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2023 KYSO Fall Workshop

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Clarion Hotel Conference Center North
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\$30 Registration Fee; \$25 Luncheon

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Conference Registration Deadline

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Love
From
Lucy

LOVE FROM LUCY

Hello KYSO Sisters

I am into full swing as your State President. I've already visited with one chapter, had an in person meeting with your state officers and by the time you get this newsletter I will have had Zoom meetings with the Tulip Poplars and Executive Board. I think we have lots of great things happening in Kentucky.

This past July I attended the International Conference in Detroit. The food, fellowship, sessions, and entertainment were wonderful. I've been to many conferences and conventions and this was one of the best! A general theme of this conference was to take care of one another (especially our active teachers), maintain membership and grow our membership. Let's make an effort to do just that.

We are rapidly approaching the deadline for registering for the fall workshop. The theme for this event is "Learn, laugh and love". The leadership development committee has planned some great breakout sessions and the state officers will be meeting with chapter officers for updates and answering questions. Be sure to check out the information below about the workshop and get your registrations in!! This workshop will be a fun learning experience for ALL members, not just officers. We're even going to do something special for "newbees".

I hope to see all of you in September so that we can learn, laugh, and love together!!

Lucy

<https://www.promoplace.com/ritterthreads/stores/KYSO>

Check this link out for KYSO merchandise

A portion of each sale will go back to KYSO for non-dues revenue. You'll see that we are offering a denim shirt, polo, jacket and vest. Shipping will be to the person who orders and is \$10 - no matter how many items are included. So, you may want to get with others in your chapter or area and make 1 order.



Educational Excellence Committee Chair News

I am honored and pleased to be your KYSO 1st Vice President/Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) Chairperson for the 2023-2025 biennium. Your KYSO President Lucy Riffle, 2nd Vice President Patricia Hackwork, Treasurer Shelia Wilkinson, Executive Secretary Kathy Zwanzig, and myself travelled to Irving, Texas June 23-25 for a weekend of in-person training with other DKG sisters to study the focus areas of their corresponding office. 15 out of 17 member countries sent at least one sister to the DKG State Organization Leadership Training. Most, like Kentucky, sent 3 to 5 members which allowed each team to work together in planning for the biennium. The training for EEC chairpersons was an in-depth study of the focus areas of ECC. I learned that there are several areas that are included in EEC. International refers to them as the “EEC Umbrella.” The sections of the umbrella include Programs, Projects, SEE (Supporting Early Career Educators), UNICEF/USA, Legislation, UN/CTAUN, The Arts, and Leadership Development.

State EEC chairpersons are now in a group using the Basecamp app. Through this app we are receiving information from the EEC International Committee and are able to communicate with everyone who is part of this group. We are receiving valuable information that I will be able to pass on to Chapter EEC chairpersons here in Kentucky.

The Arts is one of the EEC Umbrella areas we need to promote more here in Kentucky. The DKG Art Gallery is now taking submissions beginning August 15th through September 15th. By going to the DKG website click on the Publications/Resources heading located at the top of the home page and scroll down to the Art Gallery. There you will see information for the submission process. I would love to see submissions of my talented Kentucky Sisters in this gallery. The categories that accept submissions are photography, paintings, drawings, mixed media, crafts, sculpture, and writings.

Supporting early career educators is another aspect of EEC. What do you do to support those still in the classroom? Talk with your sisters, see what they need. DKG is also involved in the UN/CTAUN. Visit www.teachun.org to find and use FREE lesson plans in your classroom because what teacher doesn't like free resources! We know that our sisters are all excellent teachers – but, be thinking of a nominee for an award next spring, along with an excellent female administrator. Also, be thinking about what programs and/or projects you can nominate for an Annie Award. All chapters have wonderful people and programs/projects to submit for these awards. I plan to keep the communications lines open between the chapter EEC Chairs and myself. Please feel free to contact me with comments, concerns, and/or questions.

Cherie Mingus, KYSO 1ST Vice President 2023-2025



Membership News

Hello from the hills of Eastern Kentucky! I am so incredibly happy and humbled to be your Second Vice President, Membership Chair for the 2023-2025 Biennium. DKG is near and dear to my heart! There's just something about the way that our sisters (in Kentucky or across the world) just seem to "get each other."

