership Workshop and we are so pleased to welcome back our guests from last fall! They were wonderful!

Drs. Gretchen and Alex Kinchen, will be our luncheon speakers/entertainers.

You won't want to miss this dynamic couple. The dates of the event are Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17th. After a day of workshop sessions on Saturday, the 17th, the luncheon will be from 12:30 – 2:30pm EST.

Drs. Gretchen and Alex Kinchen come from families long immersed in education. Gretchen's dad, now retired, was a high school principal for more than 30 years, and her mom was the office administrator for the local vocational school for many years.

Alex's dad will soon have 34 years as a college president. Both Gretchen and Alex intended to go into teaching when they began college, and they did for a while. Though they now have different careers, both of them are very in tune with the needs of educators and students.

Dr. Gretchen Kinchen taught 7th grade science for four years; however, she is now an accomplished cosmetic and family dentist and has had her own dental practice in Lexington for thirteen years.

Dr. Alex Kinchen has taught history at both high school and collegiate levels, but he now has his Master of Divinity and PhD in Applied Theology. Alex works extensively with youth groups, church planting, and has recently opened a new church called The Gathering Place which is in the Lexington area.

Gretchen and Alex have three children. Samantha and Thomas are adults who are successful amateur boxers beginning their professional careers. Thomas is a firefighter/EMT for the City of Lexington, and Samantha is a personal trainer in Cool, CA. Their youngest, 5-year old Jackson, loves life, monster trucks, sharks, and is preparing to begin Kindergarten. Both Gretchen and Alex are passionate about helping people reach their potential and making a positive difference in the community.

We are looking forward to having this lovely couple as our special guests at our fall luncheon. You will find more about the sessions that will be offered for all KSO members in this newsletter. The deadline to register is August 31, 2022. Please plan to attend. The sessions will be informative and fun, and the workshop will close with our luncheon featuring Drs. Alex and Gretchen Kinchen.

KSO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE
Scholarship Committee Update

Revised scholarship applications will be available to KSO members starting October 2022. These applications will be less time consuming to complete.

A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to two applicants at the KSO 2023 State Convention.

The Scholarship Committee will be presenting a brief round table question and answer event at the Fall Workshop on September 17th.

If you have any questions, please contact committee chair, Pam Thomas at rpt268@fuse.net.

KSO Scholarship Committee

Mary Evans (Delta)

Ramona Jeffries (XI)

Linda Jewell (XI)

June Madison (Zeta)

Tina Shawler (XI)

Pam Thomas (Upsilon)

To Chapter Treasurers:

A session will be presented at the Fall Workshop for anyone who would like to ask questions or get assistance with any of the duties of a treasurer. I do have a few new people and a new log in for those who have not yet filed the 990 post-card for your chapter. I look forward to working with each of you over this biennium. Feel free to email, text or call me anytime you have questions or concerns.

Shelia Wilkinson

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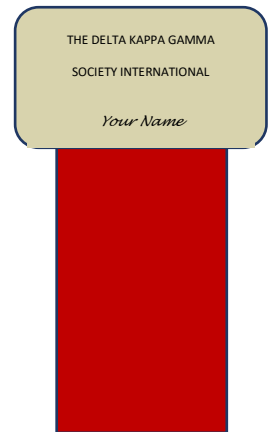


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\$15.00 (includes shipping and tax)

Proceeds will go to the Delta Chapter's annual
Virginia Mutchler Young Women's Educator Award

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2022 Fall Leadership Workshop

September 16-17, 2022

Embassy Suites by Hilton at Lexington Green
245 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY 40405

_____	\$30 Registration Fee
_____	\$27 Luncheon - "Fantastic Four": Garden Salad/2 Soup Choices/2 Sandwich Choices/Dessert
_____	Total

Make Checks Payable to Kentucky State Organization.
Mail Registration to:

Kathy Zwanzig

223 Longview Drive
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Phone: 502 541-7738
Email: kathyzwanzig@gmail.com

Registration confirmation will be sent via email unless otherwise requested by registrant..

Conference Registration Deadline - August 31, 2022

Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Telephone (Include Area Code)

Email

Chapter Chapter or State Officer? (Circle One) Chapter. State

Position Held

Dietary Restrictions:

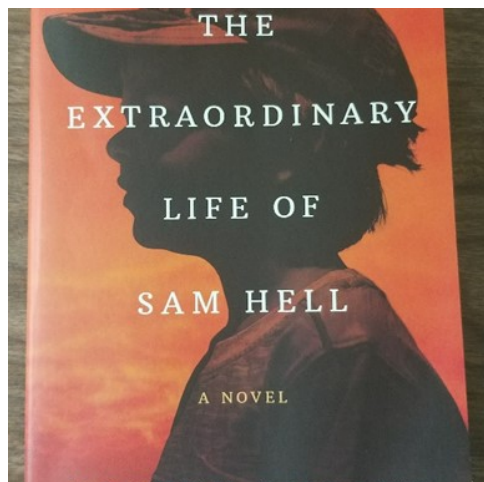
Special Needs:

First Time to Attend a Fall Workshop? Yes or No

The conference block will be held until August 16, 2022. Twenty (20) rooms will be reserved in the block. Cost per room is \$149 per night before taxes and includes Friday night reception, a complimentary breakfast on Saturday morning, and WiFi are included with your reservation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible,

A PDF of the registration form
will be sent in the email to chapter presidents .

