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President's Message

These last 5 months have certainly been unique for DKG members around the world as COVID-19 disrupted normal everyday existence. I know each of you has dealt with these disruptions within your family, jobs, and even DKG the best you could. I think the inability to travel freely has been the most disruptive in my life --- grocery shopping; local errands; seeing friends; supervising student teachers; visiting DKG chapters throughout the state; attending State Convention and Fall Conference; attending International DKG Convention; and spending time with my children and grandchildren. But despite these inconveniences, most of us have been able to circumvent many of these issues because of shopper and delivery services; Internet capabilities; and Zoom. I often think about how COVID-19 would have affected my life 40 years ago? Even without a pandemic, my parents in upstate New York missed seeing the developmental milestones of my children who lived in Illinois --- thank goodness for FaceTime and Zoom which makes seeing my grandchildren frequently a given even though I cannot physically be with them.



Making the ultimate decision to cancel our KY State Convention in March and then cancelling our face-to-face Fall Conference were choices that did not come easily; I thank each of you for helping me come to the outcome made and supporting it. But again I am thankful for the Internet and Zoom which is making a Virtual KY Fall Conference possible. I will have to admit that I wasn't exactly sure how to do this but conferring with other state presidents and participating in the Virtual International Conference, gave me the "gumption" to try.

Consequently, with the guidance of my other state officers (past and present) and with the guidance of my Leadership Development Committee, we have put together a compelling line-up session for our Virtual Fall Conference on September 12 (see details in

this newsletter). There will be training sessions for the newly elected chapter officers as well as sessions for the general membership – all from the comfort of your home! I encourage at least one member, but hopefully more, from each chapter to attend at least two sessions ---- it would be even greater if each chapter had at least one representative at each session. Each session will be via a Zoom Meeting format and can be easily accessed. If anyone would like to have a trial run using Zoom, let me know and I will gladly invite you to a one-on-one meeting.

Attending the Virtual International Convention was not the same as seeing everyone in person and experiencing the sites and sounds of Philadelphia, but it did have its advantages. One of the best aspects was that 100+ members could attend a single session – often times at a normal convention a session may be limited to 30 participants because of room capacity. Communicating with others worked well with the chat component or arranging a separate Zoom meeting with friends --- for instance, my LMS 2012 class met via Zoom. The installation ceremony was unique but they did “pass the gavel” even if it was a virtual exchange. From comments made by others about the virtual aspects of the Philadelphia Convention, I will not be surprised to see some virtual components at our next face-to-face International Convention in 2022 in New Orleans. I think we all learned that the possibilities are endless and can be incorporated at the state and chapter levels!

As we continue to adjust to the COVID-19 normal of daily lives, please remember to be safe and healthy; and although I cannot travel to your chapter physically please invite me to any chapter and/or regional meetings that are conducted via Zoom --- my schedule is open. And remember, you can “Step Up for DKG” virtually!

One last thought – as we deal with the inconvenience of wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing our hands (but still have food, our own home/bed, and limited travel), I cannot help but think that Anne Frank would have gladly worn a mask, social distanced, and washed her hands frequently instead of hiding (sheltering in place) for 2 years! Despite everything we are blessed.

Educational Excellence

Chair News



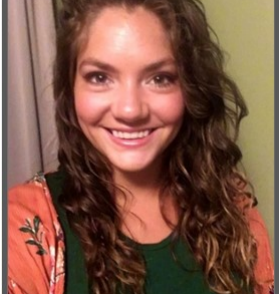
What is Excellence in Education (EE)?

Our fall KSO Leadership Workshops are just around the corner, and I hope that many of you will be zooming in to network and learn about the many components of DKG. Like many of you, I, too, was hoping we could meet face-to-face. I was disappointed when Philadelphia was cancelled but the health and safety of everyone is foremost. On a more positive note, how many times have you been able to listen to great convention speakers live from the comfort of your home? Thank you, state president, Beth Pyle, for great and strong leadership and keeping KSO members informed and updated on all aspects of DKG!

