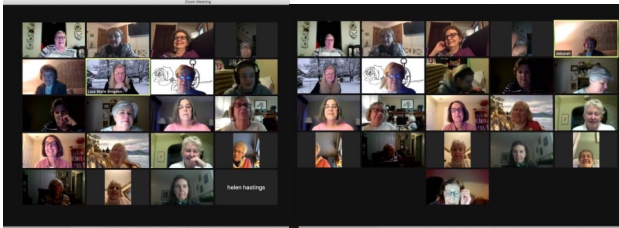


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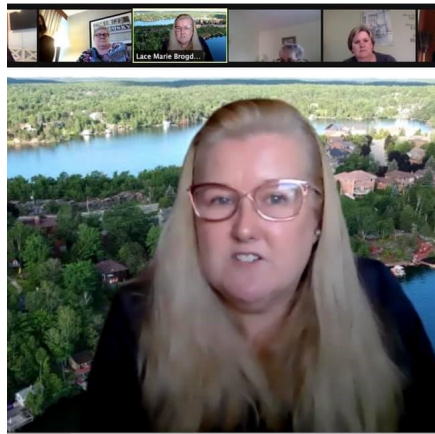
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2021 KSO Virtual Convention



Social Hour

**KSO President.
Beth Pyle
presiding!**



International
Guest
**Lace Marie
Brogden**



**Passing of the gavel from
Beth Pyle to
Bonnie Cook Fouts.**



More reflections are to be found on following pages.

President's Message

Beth Pyle, KY State President 2019-2021



What a glorious day! The sun is shining; within hours I will be traveling to northern Kentucky to have my first (in over a year) in-person meeting with Zeta and Upsilon chapters; and yesterday the CDC lifted the mask and social distancing requirements for those who are fully vaccinated. Things are beginning looking brighter!

As I put a close to my biennium, I have come to the realization that there were positives --- spent less money although I did order more delivery meals; saved money on gas and mileage on my car although I think the tires are now "square"; learned how to Zoom and not just for DKG meetings but also for "seeing" my 3 grandsons; read more books; crossed movies off of my be sure to watch list; and was lazy when I wanted to be – or is that because of retirement?!

Negatives --- not seeing everyone in person; not being able to hug; less traveling to see friends and family; dining in a restaurant; less social contact even at the grocery store; not attending DKG state and International conferences and conventions.

Speaking of conferences, Kathy, Bonnia and I met with the event planner at the Embassy Suites at Lexington Green several weeks ago to discuss our Fall Conference but even then masks and social distancing were an issue concerning meeting rooms and conference agenda – fewer members allowed in fewer sessions? I am hoping now that masks and social distancing are not required for indoor spaces our Fall Conference will be more normal – time and corporate policies will tell. We will keep you posted.

Before closing, I must say that despite COVID-19, I am thankful for my biennium in DKG. It hasn't always been easy, but we have come through it stronger, more inventive, and more appreciative of each other. Thank you so very much for your support.

KY State did "Step Up for DKG" and now it is time to "Grow and Glow"!

Fall Workshop
September 11, 2021

Presidential Reflections First Biennium and Covid 19

As President of **Gamma Chapter**, this year was a crash course in Zoom. The state meetings have been excellent. I sent messages to members with internet to join these meetings. Only two members attended a couple of sessions. This would have been a great experience for members to meet KSO officers. We met in March 2020 with six members present. It was a difficult decision. We were in a separate meeting room of the restaurant. All members at the meeting were safe and well. We had a telephone meeting of the board to plan the yearbook. We had a virtual meeting in September 2020. I had trouble getting everyone on the telephone so I learned to reorganize. In March I sent messages for Zoom and telephone. Only a few members responded to the zoom invitation. We are mailing information and minutes to all members but they are reluctant to respond.

I continue to call or message members individually. With all members being vaccinated for COVID-19, we plan to meet at an outside location in June. I'll request that everyone bring their own beverage and snack.

Yes, I have been frustrated this year. I miss the friendship we share at meetings in person.

Safe and well,
Donna Whitfield
Gamma

Alpha Chapter has worked hard to stay in touch during this pandemic, coincidentally the first year of my presidency. We have had two business meetings via Zoom, one of which included a fun Christmas event with a Christmas Carol trivia contest. The prize for most correct answers went to Helen Hastings. Our last meeting of the year will be in June. Alpha members voted to once again attend via Zoom.

Besides having Zoom meetings, our own Bonnia Cook Fouts started having C3 Chats online which were not business meetings, but a social time for the members who elected to join the chat. C3 stands for Casual Covid-19 Check-in. We just shared good news, sad news, and any other concerns we wanted to share. It has been very helpful in keeping us aware of what is going on with our group. The officers also grouped members into "caring pods" and despite the many negatives of Covid-19, Alpha has begun to bond in more positive ways.