Fall Workshop Book Choice



Sam Hill was born with ocular albinism which caused his eyes to be red. Fortunately, his devout mother was his avid supporter and told him that he would have an extraordinary life. Despite being ostracized at school, he was an excellent student. He eventually makes two friends that he believes were sent to him from God. They remained his friends into adulthood.

Later, as a small-town eye doctor, he becomes uncertain about his life, and spends time overseas helping care for eye patients. After tragedy strikes at home, he has lots to think about and some of the “bullying” he suffered as a child, comes back to haunt him. How does his journey continue?

Sam's story portrays how it is for someone who is "different" and how they are treated. Can a victim of such abuse overcome differences? Are the support of loved ones and friends enough? Can life be fulfilling? This is a “must read” for teachers and our choice for the book session at our fall conference. You have plenty of time to obtain this book and hopefully, be able to join the discussion with me at our fall conference book session.

Lynn Mays (Zeta)

Gamma Chapter

After two years of zoom meetings (March 2020 - March 2022) Gamma Chapter members met at the Murray State University Curris Center on March 12, 2022. On a hot July day we met at Playhouse in the Park for a birthday celebration. We gathered on the Playhouse deck and members brought a sack lunch. We welcomed KSO President, Dr. Bonnia Fouts. We were celebrating 82 years for Gamma and 90th birthday for Mary Alice Humphries, a forty-nine year member. Dr. Fouts presented information about KSO and Society events. We were glad to get acquainted with her and learn about her personal accomplishments. She had been to Mayfield the day before to meet with the mayor and deliver emergency relief money for two teachers. Also arrangements were made for Gamma member, Rose Tillford, to receive monetary assistance from KSO and DKG International and Gamma Chapter. She has received this monetary assistance. but is still living in a motel while her house is repaired after being damaged from the tornado on December 10, 2021. We agreed to continue to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for the four counties where our members have been teachers.

On June 14, 2021 Gamma Chapter established a Murray State University scholarship. In December 1950 Gamma members began raising funds to be used as a perpetual scholarship for students preparing for careers in education. From Gamma beginnings on March 9, 1940 significant contributions have been made and long standing tributes to the communities.

A written history of Gamma Chapter has been accepted to be included in the Bicentennial History Book of Calloway County. Thanks to Karen Crick for contributing the article.

Dr. Fouts installed new officers. Members contributed in discussion of plans for the next two years.

Mu Chapter

Mu Chapter has been busy this summer. July 27, we met at Tony York's on Main in Glendale, Kentucky. This was our summer social. We had invited 3 prospective members to join us, but only one was able to attend. We played a couple of games and then had a delicious meal. It was fun to meet and just catch up with everyone. And that one prospective member who was able to attend decided at the end of the meeting she wanted to join our group!

August 10, our Executive Council members met at the home of Mu Chapter member Patsy Young. Members of the Executive Council for 2022-2024 are Cherie Mingus, President; Becky Bishop, Vice President; Debby Couch, Secretary; Shelia Wilkinson, Treasurer; and Ramona Jeffries, Parliamentarian. We decided on meeting dates for this new biennium as well as places to host the meetings. We decided to vary the days as to make it more convenient for members to attend at least one or two meetings each year. We came up with some suggested programs that would be beneficial for all members. And finally, we decided that our project for the entire biennium would be collecting needed items for Project L.E.A.R.N. "Project L.E.A.R.N." is an educational organization that works with adults that have intellectual disabilities and have aged out of high school. "L.E.A.R.N." stands for Lengthening Education and Realistic Nurturing.

We are excited to get 2022-2024 started with our first meeting October 22.

Zeta Chapter

Understanding, Fun, and Fellowship

In June, officers were found meeting one-on-one with our president to better understand their new roles and to begin creating files that can be given to the next person holding the office two years from now.

The executive board and committee chairs had a fantastic Summer Planning Session for the upcoming year as well as a luncheon at the home of our new president, Sally Nimmo, Thursday, July 14th. Lots of ideas were shared, recommendations made, and potential problems solved as new officers and chairmen brainstormed together and got to know one another better.

A smart idea and indeed a successful EXTRA for Zeta Chapter was Wednesday, July 27th! A tour of the Lincoln-Grant Scholar House was planned by co-chairs June Madison and Deborah Onkst. A wonderful, informative tour of the LGSH in Covington was led by a staff member, Lee Ann, plus a resident, Deshawna, who is going to school to become a teacher! Joining the group of fifteen were local Pastor Bruce Hill and his wife, Barbara, invited by our sister, Darla Payne, who attends their church. We are proud that our sisters brought many wish-list items for the residents. Afterwards, the group enjoyed delicious lunches together at Blinkers, just a few blocks north in Covington. Pictures captured the happy time had by all.