In September, we will once again be able to learn from the comfort of our homes. The EE workshop will focus on all three levels of DKG – International, State, and Chapter. You do not have to be an officer to join our Zoom workshops. Any of you and potential members (colleagues) are welcome to learn about our Excellence in Education Committee (EEC). We will discuss projects and programs and review KSO's annual Annie awards and the EEC Classroom award. Our 2020 Classroom award winners are featured elsewhere in this issue! Thanks again to all the chapters who submitted applicants and to the committee who helped to select our winning educators. I hope to Zoom with you in September!

KSO 2020 Educational Excellence in the Classroom Award Winners

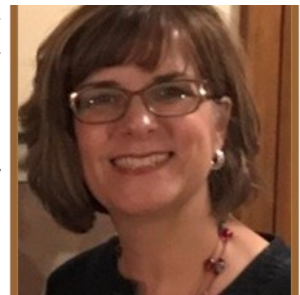
As promised, we are letting you know more about our EEC Classroom Winners. Your committee thoroughly enjoyed reading through the applications and though making the final decisions was challenging, we were pleased to announce your first place winners who tied for the KSO 2020 Educational Excellence in the Classroom Award: Miranda Kaye Tieman (Zeta) and Connie Curry (Upsilon). Runner-up was Angie Foster (Beta). You can read about each of our winners below (we copied excerpts from the applications submitted by their chapters, and we have virtually interviewed each winner). The applications included how the work of these women aligned to our seven purposes. We copied a few and those are underlined. Their interview replies are in italics. Congratulations Miranda, Connie, and Angie!!!



Miranda Kaye Tieman (Zeta) is a multi-talented educator who continuously shares her expertise in Dance, Drama, Movement, and Music with others because of her passion to implement arts education to as many populations as possible. In this regard, she exhibits the purpose of, Works to advance professional interest and position of women. In her fifth year of teaching Theatre, Dance, and Movement to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at Ockerman Middle School, Boone County, KY, Mrs. Tieman works with students of all abilities, most of whom have had no involvement in theatre, dance, or movement. By the end of the year, they come alive through the varied opportunities to exhibit

newly learned skills and are eager to continue with Mrs. Tieman in the upcoming school year. Miranda and her husband, Robbie, presented at the Zeta Chapter meeting on March 16, 2019, and at the Fall Conference on September 7, 2019. Their focus was demonstrating how the performing arts are the nucleus for learning, which is aligned with the purpose, Stays informed and involved in issues essential to a world society as well as Supports professional and personal growth for educators. Miranda demonstrates several of our seven purposes. Miranda became *a theatre arts educator to build young people's confidence and to provide opportunities for them to grow creatively*. Her favorite age group of students is middle school because she likes to be a part of this influential time in their lives where they are beginning to form as an individual. Miranda would advise a young woman that is thinking about entering the field of education to *find a strong support system of positive colleagues that she can go to for questions or advice. I would also say to cherish the moments with your students that make you smile because those moments get you through the tough ones*. Miranda joined DKG because she thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to connect with other educators and be a part of educational outreach in her community; furthermore, her favorite thing about DKG is meeting so many fantastic educators. She has learned much from her DKG family and hopes to continue sharing in the common goal of supporting women educators in our communities and around the world.