We have also had many meetings to update our bylaws and are submitting them soon to the state rules committee. I am looking forward to our International Convention in San Antonio. Here's hoping that the second year of this biennium will be **normal!**

Lynne Hewson, Chapter President

More reflections appear in the KSO NEWS on following pages.

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While this biennium has been challenging, it has also been fruitful. Though meeting via Zoom is not the way to meet in-person, it can for most, be face to face. And someone without internet can be given the phone number to participate via phone. And that is how the Excellence in Education Committee (EEC) met to discuss the Annie and EEC award applications. The committee has been diligent in their work and were happy to announce the following winners:

Annie Project Awards

Honorable Mention went to **Omega** Chapter. Because Omega chapter was hampered by not being able to meet in-person combined with many members feeling technically challenged, Charlotte Benson, chapter president challenged her members to participate in a “Reaching Out” project. Those who knew technology reached out to those who did not. Some members met via Zoom, but others were reached in more traditional ways. Financial donations were also made to their Community Kitchen for basic needs such as food, shelter, and utilities. The Community Kitchen went from feeding 300 to 1,000 daily during this time. Members also volunteered to not only take their own sisters to doctor’s appointments, do grocery shopping, pick up medicine, and more, but they also helped those in the community that had no one else to help them. They truly did reach out. We congratulate you, Omega, on a job well done!

The **2nd place Annie Project Award** went to **Zeta** Chapter for their “Sister Watch” program. The Delta Kappa Gamma purpose that inspired this project was, “Presents an image of genuine spiritual fellowship”. The Sister Watch Project was initiated by Zeta Chapter President, Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg. Zeta leadership realized that the majority of their membership were retired teachers, many of whom live alone. Dr. Hamberg thought the members needed to watch out for one another. She then paired each Zeta Sister with another Zeta Sister, and the two were to develop a two-way communication system where they were in touch by phone, email, text, snail mail, Facebook, or whatever media necessary to communicate with each other. The project presented an image of genuine spiritual fellowship because it was about caring for another Sister, someone to talk with, get to know better, and have fellowship with. It challenged members in Zeta to be their “Sister’s Keeper” and communicate on a regular basis. Congratulations, Zeta members for a wonderful keeping watch project!

The **1st place Annie Project Award** went to **Upsilon** for their project on “Mentoring and Supporting Our Classroom Teachers 20-21.” During the summer of 2020, Upsilon’s ten classroom teachers were busy preparing for the significant challenges of the upcoming school year brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. Upsilon members unanimously decided to embrace and support their own classroom teachers and their school communities. By the middle of August, a Mentoring/Support Project was established.

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It is comprised of three components: mentoring partnerships, financial grants to support classroom projects and personal educational endeavors, and an online monthly “Teacher Spotlight” post to honor and celebrate our hardworking teachers. The project was effective in many ways. This project communicated to Upsilon classroom teachers that they were greatly valued as they courageously took on their teaching responsibilities during a world pandemic. Upsilon members were able to support them as mentors, friends, and cheerleaders. Upsilon chapter was also able to offer financial support which helped many teachers purchase materials to make their instruction more effective. Upsilon’s active teachers expressed their gratitude for all the different ways they felt supported. An Upsilon member wrote that “this project was effective because, during a year of not being able to convene in person, it kept our DKG chapter membership together, involved with the common purpose of supporting our working teachers.” Congratulations to all the members of Upsilon for a remarkably successful project!

The Educational Excellence in the Classroom Educator Awards



The **3rd place award** winning educator was **Amberly Munsey** who teaches first grade in the Murray School District. She was designated as the “online” teacher for this pandemic year and she supports and encourages the other six teachers on her team in many ways. Mrs. Munsey has a full schedule which includes, in addition to teaching – calling parents, recording lessons for herself and the other first grade teachers, morning car rider’s duty to take temps of all students before they enter the building, and afternoon bus duty. She has her master’s degree and is the only Google certified teacher in her school. Mrs. Munsey, though not a member of DKG, is a key educator and the members in Gamma nominated Amberly because she exemplifies genuine spiritual fellowship and supports personal and professional growth for educators. Congratulations to Gamma chapter and to Amberly Munsey!

The **2nd place Educator Award** went to **Julianne Comerford (Zeta)**. By her involvement in the Society, she works to advance the professional interests and position of women. One of Mrs. Comerford’s strengths as a member has been welcoming new female teachers to the teaching profession by preparing gift baskets of useful materials and supplies for the classroom. She emphasizes that DKG is there to encourage and support first-year teachers and to promote professional growth. Mrs. Comerford is currently a music teacher though she has taught



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Arts/Humanities and basic computer skills as a Computer Lab instructor. Mrs. Comerford includes those with special needs in all music classes and is currently working with the high school teachers in her district to create a special class called Music with Special Needs Students. She has her M.A. and Rank One in elementary education and has been a key educator for 25 years. Congratulations to Julianne “Julie” Comerford and to Zeta!

