

# KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION

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# KSO NEWS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM TWO KSO COMMITTEES

### News from World Fellowship Committee

The World Fellowship Committee would like to try some creative ways to raise money for World Fellowship this biennium. Each month we will come up with an idea to help you give a bit more to this fund. Below you will find our ideas for August and September. Each month, Greta, our webmaster, will change our World Fellowship info for that month. You can print the card, cut it out and put on your fridge or elsewhere to remind you about this fund. Please help us build this worthy fund. Thanks for your help.

#### **World Fellowship Committee Members**

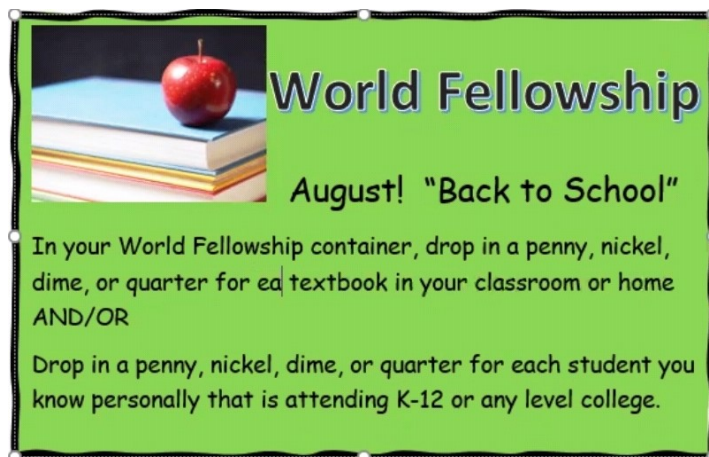
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#### AUGUST



**World Fellowship**  
August! "Back to School"

In your World Fellowship container, drop in a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for each textbook in your classroom or home AND/OR

Drop in a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for each student you know personally that is attending K-12 or any level college.

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### **Supporting Our Sisters (SOS) has been created recently as an ad-hoc committee..**

SOS is intended to be there for those who need a listening ear. This is an ad hoc committee that was created to help promote professional and/or personal growth of KSO members by bridging relationships, resilience, and wellness. (Genuine spiritual fellowship) We hope to hold monthly meetings for those who wish to attend. Various topics/issues will be discussed, and members and guests will be able to participate (via Zoom) to receive or give support. Topics may be professionally based for those who are actively working in education or there could be more personal topics such as a discussion on the challenges of living alone during a pandemic. For a time such as this, we want to be your sounding board. We would love to have a few more committee members, so if you are interested, please let Bonnia know. Two or three of us will facilitate our one-hour discussion each month. Please let any of us know about topics that you would like for us to discuss. We are experimenting to find the best day and time of day to host these meetings. The links are below but Bonnia will send the Zoom link to chapter presidents who will then forward the link to their members about a week before the actual discussion is to be held. Topics and Zoom links will also be posted on the homepage of our website and on our FB page. Our first scheduled topic is

***Back to School Concerns.***

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# President's Message



## Let's Grow and Glow in DKG together!

As we continue to Step Up for DKG,

and our light shines, we will grow and glow in DKG.

## Bonnia's Beacon Bullets

- The new biennium has begun, and I want to be here for each of you. Please feel to contact me by phone call, text, or email. If I do not respond within a few hours, please try again.
- We are hoping to see many of you in Lexington at our annual Leadership Conference. The workshops are not just for officers, but for each of you! The deadline to register is August 20.
- Several of us attended the International Conferences in Portland, San Antonio, and/or virtually, and we will be glad to share our experiences with you. Just ask!
- Your officers attended training in Atlanta the last of July. We will do our best for you but please remember that each of you can lead. You are key educators!
- It is not too late to jump on a committee. We also have a new special committee called Supporting Our Sisters (SOS). You can read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Please visit the International Website. It has a wealth of information for all of us and especially for you. Go to: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and if you need help with username (your DKG membership number or password, please contact one of us).
- Please visit our state website. We will have ongoing news on the Homepage and most anything you need regarding Kentucky State Organization can be found there. Go to: [www.kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com](http://www.kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com) (A special thanks to Greta for this!)

- All of us make a great Kentucky team. I am here to serve you and I know I will enjoy every moment. Let your light shine with mine so we can grow and glow together as key educators in DKG!

