

# KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION



# KSO NEWS

## 2021 Fall Workshop



Elizabeth Collins (virtual in San Antonio) and Shelia Wilkinson (in person in Portland Oregon) giving updates from DKG International Conventions.



Drs. Alex and Gretchen Kinchen  
"Unity: A Better Option "

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# President's Message



## Bonnie's Beacon Bullets

- Thanks to every member who attended our leadership conference in Lexington and thank you, again, to all who planned, helped, worked, and supported KSO in any single way that weekend! We are a TEAM!!!
- Plan now to attend **State Convention. March 18-20. Bowling Green!**
- The Coordinating Councils have begun to meet! Please stay tuned.
- We are now into the work of our new biennium. Lucy will be informing you of all EEC activities and award applications. Cherie will be reminding you of membership needs. Many of the committee chairs will be sending out information to KSO chapters regarding the work of certain committees and various needs. *Please reply to their emails with an 'OK' or 'Thanks' so that they will know you received their information.*
- **THE DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATION FORMS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, CHAPTER AND PRESIDENTS' REPORTS IS FEBRUARY 15, 2022.**
- **If you are a committee chair**, and wish to meet virtually via Zoom, please let me know the date and I can send you a link for your meeting. Please let me know your needs.
- **If you are a chapter president**, please forward KSO emails to your chapter members as soon as possible after you receive them, and when relevant, please mail the information to your members who do not have email or share the information with a phone call. Please let me know if you need anything.
- SOS is our new committee. We are averaging five participants each time we have an SOS Chat. (Please see the SOS article with upcoming Zoom meeting links)
- KSO has begun the revitalization process. Leadership is currently working on the first survey.
- Please be sure to take a look at our recently designed *Grow & Glow in DKG* ribbon pin. We want to know what you think of it and if you would consider purchasing the pin before we mass order.
- I am enjoying traveling and attending chapter meetings and hope to attend one of your meetings soon! *Thanks for growing and glowing with me! Yours in DKG, Bonnie*

Our immediate past president, Beth Pyle, created a Step Up for DKG ribbon pin. We have designed a ribbon pin for this biennium theme: Grow & Glow in DKG! The new pin is in the shape of a lighthouse and is below. It is 1.5 in tall, and the base is about half an inch. It is as you see pictured. The cost will be \$7. Would you purchase this pin to wear on your ribbon? Please tell your chapter president how you feel about this ribbon pin.



**Would you purchase this  
ribbon pin for \$7?**

### **KSO Executive Secretary Message**

As the new KSO Executive Secretary, my first and foremost duty is to take care of the tasks that the KSO State President gives me. So far, that has included taking orders for the Grow and Glow t-shirts and making sure all was in order for the Fall Workshop. We are now looking forward to the KSO State Convention in March in Bowling Green. Delta Chapter has done much of the planning for the convention and has agreed to be responsible for the registration. Alpha Delta has promised to supply the centerpieces for the banquet. There are still a few more tasks we need help with...like hosting a Friday evening reception, helping KSO 2nd Vice President Cherie Mingus and the Membership Committee with the Remembrance Ceremony, etc. We are aware that most chapters cannot host the entire convention on their own, they can take part by taking on part of the responsibilities.

Several years ago, it was decided that we would hold the Fall Workshop in Lexington every year instead of moving around the state. Some chapters found it difficult to travel all the way across the state for the one day event. I have taken on the task of registration. We need help with other logistics, such as programs, a Friday evening reception, and decorations and favors for the luncheon. We would rather chapters volunteer to help.

Bonnia and I have begun the search for another site in Lexington for the 2022 Fall Workshop. We welcome suggestions!

If your chapter wants to help with the March 2022 convention or Fall 2022 Workshop, please contact Kathy Zwanzig at [kathyzwanzig.com](mailto:kathyzwanzig.com) or (502) 541-7738 (if I do not answer your call, please leave a voicemail).

KSO Hugs!

Kathy Zwanzig  
KSO Executive Secretary

# Educational Excellence

## Chair News

### Lucy Riffle



What are you doing in your chapter for EEC? You may have EEC activities during your meetings without being aware that you are doing so! Do you sing? That's EEC. Do you make crafts? That's EEC. Do you collect for and discuss the Schools for Africa project? That's EEC. Do you discuss or get updates on what's happening in Frankfort or Washington D.C.? That's EEC. Do you support early career educators? That's EEC.