We were pleased to recognize **Dr. Rosemary I. Young (Alpha Beta)** as our **1st place Educational Excellence in the Classroom Educator Award Winner**. Dr. Young exemplifies all seven purposes in our society.



She began her career in the teaching field in 1975 as a teacher and during the years since, she moved from being an elementary school teacher to now teaching at the university level. Dr. Young has never left the teaching field as she continues today to educate future teachers and administrators. She would tell you quickly that she has been a teacher since that first time she stepped into a classroom, but as much as being a teacher, she has continued to be a learner. Dr. Young has dedicated her life to always being on the front line of both teaching and learning, and she has committed her entire life to advancing the education of others, women in particular. This has been her mantra from the time she first

entered a classroom as a teacher to the present time as she oversees teachers in her current role as assistant professor of Educational Administration and Leadership at Bellarmine University. Her personal connection to teaching and learning spans 45 years. The members of Alpha Beta want you to know Dr. Young or “Rosie” as she is fondly called for the person she is. Rosie knows there are many wonderful educators in the state and across the nation who have blazed a path for prospective teachers, but we (Alpha Beta) know and would place our confidence in Rosie as the top choice in leading both into making certain every child has the opportunity to be successful in school. In the application, there were many accolades for Dr. Young, who has the desire to make every teacher and every child great. For this reason and many others, the EEC named Dr. Young KSO Classroom Educator of the Year. Congratulations, Dr. Rosie Young and Alpha Beta!

Annie Project Awards

Please note that we did not receive any submissions for the Annie Program Award. Thank you to all the chapters who submitted award applications. It has been a wonderful biennium for your Educational Excellence Committee and Chair.

The Incoming Kentucky State Organization President, Bonnia Fouts Sends a Call for Committee Members!

Keep Stepping up for DKG and you will Grow and Glow in DKG! President-elect, Bonnia has been contacting members to see if they would like to serve on a state committee. The state rules committee has volunteered for another biennium and the finance, communication, nomination, and scholarship committees have been filled. Members are needed for the following committees:



Membership
Expansion
Non-Dues Revenue*
Strategic Action Plan*

Educational Excellence
World Fellowship
History & Archives*
Hall of Fame*

Leadership Development
Scholarship
Music*

If you want to know more about what a committee does, you will soon get that explanation emailed to you. Most committee work can be done via email, Zoom, and/or by phone. There are a couple of exceptions to this. The music committee could use a couple of members that will most always attend the state meetings. In particular, we need someone to play the keyboard. Are you interested? And the membership committee needs to have a couple of members that will be attending the memorial service on Sunday morning at state convention because they help pass out programs, usher. Are you interested? Would you like to chair a committee? Those with an asterisk need a chair. We are looking for someone who lives near Lexington and can travel to U of K easily to add to the History & Archives committee. Are you willing to be on this committee? If you have specific committee interest or questions, please contact Bonnia. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

KSO Treasurer, Shelia Wilkinson

As always, I want to send kudos to all the chapter treasurers who do such an amazing job of keeping up with members, reports and other duties. Your treasurer has probably been in touch with you recently (or will be very soon) about dues payments. The deadline for treasurers to accept dues payments is June 30. Please be respectful of the time it takes to collect dues by remitting your payment prior to the deadline. I know that many chapters are planning in-person meetings as events begin to take on a more normal appearance.

Thank you for being a member of DKG. We are blessed with an organization that supports educators and strives to make membership a positive experience with many extra benefits.

Shelia Wilkinson

KSO Treasurer



Membership News

Lucy Riffle

NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP by Lucy Riffle, 2nd VP

MEMBERSHIP – MAY 2021

We've spent the past year isolated from friends, family and others. And we miss them. Meetings, conventions, church, school and lots of other events have been virtual. While these are great opportunities to "see" each other, we still miss the face to face contact with each other. Lots of organizations have suffered because of this. Is your chapter one that has suffered due to lack of in person events?

Hopefully, we are slowly opening back up and this pandemic is ending. Now, what do we do to increase our membership and strengthen our chapter. Before adding new members, we should be sure that what we are offering will be relevant to new members. What is important to you? What would be important to a new member?

First, we know that the friendships gained through our membership are important. So, when adding new members, be sure to provide a "mentor" so that they too can develop these friendships. Spotlight your members and their achievements through your social media pages. When we are able to gather, provide some social engagements without meetings. Sharing laughter and fun times encourages members to be involved. Invite members to attend state and/or International events WITH YOU – so that they can see the big picture of Delta Kappa Gamma and why membership is meaningful.

Programming is important. Survey your members for interests and then arrange your programs around these interests.