Faithfully yours,

*Bonnia*



I purposefully included Bob Fouts, the better half in my photo, this time as he is very supportive and one of the reasons that I can serve Kentucky State Organization.

KSO has nine elected or appointed state officers, and three are involved with International! That is a third of your state leaders!!! Ramona Jeffries is on the US Forum International Committee, Shelia Wilkinson is on the International Finance Committee, and while we were in Atlanta for training, our International President, Becky Sadowski, asked Lucy Riffle personally if she would serve on the International Communications Committee for New Orleans. Of course, Lucy said, "Yes!" Way to go, Lucy. We are so proud of all three of you!



Ramona Jeffries



Shelia Wilkinson



Lucy Riffle

# Educational Excellence

## Chair News

### Lucy Riffle



The Kentucky State President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Treasurer and Executive Secretary travelled to Atlanta on July 30<sup>th</sup> for a weekend training retreat with sisters from other DKG states. Officers from International conducted the training which was both informative and fun!!

During the training of the EEC chairpersons, I learned that there were a lot of areas that were included in EEC. We've always recognized Educational Excellence in programs, projects and the classroom but this committee includes so much more.

Encouraging chapters to support Schools in Africa is an International project that falls under EEC. It was interesting to learn what other states and countries are doing to support this program. I'm going to bring to the fall workshop one idea to share with all of the chapters in Kentucky!!!

EEC also covers support and encouragement for the arts. When looking at the International Website you can see what submissions have been honored but we can also honor our own sisters who have talents. When I thought of the arts, I focused on Music, painting/drawing and dance. But, who in our chapters excel in crafting, knitting, crocheting, etc? These should also be celebrated. Remember, anyone can submit an entry for International recognition.

Supporting early career educators is another aspect of EEC. What do you do to support those still in the classroom? Send notes of encouragement – or CHOCOLATE? Offer to create bulletin boards or help decorate for the beginning of school/holidays? Read with struggling students? Talk with your sisters, see what they need!!

DKG is also involved in the UN/CTAUN. Did you know there were free lesson plans through this site? Visit [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org). You'll be amazed what you can get for free!!

We know that our sisters are all excellent teachers – but, be thinking of who YOU can nominate for an award next spring. Also, this year, Bonnia is starting an excellence award for administrators. Do you have someone to nominate in that category? Also, be thinking about what programs and/or projects you can nominate for an Annie Award.

I'll be keeping in touch with your EEC chairpersons. Please send me their names, chapters, email and cell-phone #!!

Yours in DKG

Lucy Riffle, 1<sup>st</sup> VP- KSO

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# Membership News

## Cherie Mingus



Greetings Sisters! I am honored and excited to represent each of you as your 2021-2023 KSO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. As 2nd Vice President, I will join the other KSO officers to focus on membership recruitment and retaining chapters. I recently spent three days in Atlanta, GA with KSO President Dr. Bonnie Cook Fouts, KSO 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lucy Riffle, KSO Treasurer Shelia Wilkinson, and KSO Executive Secretary Kathy Zwanzig. We each attended sessions geared for our office. DKG International sponsored this Officer Training not just for each state but for other countries as well. One fellow sister who sat at my table was from Mexico.



This training provided me a wealth of information. Did you know one of the most valuable tools you have at your fingertips is the DKG website? At the website, every member should update their profile. Having an updated profile assists DKG International by keeping you the member up-to-date with events and activities that concern each of us.

As the Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership Chair, you also will be focused on membership. To assist you with this, sign in at the DKG website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), and click on "Resources" at the top of the page. Once there, click on "Chapter Tools" and then click on "Membership Plan." At the Membership Plan site, you will be able to download Prospect Cards that you will be able to pass out to your members at your first Chapter meeting. Emphasize that we all know a teacher, someone who trains others, and/or an educational assistant and ask her to consider joining DKG. Have a 30 second elevator speech ready to explain what is DKG and why you joined the organization. Show your passion and be enthusiastic! Invite your prospect to the next Chapter meeting as a guest. After the meeting follow up with a text, phone call, or note to simply state that you hope she enjoyed attending and will consider joining DKG.