At the state level we try to do all of these and more. You will be asked to nominate outstanding educators and administrators to be honored at the state convention. Be thinking about who you can nominate. You will also be asked to nominate outstanding project and programs that your chapter has participated in. I know that our chapters are doing great things – be ready to nominate your activities!!

I have asked each chapter to identify the chairperson of ECC in their chapter. Some chapters have said that the President handles this duty. That's fine – but does the President really have time? Some chapters have designated a Vice President as the ECC chair in their standing rules. Don't let this title scare you. I learned that some chapters in other states in the southeast actually form a committee to handle EEC. This committee is made up of sisters who are musically inclined, artistic, involved in the state teacher's associations, gather items for new teacher baskets, etc. Would this work better for your chapter?

At the International level ECC is an important topic. The International Committee is working hard to keep members up to date on ECC activities. These blogs can be accessed at <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/search/label/EEC>.

Be watching for your nomination forms early in 2022!!

**2022 International Convention**

**July 12-16 New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Sheraton New Orleans 500 Canal Street NOLA 70130**

**Go Ahead Tours: New Orleans to Memphis July 17-21**

# Membership News

## Cherie Mingus



After an almost two year “pause”, I hope most chapters across the state are now able to have face-to-face meetings. If so, I am sure you may have noticed that the “pause” may have caused your chapter, as well as others, to lose a member or two. This is not just happening to our KSO chapters, but to chapters across the country. Our members are our strength. Not only do we need to reach out to potential new members, but retain the ones we have.

Membership in DKG has many benefits to all. These benefits include:

- Leadership opportunities – officers, committee chairs
- Travel and networking – International conferences, state meetings, workshops
- Financial assistance – scholarships, emergency funds, educational foundation grants
- Discounts – insurance, GoAhead tours, AmazonSmile, Good Shop
- Activism – forums, World Fellowship grants, UNICEF
- Publishing – DKG News, blogs, fine arts gallery
- Recognition – Educators award, continuing education credits

I feel the most important benefit of belonging to DKG is having mentors who encourage growth both personally and professionally. I would not be a KSO State Officer without my mentors. To help chapters gain new members, check out the “Chapter Tools” section under “Resources” at <https://www.dkg.org>. Once you click on Chapter Tools, scroll down to the “Membership Plan” for a plan devised to recruit new members.

I would like to congratulate Mu Chapter as they have voted and accepted a new member at their October meeting. If any other chapters across the state, have or will add new members please sent me a note at [cheriemingus@gmail.com](mailto:cheriemingus@gmail.com). I would like to recognize **ALL** chapters who increase membership at our state meeting for 2021-2022.

To retain your current members, aim for fun, informative meetings that interest everyone. Plan at least one social outing for members that is strictly a time to get together and enjoy fellowship – no business! Send cards out to members who are not able to attend regular meetings due to health issues or other reasons. Let these members know that they are still a valuable asset to the chapter.

Don't forget that if your chapter experiences the death of a member to fill out **Form 6** (found at the DKG website) and send a copy to myself, our KSO Treasurer Shelia Wilkinson, and DKG International. The deadline to send this form to Shelia and me is **FEBRUARY 15, 2022**. This form can be sent before the deadline. This will give us time to get all the information together for the memorial service held at the KSO State meeting. If you send the Form 6 to DKG within 30 days of the member's passing, DKG will send the family a sympathy card.



## KSO Scholarship Committee News

The Kentucky State Organization Scholarship Committee is happy to announce the availability of state scholarship funds up to \$1,000.00 for KSO members that are pursuing graduate or doctoral degrees as well as National Board Certification or Renewal. Applications for workshops, seminars, and other study programs under \$500.00 can also be submitted at this time. Applicants must have been active members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society for at least two years to be eligible. The documents for scholarship forms, reference letters, and detailed directions for applying are located on our state website: <https://kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com> and the KSO Facebook page files. \*\*Please use the "ALL APPLICANTS" form if you are applying for workshops, seminars, or other study programs.

All applications and references must be completed and sent electronically to the State Scholarship Chair by February 15, 2022. Recipients, recommended for awards, will be notified by the Scholarship Committee, and awarded at our State Convention in March.

The KSO Scholarship Committee would also like to highlight the scholarship opportunities through DKG International. To be eligible, a member must be an active member for a minimum of three years if pursuing doctoral studies and a minimum of one year if pursuing other graduate studies. The due date for submission is on or before February 1, 2022. The application forms and more detailed information is located on the [dkg.org](https://www.dkg.org) website. <https://www.dkg.org>. Be sure to sign in, then click on the Apply/Submit menu. It will open to the blue Application Box. Click on the box which will open to the scholarship application link.