Philanthropy/projects are important. What good are you doing for teachers, children, women in your communities. Are your projects still relevant? Are there other needs in your area that would be more beneficial for your members and your community. Since we aren't able to get into the schools due to Covid risks, is there another short-term project that we could participate in- donate or work in a food bank, volunteer at your local library to tape you reading books that can be shown to children at home, or other activities that have become more important during these times.

Strong chapters grow. Strong chapters provide service. Strong chapters provide education.

Now is the time to assess your chapter – decide what is good and what needs to change. And don't be afraid to change that which is no longer relevant or useful.

Membership Milestones

State Convention 2021

FORTY YEAR MEMBERS

Alpha Chapter	Mary Faye Carr
Delta Chapter	Carol Law
Iota Chapter	Ann Farris, Margaret Mauney and Hilma Prather

Lambda Chapter	Milton Dunaway and Tommy Lou Walden
Nu Chapter	Linda Shoemaker
Sigma Chapter	Carol Miller
Alpha Beta Chapter	Karen Glankler
Alpha Gamma Chapter	Karen Clark, Margaret Rice, Julie Wilson, and Catherine Thompson
Alpha Delta Chapter	Pat Allen and Joan Wilson

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Kappa Chapter	Ruth Lature and Martha Parsons
Sigma Chapter	Patricia Ernst, Beverly Jones, and Barbara Longacre
Upsilon Chapter	Mary Louise Barker, Shirley Green, and Betty Lusby
Alpha Alpha Chapter	Gayle Buchanan and Carolyn Wells
Alpha Beta Chapter	Barbara Hicks
Alpha Iota Chapter	Dorothy Martin

White Roses

State Convention 2021

Charlotte Case Mears	October 31, 2018	Alpha Chapter
Linda Long	July 30, 2019	Omega Chapter
Nicki Schweinbeck	March 12, 2020	Alpha Beta Chapter
Emma Kendrick	April 21, 2020	Alpha Epsilon Chapter
Bonnie Abner	April 23, 2020	Alpha Beta Chapter
Kay Hale	July 10, 2020	Tau Chapter
Mallie Lobb	September 8, 2020	Alpha Chapter
Nancy Buchanan	October 10, 2020	Iota Chapter
Ann Dean Carr	October 26, 2020	Gamma Chapter
Nan Ward	December 29, 2020	Psi Chapter
Alice P. Davis	January 29, 2021	Xi Chapter

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ZETA CHAPTER

As we began 2021, Zeta Sisters continued to reach out to each other through our Sister Watch program. Developed in order to keep in touch throughout the global pandemic, each Sister is paired with another Sister, so we can learn more about each other. This has been a wonderful program for our chapter and has helped us grow closer together through this difficult time.

Our *Books, Bibs, and Beyond* program has looked a bit different this year because our interactions were virtual. On January 4, Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg presented to Kenton County teen parents and Kenton County Family Resource Center Coordinators via Zoom. Three of our members have also made videos for the "Greater Cincinnati Remake Learning Days," which is a virtual conference for parents and children to develop their creativity, perseverance, and curiosity. This virtual festival was held on May 15-17, 2021. Margaret Hoffman's video was called "Fun Activities Can Help Your Child Learn to Read" and showcased activities that parents can use for children to develop their vocabularies, listening, memory, and speaking skills. Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg's video, "Read to Me, Please", presented a session to parents on the importance of literacy and research of brain development. Rose Mary Hoffman presented a program called, "Teddy, Tea, and Me", which was a virtual tea party to promote the perfect setting for parents to create with their children while reading to them and creating memories. These videos will also be linked to the Covington literacy program and shared nationwide. We look forward to presenting in-person to schools and organizations in the future.

For our March meeting program, our guest, Erin Clark, presented about Kenton County School District's STEP (Success Through Educating Parents) Program. This helps teen parents meet challenges by providing services and mentorships.

On March 20th at the virtual Kentucky State Conference, our Sister, Lucy Riffle, was inducted as KSO's First Vice President. We are excited for Lucy to take on this role at the state level and congratulate her!

Our History Committee was hard at work the past few months developing a compilation of reflections from past presidents. June Madison presented this at our May meeting, and it was a wonderful way to reminisce on the partnership with past members and accomplishments made in our Chapter.

During our May meeting, we celebrated Founders Day with our fellow sisters from the Upsilon chapter and KSO President, Dr. Beth Pyle. Awards were presented to Julianne Comerford for Educational Excellence in the Classroom - 2nd Place, the Sister Watch Program for the Annie Award - 2nd Place, and the following sisters were recognized as Key Women of Vision: Jane Bush, Julie Comerford, Teena Gamble, Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, Dr. Mary M. Kindle, Sally Nimmo, Shirley Obel, Lucy Riffle, Darlene Schaber, Karen Schofield, Nicole Thomas, and Miranda K. Tieman.