No one understands an educator like a fellow educator and yes, I'm going to say it....our jobs have become more stressful and less appreciated after the pandemic. We NEED each other now more than ever! Membership is always on the forefront and this summer, your leadership team traveled to Irving, Texas to discuss our offices and what each officer needs to do. I strive to make Kentucky proud as your Membership Chair.

I have three goals for this biennium. 1) Kentucky must keep the members we have and those members need to feel supported and nurtured. They must know what being a DKG sister means. The feelings of love, support and friendship are unrivaled in DKG and we must help our current sisters to remember that.

2) We need to bring more sisters into our organization. Teachers are leaving our profession feeling unappreciated and dejected. Just like we help a new teacher down the hallway, we must help a new member see the joys in the profession.

3) We need to help our chapters who are losing members by having a "Celebration of Life" ceremony for each member who has passed throughout the year. The chapters know their members best and when a sister passes on, please complete FORM 6 with the date of the sister's death and the date of her induction in DKG. It is ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT to complete Form 6 as soon as possible after the death of the Sister. Please use as much information as possible to complete Form 6. Please send one copy to DKG International, one copy to Sheila Wilkinson (State Treasurer) and one copy to me. I will be getting in touch with each Chapter President who sends in a Form 6 before the Spring Conference

because I want each and every sister to be remembered with honor and grace (as they have in years past.)

As always, thanks for trusting me as your Membership Chair! I can't wait to begin working in this bien-nium for the good of the State and International. Together, we become stronger! Please email me if you have any membership questions or call/text me. Patricia.hackworth@floyd.kyschools.us 606-634-9005 (cell phone.)

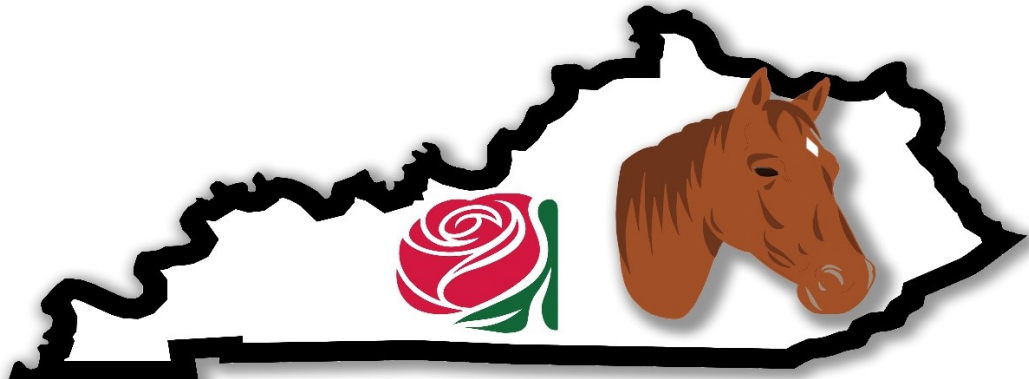
Kathy Zwanzig
Executive Secretary



2023 KYSO Fall Workshop

What? **KYSO Fall Workshop: *Learn, Laugh, Love***
Where? Clarion Conference Center North
 1950 Newtown Pike
 Lexington, KY 40511
When? Friday/Saturday, September 8 & 9
 Friday evening "fun and fellowship"
 Saturday morning sessions followed by lunch
Why? To **learn** about DKG, To **connect** with existing friends and new friends,
 To **strengthen** our **bonds**.
Who? **Every** KYSO DKG member. Recent members/veteran members.
 Chapter officers/members who do not hold an office. Retired members/
 active teachers. You can invite non-members who might also be
 prospective members!
Anything else? * Registration form is at the end of this newsletter.
 * Registration is due to Shelia Wilkinson by August 28.
 * Special activities planned for first time attendees.
 * Lunch menu: Potato Bar: Classic Baked Potato with assorted top-
 pings/ Fresh Garden Salad and Creamy Cole Slaw/Soup/Ice
 Water, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea
Any other Questions? Contact Kathy Zwanzig: cell phone and text: 502 541-7738
 email: kathyzwanzig@gmail.com

See You in September!!



KENTUCKY DKG
RACING TO EXCELLENCE

FALL WORKSHOP- Learn, Laugh & Love!!