Connie Curry (Upsilon) was chosen as chapter EEC winner because of her passion and advocacy. Connie is an Occupational Therapist with Boone County Schools. She spent 15 years working in hospitals and nursing homes before moving to the school system in 2005 to better align her career with her children's schedules and needs. One of 10 occupational therapists employed by one of the largest school systems in Kentucky, Connie works with students with special needs, special and general education teachers, para-educators, and school administrators. Her expertise helps qualifying students from pre-school to age 21 to be successful in their classrooms and the greater school environment. She has a current case load of 45-50, although she has handled as many as 60-70 in the past. As Connie collaborates with her team and relates anecdotes of typical experiences, her empathy, sensitivity, kindness, and respect for the students, parents, and colleagues with whom she works are apparent. As all DKG sisters know, it does indeed take a village to move students forward. Supporting the personal and professional growth of fellow educators both in and out of the classroom is a key part of ultimately helping students to be successful. These are traits that are embodied by DKG's purposes of presenting an image of genuine spiritual fellowship and honoring others in the field of education and they have earned Connie the respect of her colleagues. We asked Connie why she chose to work in the field of education. Her response follows: *I had worked in hospitals/nursing homes working with adults in re-*



hab units for many years. I had an OT friend that I worked with at the hospital that switched to working in the schools. She encouraged me to apply. I also observed a pediatric OT and therapy with kids looked so fun! It ended up being the best decision I ever made. Not only do I get to have fun working with kids all day long, but the schedule worked out great with my own children's schedule. When asked about her favorite age of student, she replied: I travel to different schools working with kids from preschool age to 21. I really love working with all age groups. It's fun working on play skills and fine motor fun activities with elementary school children, but I also like problem solving ways to help older students be successful in the classroom. We asked what she would say to a young woman who is thinking about entering the teaching profession or considering working in the schools as a therapist. Connie stated: As an OT, I would say you have a picked a great profession. As an OT, I would recommend working in a hospital or outpatient area first to gain experience before going to the schools. OTs in the schools have large caseloads and must function independent of other OT colleagues. We are fortunate to have Connie as a sister in DKG because a teacher friend invited her to join and she loves that women in the field of education can get together and support one another.



Angie Foster (Beta) epitomizes the example of the best in a DKG sister. Angie is the first in our chapter to “jump” in and unite the group with a great activity, the perfect sentiment, or just the right time to sit and listen. She is the spark in our group! As a Reading Interventionist in a rural elementary school of about 650 kids, Angie is infamous for her work with struggling readers. Every year with a little help from organizations as well as individuals she can provide each child in her program with at least two books as take homes and many years up to four or five. She plans and arranges events with parents and activities outside her job requirements to bring reading alive for kids. Angie serves as an official and unofficial mentor to new teachers in her building and across the county. Our chapter is blessed to have her in our numbers, her colleagues are lucky to have her talents and love of children and reading in their building and the profession is better for her work and devotion. When asked why she became a teacher, Angie wrote *I loved my third-grade teacher. She was the first person in my life that read aloud to me. She was a new teacher and made learning fun.* And she said about her favorite age of student: *I love 1-3 graders. They are full of wonderment and excitement that's contagious.* Angie's advice for anyone going into teaching is *You have to have a real passion for it. It's not easy but very rewarding.* Angie joined DKG because *I was invited by a teacher I highly respected.* And when she invites colleagues to meetings or when she tells them about DKG, she says *The connections and friendships are lifelong,* and her favorite thing about DKG is the *Sense of sisterhood.*

When asked how DKG might be improved, two of our winners commented that cost can sometimes be a factor that depletes our membership. Members cannot always afford to attend a meeting that happens in a restaurant and it would be helpful if more support could be given financially for members to attend conferences and conventions at all levels in DKG. We also asked each of these ladies how they reached their students during the Covid shutdown. We asked if they used eLearning or NTI (nontraditional instruction). All of us have made history this year, and especially those working in the classroom when the shutdown occurred. Their replies follow:

Miranda: *Fortunately, our production of Frozen Jr. was the weekend before our school transitioned to NTI, so we were able to perform. We met with all our classes 4 days a week using Google Meet. My students utilized Google Classroom to complete assignments, and I submitted student work samples each day. I provided packets to students that did not have access to the Internet. Overall, it was challenging to transition my theatre curriculum to online, but most students did well with managing their work.*

Connie: *Our district did NTI. I worked on trying to reach out to the families of the students on my caseload in many ways such as through email, phone calls, texting, google meets, google hangouts, dojo, and zoom. I also joined in with some teachers when they met with their students over google meets. I emailed families exercises, therapy activities, and videos of therapy exercises/activities. I kept in touch with families and addressed therapy concerns that they were experiencing at home as well as addressing their OT needs listed on their IEP.*

Angie: *I did FaceTime and Zoom lessons online.*

Thank you Miranda, Connie, and Angie!!!