Our May program recognized our DKG founders and was led by Pam Bernard, Lucy Riffle, and Cyndy Jones. Chapter Presidents, Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg (Zeta) and Linda Mauser (Upsilon), presented gifts to Dr. Beth Pyle acknowledging her leadership throughout her biennium.

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We want to wish all DKG sisters a wonderful and relaxing summer!



Julianne Comerford accepting her award of Educational Excellence in the Classroom, 2nd Place.

Founders Day Celebration – Pam Bernard, Lucy Riffle, and Cyndy Jones recognizing our DKG founders (right), and Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg thanking Dr. Beth Pyle for her work as KSO President (left)



MU CHAPTER

Mu Chapter members met May 15th, 2021 face-to-face for the first time in over a year. Our last face-to-face meeting was March of 2019. Those attending were very excited to have an actual meeting where we were all together in one room as opposed to a virtual meeting. Our main business was to review and vote on the proposed revision of the Mu Chapter Standing Rules to submit to the Kentucky State Organization.

A recap of the Kentucky State Organization's 2021 Virtual Convention was given. Mu members who were selected as "Women of Vision" were recognized and given a certificate. Those recognized were Susan Cross, Ramona Jeffries, Shelia Wilkinson, Patsy Young, and Cherie Mingus. A BIG shoutout and congratulations went to Shelia Wilkinson, Mu Treasurer, who received the "Star of the Southeast" from Southeast Regional during our KSO Virtual State Convention. Pascal Bailey and Jane Bailey both received Mentoring Roses from Mary Cat Flath. Sue Story received a mentoring rose from both Shelia Wilkinson and Susan Cross. Congratulations to all these ladies who go that step above to help others. Mu President Cherie Mingus was elected and will begin her term as the KSO 2nd Vice President beginning July 1, 2021. Mu Chapter is excited about having another member serve the state organization.

Our program "Thrive and Survive" was presented by Mu members Diane McCamish and Cherie Mingus. The presentation stressed ways to retain DKG membership. Door prizes were given away at the end of the meeting. This was our last meeting for the 2020-2021 year. Our next meeting will start the 2021-2022 year and will be held in September. Plans are in the works to have a social outing sometime in August.

Cherie Mingus
Mu Chapter President

XI CHAPTER

With the theme "Leading with 2020 Vision: Reviewing, Sharpening, and Sharing Our Vision", and social distancing due to the Covid-19 virus, Xi Chapter members have been meeting via Zoom this year. It has been a learning experience, especially for those of us no longer teaching. But, as true life-long learners, we were up to the challenge! Because our May meeting in 2020 was cancelled, we installed new officers at our August Zoom meeting. Our 2020 - 2022 Xi Chapter officers are President Kathy Zwanzig, 1st Vice President Debbie Duffy, 2nd Vice President Theresa Reilly, Recording Secretary Mindi Keiner-Rummel, Corresponding Secretary Jane Jones, Parliamentarian Donna Whitis, and Treasurer Barbara Jacobs. We also inducted

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two new members. They are Abbey Pierce, the Library Media Specialist at Johnson Traditional Middle School, and Jackie Raque, Math Teacher at Noe Middle School. At the Xi Chapter October Zoom meeting, a panel of our members who are still in the classroom provided their experiences with virtual instruction. The program was titled, "Non-Traditional Instruction: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, and the "Lord Help Us!" It was really eye opening for the retired members. Probably the most difficult meeting to be held on Zoom and not in person, was our December meeting. We usually have special entertainment and this is when we have a special fundraiser to support our Jean Baugh Grant-in-Aid Fund. We really had to get creative! Instead of our annual fundraiser, we voted that members would donate at least \$20 for the GiA fund. To get into the spirit of the season, members wore their holiday finest. Peg Darcy composed a Christmas Trivia Powerpoint contest for our program. Members kept their own scores. Prizes went to the following: 1st Prize Cindy McNary-Atchison, 2nd Prize Lisa Cain, 3rd Prize Sheila Renn. Supporting the theme for the biennium, in February we welcomed Hope Zoeller as our speaker for our program. Her presentation addressed "Leading with CARE through Challenging Times". We were so honored to have three of our KSO officers, President Beth Pyle, 1st Vice President Bonnia Fouts, and 2nd Vice President Lucy Riffle, join us for this meeting! Our May meeting highlighted our Chapter members and history. We started the meeting with each attendee share about their mentor(s) both in their careers and in DKG. We called them our "Xi Roses". Zina Knight and Janice James created and presented our program, "Hats of Xi Chapter: Past, Present, and Future". It was both informative and entertaining! For our Chapter Project this biennium, we have chosen to support Early Career Educators. Members nominated two young teachers, who we asked to give us a "wish list" of things they needed/wanted for their classrooms. Members made donations of materials and/or funds to purchase the requested items. We delivered those items to the first of those young women just this Friday. The recipient was quite grateful. The second delivery will be made before the end of the school year. The Chapter plans to supply requests for at least two more Early Educators next year. Plans are underway for a June social activity IN PERSON! We miss seeing each other and are so grateful that it appears that we are getting vaccinated and will be meeting together soon! Xi Hugs!