For retaining members, make each one feel valuable. Recognize each person's leadership potential. Create a welcoming and inclusive environment. Discover what your member's passion is and develop a project based on that passion. Communication is the key! Communicate, communicate, communicate

either by phone, email, newsletter, or text. The DKG website has a wonderful retention tool under Resources – Videos, PowerPoints, Templates – entitled “Pride of the Big Picture.” This PowerPoint is a great reminder why each of us joined DKG!

Another focus of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership Chair is the Memorial Service. If, and when, you have a member pass away plan a recognition ceremony, a “Celebration of Life,” including her achievements. As part of this, it is your responsibility to complete a **FORM 6** with the date of induction and the date of death to DKG International. **Form 6 needs to be completed and sent as soon as possible after the death of the member.** One copy is sent to DKG, one copy to the KSO Treasurer, and one copy to the KSO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Form 6 can be found under the “Forms” tab and then click on “Membership.” There will be other useful forms located there for your use.

For membership keep in mind the acronym “APPS” – Advocacy, Personal growth, Professional growth, and Service projects that are relevant. Know that I, as well as the other KSO Officers, are available to assist and answer any questions or concerns you may have! Is membership in DKG a job or a joy? You decide!



KSO Leaders at Atlanta Training Session

L to R: Kathy Zwanzig, KSO Executive Secretary; Shelia Wilkinson, KSO Treasurer; Lucy Riffle, KSO First Vice President; Cherie Mingus, KSO Second Vice President ; and Bonnia Cook Fouts, KSO State President.

**KSO NEWS EDITOR**

**Susan Cross**



Susan Cross here. I inserted a “selfie” so that you can recognize me at Fall workshop. I am the editor of the state newsletter, the KSO NEWS. I consider communication a foundation of a great organization. Hopefully, you stay in contact with your chapter, state and international arms of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The KSO NEWS is published eight times a biennium. This is the first issue of the 2021-2023 biennium. The biennium begins July 1. and the first KSO issue of the biennium is published to announce new initiatives of the incoming leadership team. It is also published before the Fall Workshop. Chapters may submit articles for the August issue. Other issues are published in November, the pre-convention issue in February/March, and the May issue. November and May issues provide an emphasis on chapter submissions. Please, tell the state about what is happening in your local area and how your chapter is contributing to the local education landscape. My contact information is listed with the other officers on the last page of this newsletter.

### **Beth Pyle, State Rules Committee Chair**

#### **Calling All Chapter By-Laws Committee Chairs**

I know from various communications that chapters are diligently working on updating their Chapter By-Laws. To help you with this endeavor, there will be at least one, if not two, sessions at the Fall Conference. These will be “working sessions” so bring your working copy of the revisions to a session ---it does not matter what stage of development --- no work done; some work done; most work done; all work done. Members of the Rules Committee will be available to assist you and answer your questions. I would also like to call on those chapters who have completed the revision process to be on hand to help the other chapters. Chapters also need to bring the checklist previously sent out as this is a good outline to follow. If the Chapter By-Laws Committee chair will not be at the Fall Conference, another member should represent the Chapter. This will be a perfect time and place for dedicated assistance on your Chapter’s By-laws Updates.

**News from World Fellowship**  
**Committee**

**SEPTEMBER**



**Supporting Our Sisters (SOS)**  
**Back to School Concerns**

This topic is scheduled for two different days and times:

**Back to School Concerns      Wednesday, September 22    4 – 5pm ET**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84269152813?pwd=TzdhR2grSm4zTXJhZU1mUm5lWGhaQT09>**

**or Dial by your location    +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**

**Back to School Concerns      Thursday, September 23    7 -8pm ET**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84607287997?pwd=V00wTXYyOWMyT2w4YkpSQ1ZWRzVrUT09>**

**or Dial by your location    +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**

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Donna Whitis (Xi)  
Bonnie Cook Fouts (Alpha) ex-officio