Note from KSO Treasurer, Shelia Wilkinson:

Dear Chapter Treasurer,

Please accept my sincere gratitude to each of you for your outstanding service to your chapter, Kentucky State Organization, and DKG International. The processing of dues and your reporting went so smoothly this year and I appreciate your diligence in making sure your chapter members are well represented.

With our in-person gatherings being cancelled, I am so thankful for texting and email which has kept us all in communication during these social distancing days. Our Fall Workshop will be held via Zoom meetings.

I will present a forty-five minute long treasurer follow-up meeting along with a question and answer session on Saturday morning, September 12. I will email you the link for the zoom meeting along with the time we will begin. If you have any questions about how to join a Zoom meeting, please notify me prior to September 12 so that I can help you be prepared to participate in the training. Please try to think of any topics you have questions about and be ready to discuss those during the meeting. I hope that you will make every effort to join us on Saturday, September 12. I will follow up the Zoom meeting with a mailing to each treasurer outlining our discussions.

Shelia Wilkinson

KSO Treasurer



Membership News

Lucy Riffle

MEMBERSHIP

As we are still dealing with the pandemic, how are you keeping in touch with your friends/sisters throughout your chapter, throughout the state and throughout the International Society? Although I missed my trip to Philadelphia, I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the sessions that were held virtually. I cheered for Kentucky's Shelia Wilkinson as she was installed as a member of the International Finance Committee and enjoyed seeing Becky Sadowski installed as the new International President. I've tried to keep in touch with sisters throughout the state by following and posting information on our state Facebook page. I've called, texted and emailed sisters in our chapter – about chapter business and to just “check in” with them. I'm eager to see my sisters again, give great big hugs and share some laughs, but know that our fall workshop will be through zoom and am afraid my first chapter meeting will be also. But, even through these online platforms, I'm excited to “see” you all again soon. I hope you will all participate in these activities. This is a perfect time for someone who normally doesn't come to a state workshop to participate. And we know that participation increases interest in the society.

Last spring, I challenged chapters to increase their membership – either through new members or by reinstating dropped ones. I am happy to report that according to the International records Kentucky State Organization has increased chapter membership by adding 21 new/reinstated members!! Woo Hoo!!! Keep up the good work. Remember, my challenge included a monetary reward for the chapter who had the biggest number of new members. This challenge has also been extended for the year ending June 30th, 2021.

The following chapters added new members this year:

Zeta – 1

Xi – 1

Upsilon – 3

Sigma – 4

Rho – 1

Delta – 1

Alpha Alpha-2

And the winning chapter:

Chi – 10!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work on spreading the good news about DKG!! I will be mailing a check for \$100 to the President of Chi!!

Keep Smiling and Keep in Touch with Each Other!!

Lucy

2020 Virtual Fall Conference Schedule

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Individual Zoom Sessions

Although we are unable to have our face-to-face 2020 Fall Conference on September 11-12, as previously scheduled, we are excited to have our 2020 Fall Conference scheduled virtually on Saturday, September 12! We will have 3 sessions in the morning for chapter officers (open to all members) and 4 general sessions in the afternoon for all members. Each session, approximately 40 minutes long, will be a separate zoom meeting allowing members to attend one session, two sessions, or even all 6 sessions. Zoom links are provided in this newsletter and will be posted on our Facebook page and our Webpage; keep them handy so you can reference them on September 12.