OMEGA CHAPTER

Since Omega Chapter was installed in 1976, we have never had a year like the past year. It has been the worst of times, and the best of times. Since February 2020, our chapter has not had an in-person meeting, yet our chapter has been able to carry out projects and help others, When our chapter was organized, initially, I served as Omega Chapter recording secretary. Eventually, I began serving as president for our chapter so I thought I knew what the role of president entailed. Little did I know, the duties changed and brought new challenges. This year has been very non-traditional but very rewarding.

Our chapter carried out one of the seven purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

Our chapter has a lot of mature age members who are isolated at home, and did not feel comfortable participating in physical meetings. So we looked for meaningful things to do to help others.

Our members participated in our project, "Reaching Out." This gave our members a chance to step out

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of their comfort zones and make personal contact with 10 people or more, each month during August, September and December. They did not have to leave the comforts of their homes because they could reach out to others by cards, phone calls, texts, facetime, ZOOM, email, or others forms of communication, of their choice. This gave our members chances to grow personally and professionally and to show to others, compassion, as well as encouragement during these difficult times. They had lots of people who needed encouragement. Some choices included people who were facing isolation in home, students, parents, certified and classified staff dealing with non-traditional instruction. Our "Reaching Out" project won Honorable Mention for The Annie Award at the Kentucky State Organization Virtual Meeting.

Our chapter made a \$200 donation to Community Kitchen, a local soup kitchen, who has gone from feeding 300 people per day to 1,000 people per day. We participated in our "Reaching Out" project, which gave us a wonderful feeling helping and encouraging others. We also had an opportunity to attend the state convention by ZOOM. Charlotte Benton has served on the Rules Committee for Kentucky State Organization during the past two years and will continue for the next two years.

We are looking forward to holding an in-person meeting, May 18, 2021, 11:00 A.M. at Olive Garden in Paducah, KY and we are thrilled our state president, Beth Pyle has agreed to join us for our meeting.

Submitted by
Charlotte Benton
Omega President



Ann Rushing received her 50 year pin at our May 18th meeting.

UPSILON CHAPTER

Upsilon held its final meeting of the year jointly with Zeta on Saturday, May 15th at the Fort Mitchell Country Club. Each chapter conducted its own business meeting, then joined together for lunch, a Founders' Day program presented by Zeta members, and remarks from Dr. Beth Pyle. Nineteen Upsilon members attended. It was such a joy to get to be with each other in person!

In addition to regular business items, we had several things to celebrate. Chapter recognitions from the state convention included 13 Women of Vision certificates, three 50-year milestones (Mary Barker, Shirley Green, and Betty Lusby), Annie Award recognition for our Mentoring Project, and two KSO Hall of Fame honorees – Shirley Miller and Karen Martin.

We are especially proud of our 10 active teachers. In addition to year-long retiree/active teacher support pairings, we decided this year not to single out any one of them for EEC recognition, believing that under this year's uniquely trying circumstances, each one exemplifies Educational Excel-

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lence in the Classroom and is deserving of recognition. All 10 were recognized as an “Upsilon Star Teacher 2020-21” with a potted geranium.

Our final service project for the year was a collection of personal care items for teens and tweens entering foster care, spear-headed by Vickie Chamberlain and Sarah Staggs. Both in-kind and cash donations were collected. Approximately \$350 was contributed, and through couponing and cash-back deals, Sarah parlayed that into even more. The result was 12 backpacks for boys and 12 for girls, filled with a variety of personal care items. The backpacks, plus overflow items, will be delivered to two Northern Kentucky foster care agencies.

We’re looking forward to meeting and planning in-person for 2021-22!

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

To say that this has been an unusual year in the life of Delta Kappa Gamma overall would be a total understatement. We even Zoomed state conference meetings for the first time this year. That demonstrated the impact that the pandemic has had on not only chapters across the state but also state conference meetings. These times are unsurpassed. That said, the teachers and administrators in our Alpha Beta Chapter have experienced, planned, and executed teaching techniques that were simply not a part of their training as undergraduate, graduate and even as a doctoral candidate. But they have met the challenge and they are to be honored and congratulated for the work they have done to support the children in their classrooms and the important work of the administrators in their schools.