**Friday, September 10, 2021 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

***If You're Happy and You Know It – Come and Sing Along!***



**Fall Leadership Workshop**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

Breakfast	7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Opening Session	8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Sessions 1, 2, 3	9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
Session 4, 5, 6	10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Session 7, 8, 9	11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Session #/Room	A	B	C & D
1 9:00 am-9:50 am	1 Rules/Chapter By-laws  Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Theta, Iota, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, Rho	2 Book Talk: The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah	3 Getting to Know You... Again  Conversation, Games, Coloring, Conversation, Cards, and More Conversation
2 10:00 am-10:50 am	4 Rules/Chapter By-laws  Sigma, Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Psi, Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Iota	5 Book Talk: The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah	6 DKG International Conference Review Shelia – Portland, Oregon Bonnie – San Antonio, Texas Kathy & Beth -- Virtual
3 11:00 am-11:50 am	7 Meet & Greet State Officers – their goals, projects, etc.	8 Let's Take a Walk	9 Navigate the International Website with Shelia  Get a glimpse of our updated state websites.
<p><b>LUNCH</b></p> <p><b>Drs. Alex and Gretchen Kinchen</b></p> <p><b>"Unity: A Better Option"</b></p> <p>Closing</p> <p>12:15 pm-2:15 pm</p>			

## Zeta Chapter

### *Zeta Sisters Know, Grow, Glow....Together*

On August 6, our Executive Board and Committee Chairs met for our planning session for 2021-22, and we are excited to begin our 2021-22 year with lots of ideas for growth as we continue our theme to *Know, Grow, Glow, Together*. This includes continuing our Sister Watch Project where each sister is paired with another sister in a caring relationship, to keep watch over each other. Fall plans include attending the Fall Leadership Conference on September 10-11; attending our Chapter meeting on September 25 (moved from our regular date of September 18); growing our Chapter by inducting a new member at our September meeting; and introducing three potential new members at our November meeting. Fall also ushers in our Non-dues Revenue fundraising projects to support Grant-in-Aid (Scholarship); World Fellowship/Schools for Africa; and our Chapter outreach programs for Books, Bibs, and Beyond and the Lincoln Grant Scholar House.



Zeta Executive Board and Committee Chairs meeting on August 6,2021

Our Finance Committee also met on August 6 to review our financial status and the proposed budget for 2021-22. We are happy to share that our Chapter is currently in good standing, financially. All our members' dues are paid, and we will begin our new year with 51 members (45 Active and 6 Reserve).

Exciting programs are scheduled for each of our meetings during the upcoming year!

Zeta is pleased to congratulate our Zeta sister, Lucy Riffle, on being selected to serve on the Communications Committee for the 2022 International Convention in New Orleans. This is a great honor!

Zeta sisters have traveled to a variety of places during June and July. A few of note are abroad to Iceland and stateside to Mackinac Island, MI; Marco Island, FL; Virginia Beach, VA; Hilton Head, SC; and Savannah, GA. Many of our sisters have enjoyed visiting our state parks, dining at local restaurants in and out of the region, and hiking. We have also enjoyed reading, working in or hosting summer camps, gardening, church activities, time with family and friends, and other hobbies for relaxation. Some of us have been reading Kristin Hannah's book, Four Winds, in preparation for our book talk at our fall leadership conference. The book talk will be hosted by Zeta sister, Lynn Mays.

Shown here are other activities Zeta sisters have enjoyed this summer:



Zeta sisters enjoying lunch at the Greyhound Tavern, Ft. Mitchell, KY



Zeta sisters enjoying lunch at Public House, Ft. Mitchell, KY, On August 6. We say farewell to our sister, Donna Chuhran, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left, front row, as she has accepted a teaching position in Port Hope, MI, but we wish her all the best.



Zeta Sister Watch friends enjoying lunch and relaxing.

Zeta Chapter is ready to roll and support our new State President, Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts, as she carries out her theme, "Grow and Glow in DKG Kentucky."

**2021 Fall Leadership Workshop****September 11, 2021****Embassy Suites by Hilton at Lexington Green****245 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY 40405**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$27 Luncheon - Plated Lunch: Chicken, Salad, 2 sides, rolls, and dessert)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total

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Registration confirmation will be sent via email unless otherwise corrected.

Conference Registration Deadline - August 20, 2021

Reservations can be made at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at Lexington Green 245 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY 40405 Phone: 859 271-4000.

The conference block will be held until August 20, 2021. Fifteen (15) 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 Wi-Fi are included with your reservation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Editor's note: The registration form (PDF) will be a separate attachment sent in an email that includes the KSO NEWS. This form is also available at any time by contacting

[editorkags@gmail.com](mailto:editorkags@gmail.com)

**Conference Registration Deadline - August 20, 2021****The conference block will be held until August 20, 2021.**

**Fall Workshop**  
**September 11, 2021**



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