Repeat from the newsletter: There will be training sessions for the newly elected chapter officers as well as sessions for the general membership – all from the comfort of your home! I encouraged at least one member, but hopefully more, from each chapter to attend at least two sessions ---- it would be even greater if each chapter had at least one representative at each session. Each session will be via a Zoom Meeting format and can be easily accessed. If anyone would like to have a trial run using Zoom, let me know and I will gladly invite you to a one-on-one meeting.

IMPORTANT:

The officers' training sessions should be attended by the corresponding Chapter officers; if for some reason the chapter officers cannot attend, a representative from the chapter should attend.

Benefits of a virtual conference during COVID-19:

Safe
No travel
No Cost
Informative
Connection to DKG Friends

2020 Virtual Fall Conference Schedule

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Individual Zoom Sessions

Session	Start/End Time	Zoom Link	Presenter
Chapter Presidents & Membership Chairs	8:30 AM Central [9:30 AM Eastern] End 9:10 AM [10:10 AM]	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75725893214?pwd=U3g2WENEQTg1NVQ1NHpLWENBK0ZkUT09	Beth Pyle Lucy Riffle
Chapter Educational Excellence Chairs	9:30 AM Central [10:30 AM Eastern] End 11:10 AM [End 12:10 PM]	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71639660766?pwd=WlhBWlITtmI0VnhJcms3eEZJdHlIdz09	Bonnia Cook Fouts
Chapter Treasurers	10:30 AM Central [11:30 AM Eastern] End 12:10 PM [End 1:10 PM]	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4056310546	Shelia Wilkinson
Book Talk <i>Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover</i>	12:30 PM Central [1:30 PM Eastern] End 1:10 PM [End 2:10 PM]	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71842053046?pwd=RzE3d1FWcjFBOWFYejkxV1ozQ2U1QT09	Lynn Mays
Social Get Together/ Open Forum	1:30 PM Central [2:30 PM Eastern] End 2:10 PM [End 3:10 PM]	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76797919886?pwd=TnNMVDVxUUhUU0Z0SUM2S0NheDZCQT09	KY Members
20 Ways Your Chapter Can Support Active Teachers	2:30 PM Central [3:30 PM Eastern] End 3:10 PM [End 4:10 PM]	https://zoom.us/j/6625459694?pwd=YTFVQjhMbStleGVxl2o5WitwRUUpQZz09	Lisa Petrey-Kirk Angela Foster
Trauma, Teaching & Learning	3:30 PM Central [4:30 PM Eastern] End 4:10 PM [End 5:10 PM]	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5092362922?pwd=emNHhUhvMlFVTkFBNXlGOXhEMU1lQT09	Bunny Nash

Ruth Lature-Kappa Chapter

When approached by a group of local parents seeking a different method for reading instruction, Ruth Lature attended a summer training session at Berea College which focused on a new multi-sensory approach to teaching vital reading skills. She then returned to her hometown and organized the Dyslexia Association of the Pennyriple. From 1970 until 2015, a total of 45 years, Ruth Lature served as the volunteer director of the program while also teaching in the Christian County Public Schools.

After her retirement, Ruth continued to assist as needed. The dyslexia program is thriving because of her efforts. It is a member agency in the United Way through her efforts and those of the Dyslexia Association board members. Now that she has more time to do so, she volunteers in numerous community activities. She has also published a book, *Dyslexia: A Teacher's Journey* about her journey through the years of developing and nurturing the Dyslexia program.

Mrs. Lature has been called a pioneer in Kentucky's efforts to meet the needs of at-risk students. She has a true servant's heart and through her diligence no one needs to be left behind in reading, writing, or math skills. Although her greatest recognition comes from those students she served, it is our honor to recognize Mrs. Ruth Lature as the Christian County Retired Teachers Association Volunteer of the Year and the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association for 2020. KRTA will honor Mrs. Lature at the 2021 convention.

For the full press release see the *KRTA News-July 2020*.