That impact has reached beyond the classroom as the Alpha Beta Chapter has carefully planned how to remain connected to our members during this past year. Our President Vicki Lete has led us through some very tough times but with grace and focus on what we needed to do to remain connected. We began with our first Zoom meeting last August of 2021 and have continued those Zoom meetings through the last meeting in May, with great success. Minutes from meetings are emailed to all members. We have a very active communication process for those who do not use email. Those members receive calls about important information and copies of minutes are mailed to those members also. Yes, we have been successful in staying connected, but we have also learned the value of human connections and the ability to be together, since we have not been able to meet in person during this current Alpha Beta program year.

At the beginning of this year, our President Vicki Lete challenged the chapter to bring in at least six new members. It is so gratifying to report that we exceeded that number and have seven new members who were “partially” inducted at our Zoom meeting in May but will be officially inducted in our August in-person meeting. Those ladies are collegiate members Samantha McDowell and Elizabeth Greer. The new active members are Megan Alvey, Valerie Conti, Katelyn Meng, Dawn Roy, and Nicole White. Additionally, we voted to accept an eighth new member Shanda Forish who will be fully inducted at the August meeting. These ladies were sponsored by President Vicki Lete, Vice President Kathy Fries and Alpha Beta members Diana Motsch and Alex Wilson. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and the challenge that was met, and we welcome these new members. All are and have been extremely successful in classrooms

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and schools in the Jefferson County Public Schools. We also continue to support aspiring teachers who are currently in college. We were able to present two \$500 checks this year to colleges for support of two current students working toward their education degrees.

Our chapter took the opportunity to nominate one of our members Dr. Rose-



marie (Rosie) Young for the 2020 Educational Excellence in the Classroom Award. Rosie was selected as the winning teacher. Her career has spanned 45 years which began in the JCPS in 1975. Rosie has gone full circle from teacher to counselor to principal and now teaches and has a current EdS all

After those women complete the program, she welcomes back all her former Bellarmine students and works in a discussion and advisory capacity with those women. Additionally, she works with the Women in Leadership network and in her words, "Women educators at all levels rock?" Over this period of time, she also earned her doctorate degree. She has a truly amazing teaching history which is far too detailed to share here, but she is extremely deserving of this recognition and we are so proud of her.

Work is never done, however, and we anticipate several changes in our current by-laws. President Lete has named a committee to work on the changes and/or updates in order to be ready for the next program year.

We had another challenge during the year. It is with sadness that we share that we lost another Alpha Beta sister on April 19, 2021, Dr. Jerrylynn Norsworthy. Her impact on the children that she taught, loved, and served will live on through her work forever. She will be greatly missed.

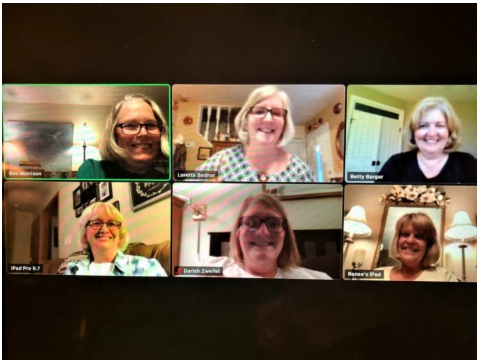
As teachers and administrators, we have always strived with diligence to work with the children, families, and schools we serve. As a chapter, we will continue to find strength in our work to support those who choose to join the teaching field. The work is rewarding. The children are the benefactors. We as teachers see the overwhelming value in our work.

Submitted by Brenda Logan
Alpha Beta Secretary

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

Alpha Delta executive committee "taking care of bizness" via Zoom on April 14, 2021. Plans were made to deliver goodie baskets for each school in Meade County to thank them for plowing through a challenging year. Members were urged to donate GOODIES to any of the committee. Darlah (MCHS); Bev (SPMS); Allison (BP); Renee (DTW & Ekron); Loretta and Cheryl (Flaherty); Betty (Payneville). We are also planning summer social on June 21 at Virginia Miller campus. Virginia was one of our founding members.

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Top: Bev, Loretta, Betty.

Bottom: Cheryl, Darlah, Renee

Just one of many "Goodie Baskets".



Left: Congrats to Mary Morgan, our scholarship winner who will be attending KY Wesleyan, majoring in Elementary Education. Right: Our Summer Social invitation sent out to all our members. Good Times!

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Thoughts and Reflections on the First Year of the Biennium

Challenges: Just how are we going to do this? Yes, we can meet on Zoom, but how do we foster relationships? So much of what we love about DKG depends on getting together – not only within the chapter but also with sisters around the state. Upsilon had decided to pair our active teachers with retirees for support during what promised to be a challenging teaching experience. Mentors who were reluctant to enter a store, for example, had to get creative with obtaining and delivering little gifts, etc.

How are we going to conduct our various service projects? Without meeting in person, collecting items was challenging. We either organized drop-offs or members sent in donations which were then funneled to one person to purchase items.

A challenge right now, as Kentucky is relaxing restrictions, is being sensitive to members' different comfort levels regarding gathering, masking, and vaccines.