Agenda

Friday PM September 8th

Registration - 4:00 – 7:00

6:00 – Anyone who wishes to go to dinner – we will meet in the lobby and walk next door to the Sedona Taphouse Restaurant.

7:30 – Karaoke with Fun Facts Trivia about your state officers – Hospitality Suite

Saturday – September 9th

7:00-8:30 - Free Breakfast at the Clarion Hotel for all guests

8:30 – 10:00

All Chapter Officers – meet with your State officers to discuss duties, expectations, challenges, and joys for a successful year.

8:30 – 10:00

How to be Awesome at Everything Tech
 - Elizabeth Collins

This workshop will help each member navigate the DKG International Website and teach her how to update her profile in the member directory. Come learn how to navigate social media platforms and Venmo to connect all members!

10:05-10:50

Crafty Card Sisters

-Karen Martin, Karin Edgington

Come learn how to make creative cards that last a lifetime while enjoying fellowship with sisters.

10:05-10:50

Whimsical Women and Wonderful Weavings

- Lisa Cain

The Little Loomhouse has been a haven for artists, musicians, teachers, writers and weavers for over 125 years. Learn the fascinating history of these creative women, while exploring different weaving techniques using a variety of looms.

11:00-11:45

Take a Risk Sister!

-Kathy Fries

Have you ever considered presenting at a DKG conference? As educators, we all present to others daily. Come learn how to prepare and deliver an award winning presentation that will inspire others while building your own confidence!

11:00-11:45

Don't Judge Your DKG Sister by the Books She Reads

- Patricia Hackworth

Why do we read the books we read? Many, many reasons come to mind... it might be the title, the recommendation of a friend, or the super hot, half naked man on the cover; something makes us pick the books we read. Do we judge our sisters like we judge books? Let's just get together and chat about books, sisters and how we need more of both!

12:00 – 1:30

Closing Luncheon - Come enjoy the fellowship of KYSO while enjoying a delicious meal!

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Name			
Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Telephone (Include Area Code)			
Email			
Chapter			
Are you a State Officer? ____		Are you a Chapter Officer? ____	
If yes, what office do you hold?		If yes, what office do you hold?	
Dietary Restrictions:			
Special Needs:			
First Time to Attend a Fall Workshop?	Yes or No		

Reservations can be made at the Clarion Hotel Conference Center North
1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511
859 233-0512

The conference block will be held until August 20, 2023. Twenty (20) rooms will be reserved in the block. Cost per room is \$99 +tax and fees per night before taxes and includes a complimentary breakfast on Saturday morning. WiFi is included with your reservation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible,



This photo taken at the summer meeting of state officers offers members a face to go with the names listed on the front page of the August KYSO NEWS .

Left to Right: Loretta Bednar-Secretary , Susan Cross-Editor KYSO NEWS, Shelia Wilkinson-Treasurer, Patricia Hackworth-2nd Vice President and Membership Chair, Kathy Zwanzig-KYSO Executive Secretary, Cherie Mingus-1st Vice President and Education Excellence Chair, and KYSO President-Lucy Riffle



Officer Training Irving Texas

Zeta Chapter

Zeta Chapter Summertime by Sally Nimmo

In addition to enjoying family, sports, hobbies, traveling, and even summer jobs, if Zetas were a part of our Leadership Team, they probably met with their committees at Panera. Our president had one-on-one meetings over lunch or on the phone. One member who runs a business and cannot always



left to right: Debbie Morris, 2nd Vice President; Anna Kelly, Corresponding Secretary; Karen Woodward, 1st Vice President; Sally Nimmo, President; Joyce Hamberg, Immediate Past President; Nicole Thomas, Secretary; and Deborah Onkst, Treasurer.

attend meetings even made time one afternoon to share with her valuable fund-raising ideas, introduce her to a dear friend, and offer support.

After working to create new directories with Anna Kelly, Debbie Morris, Membership, mailed to each member a new, red, easy-to-use directory in June. Everyone loves them! The photos are current, and there are birthdays and our years of induction.

During the summer our corresponding secretary continued to reach out to our members by sending birthday cards, notes, and sympathy cards.