Opportunities through DKG



CHAPTER UPDATES-COVID 2020

Gamma Chapter

Gamma Chapter members met in March at the Majestic Restaurant in Draffenville. We assumed it would be wise to cancel our June meeting which is the planning luncheon for the biennium. We decided that our calendar of meetings would stay like the meetings in the last biennium. We can alter dates when we can meet again. The chairman of the nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium. It was approved by the members in attendance. The secretary will send out post cards to inform all members. Now our September meeting has been cancelled. It will be replaced by a board meeting. I have asked that we meet outside at my house on the porch.

We can make decisions about the next few meetings and any business items. We will miss our Christmas Brunch and auction at MSU since they will close the university at the end of November.

We were fortunate to have Beth to attend last year.

I am looking forward to the Zoom Fall Conference in September.

Most important we want our members to be safe and well.

Donna Whitfield,
President of Gamma

Zeta Chapter News

It's now August, 2020, and our Chapter had to cancel meetings in March and May, 2020, due to the COVID-19 virus. Bummers!!! However, we are moving forward with hope of an exciting year together. Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, our incoming President, is using the theme: **Know, Grow, Glow....Together!** As we learn new things through programs, we increase our knowledge -**Know**. As we practice our new learnings, we **Grow**. As we interact with each other and have fun together, whether in person or virtually, we **Glow**. We hope to be more aware of each other and stay in touch more often since many of our members are staying healthy at home due to the virus. Now, what's been happening that needs to be shared?



In May we learned that our Annie Award for Outstanding Programs was selected as the State Winner – Accolades!!! We are SO excited!!! Our program, featuring Roger Babik, of Master Provisions was entitled, “Connecting Resources to Needs”. Our Zeta Sisters collected \$306.31 through the water bottle campaign; this provided 2,500 meals to people in our region during the holidays. It felt good to give back.

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In May we learned that our Zeta Sister, Miranda Tieman, was recognized with the Educational Excellence in the Classroom Award, a prestigious recognition for her and our Chapter. Miranda teaches drama and dance at Ockerman MS, Boone County Schools, and her application noted many of the Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma: Spiritual Fellowship; Advancing Professional Interest and Position of Women; Personal and Professional Growth for Educators; and Issues Essential to a World Society. We are very proud of Miranda, who also serves as the Communications Chair for our Chapter.



One of our Sisters, Cyndy Jones, was recently named Director of Bluebird Christian Preschool at Highland Methodist Church in Ft. Thomas, KY. Accolades to Cyndy!!!

- On July 22, our Finance Committee met to vote on the proposed budget for 2020-21 and to audit our books for 2019-20. The budget will be presented for approval by the membership at our September meeting.
- On July 22, we held officer's training for newly elected officers, and we will participate in training sessions during our virtual Fall Leadership Conference on September 12.
- On August 19, our Executive Board will meet for orientation to our new year. This will most likely be a virtual meeting.
- On September 26, we plan to hold our first meeting of the year – not sure at this time if this will be live or virtual – but we will conduct a memorial service for deceased member, Ruth Jennings, honor our outgoing officers, induct our new officers, and give special recognition to Renee McKellogg who has served as Recording Secretary for five years.

During 2020-21, we will continue to promote literacy and brain research through our Books, Bibs, and Beyond Program, and we will continue to support initiatives with the Lincoln Grant Scholar House in Covington. These are both extremely worthwhile initiatives and involve many of our members.

We will continue to *Know, Grow, and Glow....Together!*

CHAPTER UPDATES-COVID 2020

Upsilon Chapter

UPSILON IN THE TIME OF COVID

After cancelling our March meeting a few days before it was scheduled, Upsilon did hold the final chapter meeting of the year in May via Zoom. Two additional Zoom meetings have been held this summer to plan, as much as we are able, for the coming year.

Weather and state-issued gathering guidelines permitting, we plan to meet in person in September, outdoors, on the grounds of a local church where there will be plenty of room for social distancing. Pam Thomas and Pam Manker will lead a discussion of the 2020 DKG Educators Book Award *Unveiled Truth: Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul* written by Kansas DKG member Gail Goolsby.