Revelations: We could (and did) do it.

Frustrations: Zoom! Without it, we would not have been able to meet. But . . . Members' comfort levels with technology and different devices create different experiences, for example in video and audio quality. Conversation does not flow naturally. And there is the time component. While a normal meeting might last 2 hours including business, lunch, and a program, one hour is about the tolerance limit for a Zoom meeting so we confined our meetings to business only. We did try having a separate program session, but only 6 or 7 participated.

Celebrations: We made it! We conducted 4 successful service projects. The Mentoring Project went well after all and actually won an Annie Award. Quite a few members were recognized at convention – Hall of Fame, Women of Vision, and Membership Milestones. One positive to the two statewide events being held virtually, is that members who don't typically attend those events, could. All the chapter officers stepped up. We stayed in touch via email, snail mail, and Facebook. We held all 5 of our meetings, as scheduled – 2 in-person (September and May) and 3 via Zoom (November, January, March).

Linda Mauser
Upsilon

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My First Year as President of Zeta Chapter During the Pandemic of 2020
Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, President

I suppose I began my presidency on a wing and a prayer. I had no idea what to expect because of the pandemic, but I did a lot of praying that God would guide me appropriately.

Because of the pandemic, we had not held a Chapter meeting since November, 2019. Our meetings in May and March of 2020, were cancelled. Our previous President, June Madison, had not been able to hold our Founder's Day in May or install the incoming officers. Because the State meeting was cancelled in March, the awards had not been given, nor had the Women of Vision been recognized. Soooo.....I decided that we WOULD have a person-to-person meeting in September in order for June to install the officers, two of whom she had to induct via phone because they could not attend the meeting. Our Corresponding Secretary was at baggage claim at the airport when she was inducted!!! It turned out to be a wonderful meeting, for my first time as Chapter President.



Once I was installed as President, we had a full agenda. Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts, 1st Vice President at the state level and also the person in charge of the Annie Awards, was present to present our Chapter with the Annie Award for Excellence in the Classroom (Miranda Tieman) – Yeh!!! - and to present our Chapter with the Award for Outstanding Program! What great honors!! Then she presented the Women of Vision certificates to four of our Zeta sisters. An honorable memorial service was given for our member, Ruth Jenkins, whose daughter is also in Zeta Chapter. I was honored to recognize our outgoing President, June Madison, for her leadership. What a challenging time to become Chapter President! I used the lighthouse as my symbol and coined the theme, “Know, Grow, Glow – Together”, certainly apropos for the pandemic period.

Officer Installation – Zeta Chapter – September, 2020

President, Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg; 1st VP, Pam Bernard; 2ndVP, Sally Nimmo;
Secretary, Nicole Thomas; and Corresponding Secretary, Teena Gamble (absent)

In succeeding weeks, it became clear that we would only be able to meet virtually for our meetings in November and March, however, we accomplished so much during the interim. I did a pairing of all the Zeta sisters in a project called, “Sister Watch”. I was concerned that our members, many of whom are older and live alone, would suffer from depression, fear, and anxiety, and if we keep in touch on a regular ba-

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sis, this may lessen the impact of being housebound because of the pandemic. This was such a wonderful idea, and the members are learning more about each other than we ever could if the only time we see each other is at our meetings. My paired sister is Judy Grooms, retired, but she has SO MUCH to offer, and learning about her life journey is totally amazing. Recently, after both of us had our vaccines, we enjoyed lunch together – what a fun time we had! Through our “Sister Watch “ Project, we have shared life experiences, recipes, books, gifts, and meaningful discussions. Here’s what my Sister Watch partner recently wrote:

Dear Joyce,

Thank you for a lovely lunch and the opportunity to get to make a new friend. This would not have happened without the Sister Watch Project. Thank you again.

*Wishing you love and laughter,
June*

It is **truly** a blessing, and we are honored to be receiving recognition for this project.



“Sister Watch” friends, Joyce Hamberg and June Grooms enjoying lunch at Barleycorn’s, Lakeside Park, KY in April, 2021

I am pleased that our candidate for the Annie Award for Outstanding Excellence in the Classroom, Julie Comerford, came in second in the state, and we will be honoring her at our May meeting, which is being planned as a face-to-face meeting!!!

Our virtual meetings in November and March were productive because we revised our standing rules and got these approved by the Chapter, and I have been in regular communication via email with our sisters. Recently one of our sister’s husband passed away, and that was traumatic. When I shared this news with the membership, they showered our sister with cards, flowers, and special mementos. She was overwhelmed with the kindness shown her and her family, to which I responded, “That’s what we do – we take care of each other.” If there is one thing I’ve learned through the rough time we’ve had during the pandemic, it’s precisely this: Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta sisters care for each other, and we take care of one another. We truly do **Know, Grow, Glow – Together**.

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