Monday, July 17th, our president held a SUMMER PLANNING SESSION AND LUNCHEON at the lovely home of our 1st Vice President, Karen Woodward, in Edgewood. Much was accomplished at this summer session: We evaluated the first year of the biennium, shared concerns, discussed goals for the second year, brainstormed ideas, talked about locations for our four meetings, worked together to rewrite an amendment concerning scholarships in our Standing Rules, and entertained the idea of a mid-summer Road Trip.

The Co-Chairs of the Lincoln Grant Scholar House project shared the decision of their committee to conclude this project we have supported for five years and use the remaining donated money for LGSH wish-list items. June Madison, Debbie Onkst, and Marinell Brown, delivered those items, July 26th.

We were reminded of our past goal, **“Get to know one another.”** We felt this last year of our biennium we should work to **“Help everyone feel needed, cared about, and included.”** We will continue to



front row, bottom to top: Julianne Comerford, Auction Basket; June Madison, History & LGSH; Cyndy Jones, Non-Dues Revenue.

back row, bottom to top: Mary Kinsella, Professional Growth and Services; Rose Mary Hoffman, Books, Bibs, & Beyond; Karen Schofield, Hospitality; and Deborah Onkst,



use greeters and Which Sister, involve new members on committees, invite a member to present a program, and offer rides. We will be reaching out because WE CARE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER.

Alpha Beta Chapter

Alpha Beta ended its regular program year on May 8, 2023, meeting at Middletown Christian Church, and began the new program year on August 7th at our yearly planning meeting. At the May meeting, President Vicki Lete presided and began with a debrief of the KSO State Convention held here in Louisville. The chapter also conducted a Celebration of Life for two of our long-time members Kathleen Babb and Mary Wingses who passed away.



Three of our members received Key Women of Vision Certificates. They are Janet Chase, Judy Reeves and Brenda Logan. Additionally, several members were recognized at the KSO banquet for their many years as members and for service in the Alpha Beta Chapter: Pat Wilhelm for 50 years; and Janet Chase and Marybelle Duff for forty years. We hold these ladies in high esteem and congratulate them for their years of dedication to Alpha Beta. As a major outreach for our chapter, we give Grant in Aid money to aspiring teachers who are enrolled in an education program with plans to teach or who are currently teaching. Nominations can now be made for the coming year. We also continue our support of Family Scholar House which our 1st VP Kathy Fries oversees. Our President Vicki Lete and 1st Vice President Kathy Fries were selected to present at the DKG International Conference held in Phoenix, AZ, July of this year. They presented on the title Ignite Your Chapter and were well received by the attendees with some 40 women attending their session. They shared information that has made our chapter so successful and felt that everyone there knew the “Kentucky twosome” as they mingled with the attendees. They handed out Kentucky SWAG, developed Kentucky Trivia, built a horse, and even handed out medals-all connected to Alpha Beta. They went all out. Not only did they share why our chapter has been so successful in adding and retaining membership, but how we will move forward in the future to maintain that goal. They attended other sessions where they gained new ideas, one being to start a book study using Teresa Cowen’s On Fire initially and they have purchased several copies for chapter members. Needless to say they shared great information, made friends from across the globe, and were reminded how marketing your chapter is key to success. New tactics will be put in place by the Alpha Beta members this coming year. So much of our success is because we care for one another. We have celebrated weddings to births, and we have mourned at the loss of several of our sisters. We are there for each other and will be there in the future. In our August planning meeting we celebrated the retirement of our President Vicki Lete, assistant principal at Manual High School, from the Jefferson County Public Schools after 38 years of work and found that another long-time JCPS member Judy Reeves also retired. We Congratulate both these women and thank them



for their many years of service to children. And, we thank all our teacher members for their continued work with the children in our schools and those who have literally dedicated their lives to teaching.
Submitted by Brenda Logan Communications Committee Alpha Beta Chapter

Alpha Delta Chapter

Mrs. Pam Foushee Recognized as Teacher of the Year by Meade County Schools --

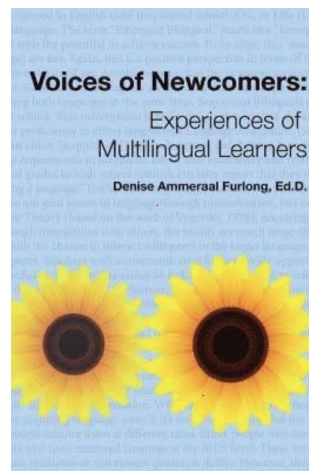
In an inspiring announcement led by MCHS Student Body Officer Sophia Vowels, Meade County Schools proudly recognized Mrs. Pam Foushee as the Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made during the Opening Day Ceremonies on August 7th.