We think meetings in November, January, and March will probably need to be held via Zoom as it is unlikely weather will be conducive to an outdoor gathering at any of those times (although we're not ruling out an unseasonably warm spell in either November or March which might enable us to again gather at the church's picnic pavilion). We are hopeful that by the final meeting of the year, in May, we will be able to gather once again in person. For programs for those meetings held via Zoom, we plan to view and discuss a some of the presentations from this summer's International Virtual Event: particularly *Eight Elements for an Inclusive Organization* and *How Trauma Affects Learning*.

Upsilon is fortunate that almost all our members have the capability to participate electronically and to communicate and stay engaged through email and the chapter Facebook page. For those few who do not, our terrific corresponding secretary (Cathy Feldmann) prints out and mails copies of all chapter and KSO newsletters.

We are particularly concerned about supporting our active teachers this year. Retired members have volunteered to be paired with those in the classroom to support and encourage them through cards, notes, and little surprises. So far, thirteen retirees have volunteered to be paired with our ten active teachers – a terrific problem to have!

Service projects planned in conjunction with our five regularly scheduled meetings are: baby items for Care Net Pregnancy Services, goody bags for Hospice volunteers, canned goods for a local shelter, homemade blankets for children in foster care, and adoption of one or more high school seniors in need of help with graduation expenses.

This is going to be an atypical year, full of challenges. But hopefully one of opportunities as well – of discovering new ways of staying connected, and appreciating one another.

CHAPTER UPDATES-COVID 2020

Omega Chapter

OMEGA CHAPTER DURING COVID 19

By

Charlotte Benton, President

At our last in-person meeting, held in February, Omega chapter elected officers for 2020-2022.

They are:

President	Charlotte Benton
Vice President	Jane Sykes
Corresponding Secretary	Emily Perry
Recording Secretary	Sharon Bray

Since then, by email, Bonnye Roof has been elected treasurer. Lynn Werner has been appointed Parliamentarian and Charlotte Benton, Historian. Dues were collected from 22 active members and 1 reserve member.

Unfortunately, we could not hold our May meeting, when our state president was set to be our guest speaker and install our officers. All of our members are retirees, so we have not planned our meetings for 2020-2021. However, the officers have discussed our plan of action. In early September, officers will make tentative plans for the upcoming year. Our December 12th meeting will be a brunch to be held at the home of Ann Rushing and our program will focus on Christmas theme.

Our project for August and September is "Reaching Out." I have emailed our members to contact 10 people during the month of August and 10 people during the month of September by phone, text, card, Facebook, or other ways they communicate. When they make contact, they will tell them, they are checking on them, and thinking about them. I ask them to keep a list of each person contacted during August and September and method of contact? By doing this project, we will be engaged in acts of kindness.

If we are not able to hold in-person meetings, I plan to purchase ZOOM license and hold meetings through this platform. Currently, I have emailed all members, asking them to contact me, if I can assist them in any way. We are staying connected during "the new norm."

CHAPTER UPDATES-COVID 2020

ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER

Our Alpha Alpha Chapter began the 2019 - 2020 biennium on October 12, 2019, at the Madison County Public Library Community Room with President Diane Woods presiding. Connie Wason was the hostess. The tables were decorated with fall decoupage pumpkins made by member Cathy Mahoney.

Alpha Alpha Chapter was very happy to induct into our society for outstanding women educators, Shelby Clifford and Lisa Stuckey. A beautiful memorable ceremony was conducted according to Delta Kappa Gamma guidelines.

Our new Chapter project was to mentor, encourage, and support a first year teacher. Our second new project was to volunteer at Julius Marks Elementary School in Lexington. Due to the pandemic, we had to postpone these projects.