Left to Right-Gamma Chapter
Milissia Sledd
Mary Johnson
Karen Crick
Donna Whitfield
Michelle Dickerson
Mirriam Ferguson
Seated:
Mary Alice Humphries



Left to Right-Gamma Chapter
Michelle Dickerson, 1st Vice President
Karen Crick, treasurer
Milissia Sledd, 2nd Vice President
Donna Whitfield, President
Dr. Bonnia Fouts, KSO President



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Mu Chapter met at Tony York's on Main in Glendale, Kentucky.



Zeta members collected LGHS Wish-list items.

Please continue to collect for **World Fellowship**. The World Fellowship Fund was established to provide opportunities for international women to pursue graduate studies in Canada and the United States. The collection ideas/incentives that we did last year are listed below. Many of us have change that pools on a buffet, a dresser, in our car, etc. We have an idea as to how you can use some of that loose change. The World Fellowship committee has some creative ways for you to consider how much to add to your WF Container. For example, The phrase below please, add a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, or more to your World Fellowship container.

September: For each grandchild, niece, October: For each jack-o-lantern that is in your nephew or neighbor, please ... home or neighborhood, please ...

November: For each daily blessing or December: For each good deed you do or that for each tree with color, please ... comes to you this season, please ...

January: For each day with flurries OR February: For each valentine you send to or for each day without flurries, please ... receive from anyone, please ...

March: For each shamrock that you see April: For each shower to bring flowers OR in your home or neighborhood, please ... for each day without showers, please ...

May: For beautiful flowers in your yard June: For each of your upcoming summer or neighborhood, please... activities (blessings), please

SOS (Supporting Our Sisters) will continue! The virtual (Zoom) meetings will begin in September and run through May. We will meet the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30pm EST (6:30 – 7:30pm CST). The link is recurring so you can bookmark it for all meetings. If you misplace the link, it is also on our KSO website. Our chats are for active as well as retired teachers and you may share the link with a colleague if you choose. Please join us when you can! SOS Chat Link 3rd Thursday of each month Begins at 7:30pm EST (6:30pm CST) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044543800?pwd=VE85MWZ0R0JUazdvTkI1OFIrYkk4Zz09>

It's time again for our **Coordinating Councils to Meet!** So, what is a coordinating council, and to which one do you belong? This information is directly from our state bylaws. Kentucky State Organization chapters shall be organized in six (6) Coordinating Councils defined by geographical regions and include those chapters in close proximity to each other. The Coordinating Council shall meet at least once a year for the purpose of helping chapters form good relationships and to work together in considering mutual interests, activities, and projects. Members of the Order of the Tulip Poplar (Past State Presidents) are each assigned a Coordinating Council, to serve as a resource to members. We now have seven (7) councils, so we need to update the bylaws – until then, please know we are currently working with seven. Your chapter president has the link to your meeting, but the links are also below. When your council meets, all members are invited to attend! Please join your council meeting!

FLOODING IN EASTERN KENTUCKY

Several sisters have asked how they can help with the people affected with flooding in Eastern Kentucky. After many phone calls to find out how we can help Eastern Kentucky, the Kentucky State Organization executive board decided tonight that we would work to fund the replacement of a guided reader library that was totally lost at Hindman Elementary. This library is what they use for reading instruction and is a total loss. It is costly to replace. This project is also going to be sent out through international!!

Any donation should be sent to Shelia Wilkinson, Treasurer of KSO. Her address is on the first page of this newsletter. Checks should be made to Kentucky State Organization.

You can share this with anyone who wishes to help!!

We do have one sister whose house is most probably a total loss - she has sent an application in to International for their disaster funds and Shelia has sent her a check from our state disaster funds.

Point of Contact is Lucy Riffle whose contact information appears on the first page of this newsletter.

2021-2023 KSO Team Leaders

Officer Installations were performed virtually 2021.

This photo was taken in Bowling Green during the President's Banquet at the 2022 state convention.

From left: Executive Secretary, Kathy Zwanzig (Xi); Treasurer, Shelia Wilkinson (Mu); Corresponding Secretary, Diane Woods (Alpha Alpha); Recording Secretary, Patricia Hackworth (Tau); 1st Vice-President/Membership Chair, Cherie Mingus (Mu); 1st Vice-President/EEC Chair, Lucy Riffle (Zeta); President, Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts (Alpha); and Immediate Past President and Parliamentarian, Dr. Beth Pyle (Delta).

Not pictured: NEWS editor, Susan Cross (Mu); Webmaster, Greta Gilbert (Tau); UN Liaison, Lisa Petry-Kirk (Beta); and Assistant Treasurer, Renee Miller (Alpha Delta).