Mrs. Foushee's impact echoes the sentiments of a Meade County High School student who shared, "Mrs. Foushee is a light in my day. No matter what I am going through, she always makes sure to make the day fun, even though her class may be tough. She tries to teach in different ways so everyone can understand her lessons and I really appreciate that. Mrs. Foushee also strives on keeping the classroom a positive environment, which I love."

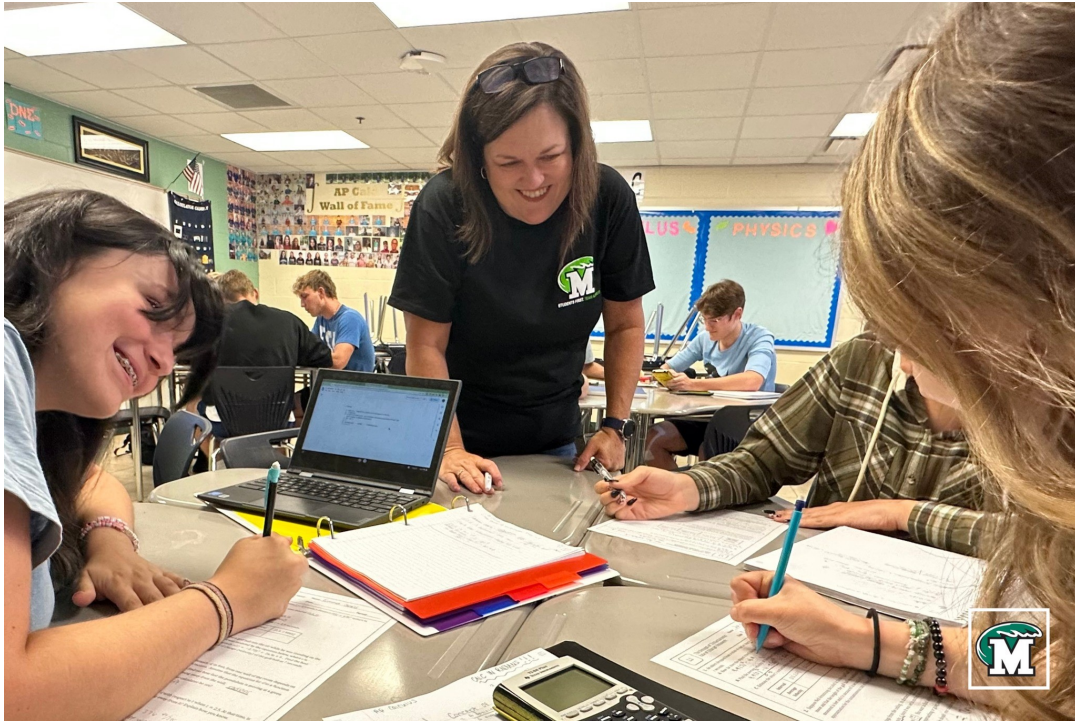
Embodying the core values of our school community, Mrs. Foushee brings a unique blend of dedication, knowledge, and compassion to her classroom. Dr. Mark Martin, Superintendent of Schools, remarks, "Mrs. Foushee's recognition as Teacher of the Year shines a light on one of our many talented educators who embody the spirit of 'Students First, Team Always.' Her dedication reflects the commitment of all our educators in fostering a culture of excellence for our students and community."

Mrs. Pam Foushee's recognition as Teacher of the Year is a celebration of her accomplishments and serves as a representation of educators across Meade County as she now moves forward for consideration of Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Foushee on this well-deserved honor.



[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Facebook Page](#)



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Top Left; Shelia Wilkinson in Tampere, Finland

Top Right: Vicki Lete and Kathy Fries in Phoenix, Arizona

Bottom Left: Patricia Hackworth and Lucy Riffle in Detroit Michigan