The Bluegrass Area Council meeting was held on December 7, 2019, at festive Spindletop Hall in Lexington. Alpha Alpha hosted the meeting. Jan Farley was in charge of the arrangements. Joyce Clifford's Grant-in-Aid committee held a bazaar to raise money for our scholarship recipient. Many beautiful Christmas decorations, baked goods, and crafts were purchased to fund this worthy project. Christmas music was provided by Sara Hall and Jan Farley with members and guests singing along to welcome in the holiday season. A delicious luncheon meal was served.

March entered as a lion and did not leave like a lamb. The Coronavirus hit the world hard and is still with us. Thanks to modern technology, Alpha Alpha has been able to select a Jenna Ammerson Grant-in-Aid Scholarship recipient, Kaitlyn Clark. Miss Clark is a junior at Northern Kentucky University and plans to become a fourth or fifth grade teacher.

Alpha Alpha was also able to vote on line for the following slate of officers for 2020 - 2021:

President:	Diane Woods
Treasurer:	Connie Wason
1st Vice President:	Jan Farley
2nd Vice President:	Elaine Jones
Recording Secretary:	June Tompkins
Corresponding Secretary:	Lisa Stuckey
Parliamentarian:	Cathy Mahoney

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Two white roses will memorialize the passing of our former sisters, Lillah Farmer and Judith Wiseman Stone. Their smiling faces and contributions to our chapter will always be remembered.

August plans are being emailed to members for a possible Zoom chapter meeting. Women educators are continuing to advance their knowledge by learning new methods of communication. Hopefully, we will all be together at the KSO convention in 2021.

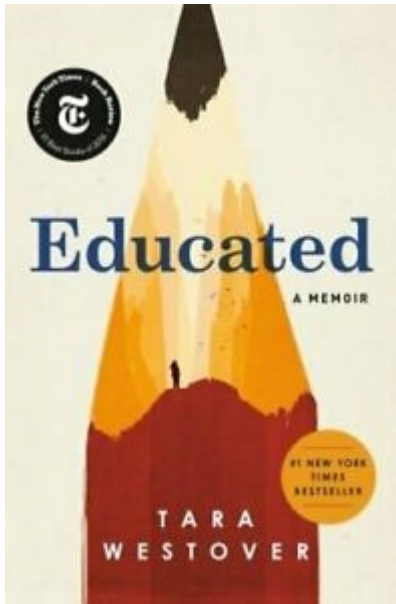


New Alpha Alpha members Shelby Clifford and Lisa Stuckey

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

Our chapter has gone virtual for a few months. Our last face-to-face meeting was in February and we cancelled our regularly scheduled May meeting. Our officer installation was virtual and we held our first virtual meeting on August 3, 2020; not all sisters were able to Zoom, but those that were able to do so had a fabulous time. We kept our meeting to 50 minutes and started with a welcome and "Get to Know Your New Officers" activity with baby pictures. Our philanthropy this year is Family Scholar House and we also plan to partner with Rae of Sunshine. Our next virtual meeting is in October and we plan to meet in person in November if possible.

WORKSHOPS FOR ALL MEMBERS



Educated is a memoir by the American author Tara Westover. In it, Westover recounts overcoming her survivalist Mormon family in order to go to college, and emphasizes the importance of education to enlarging her world. She details her journey from her isolated life in the mountains of Idaho to completing a PhD program in history at Cambridge University. She started college at the age of seventeen after having had no formal education, and her book explores her struggle to reconcile her desire to learn with the radical world she inhabited with her father.

Places to look for information concerning Kentucky State Organization.
 Webpage: <https://kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com/>
 Facebook: KY ALPHA GAMMA STATE (closed group-ask to join)

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20 Ways Your Chapter Can Support Active Teachers	2:30 PM Central [3:30 PM Eastern]	3:10 PM Central [4:10 PM Eastern]
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Trauma, Teaching & Learning	3:30 PM Central [4:30 PM Eastern]	4:10 PM Central [5:10 PM Eastern]
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