Finally, a wonderful resource DKG International is providing is the "International Scholarship Tip Sheet for Chapters." All interested members can access it through <https://www.dkg.org>. Sign in, then open the Resource menu. Click on "Scholarship Tools" to find the link.

## KSO Scholarship Committee Members

Pamela Thomas (Upsilon) Chair [rpt268@fuse.net](mailto:rpt268@fuse.net) Mary Evans (Delta), Ramona Jeffries (Mu), Linda Jewell (XI), June Madison (Zeta), Tina Shawler (XI)

## News from Supporting Our Sisters (SOS) Committee

SOS had its first two chats in September. We had one at 4pm (3pm Central) and the next day we had one at 7pm (6pm Central). The committee realized late that we had begun too early for our members who live in the Central time zone. From now on when school is in session, all SOS chats will begin at 7pm (6pm Central). There will be one more SOS chat at 4pm (3pm Central) but it will be during winter break so our members in the west will be able to attend.

The September theme was *Back to School Concerns* and in October we discussed *Educator Resilience and Trauma-informed Self Care*. Dr. Rosie Young (Alpha Beta) and Bunny Nash (Alpha) have been our chat facilitators thus far. We averaged five participants for each chat. SOS is just beginning, and we hope that more members will join as we progress through the biennium. You do not have to be an active teacher to join a chat. Any member who feels that she could use support for any reason can join. She can interactively participate or choose to listen.

Below are our upcoming SOS chats with respective Zoom links. We will also post the links on FB a week before the chat and chapter presidents will have the link at least two weeks before the chat. The Zoom link and topic for each month will also be posted on our state website. Please consider joining an SOS chat!

November SOS: **Gratitude** Facilitator will be Bunny Nash (Alpha). Thur, Nov 18, 7pm EST

Bunny Nash is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DKG SOS Chat 11/18/21 7pm ET Gratitude

Time: Nov 18, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) 06:00 PM Central

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5092362922?pwd=emNHaUhvMIFVTkFBNXlGOXhEMU1lQT09>

Meeting ID: 509 236 2922

Passcode: 6IE27h

December SOS: **Open Topic** Facilitator will be Bunny Nash (Alpha). Wed, Dec 29, 4pm EST

Bunny Nash is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DKG SOS Chat 12/29/21 4pm ET Open Topic

Time: Dec 29, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5092362922?pwd=emNHaUhvMIFVTkFBNXlGOXhEMU1lQT09>

Meeting ID: 509 236 2922

Passcode: 6IE27h

January SOS: **New Beginnings: Rearranging** Facilitator will be Patricia Hackworth (Tau)

Patricia Hackworth is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DKG SOS Chat Thursday 1/20/22 7pm ET New Beginnings: Rearranging

Time: Jan 20, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84375414631?pwd=Ti8rczhKZStYaFJEdUdqSIJWRzhsUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 7541 4631

Passcode: 356418

### Hall of Fame Nominations – Judy Reeves

Do you know a member of Kentucky Alpha Gamma State you would like to recognize for distinguished service to our society? If so, we invite you to nominate her to be added to the Hall of Fame. She may be living or deceased, an active or reserve member with a minimum of ten years of service to the Society.

To find the application, go to the Kentucky State Organization website, <https://kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com>, and click on Award Nominations in the left menu. Under the Hall of Fame Nomination Form, look for “click here” to download the form. The deadline for application is February 15, 2022.

The committee looks forward to seeing your nominations because we are a society full of wonderful women!

Submission from Iota Chapter

*Greeting to New Teachers*

## Fall 2021

The members of Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Lake Cumberland Region, Kentucky State Organization, hope that you are enjoying a productive and fulfilling first year of teaching.

That's the primary reason you are receiving this message, but we also want to tell you a bit about our organization, its mission, and purposes. When you have a few years of teaching behind you, you might find our organization to be a source of encouragement, support, innovative ideas, and professional development to enhance your teaching experience and, of course, the learning of your students.

If you are interested in finding out more about us, feel free to contact me, **Sharon Whitehead, President** of our local chapter, at [Sharon.whitehead@kctcs.edu](mailto:Sharon.whitehead@kctcs.edu). I retired after 35 years in education, but some of our members, like you, are still teaching. Though you must teach for a while before being inducted, you are free to attend meetings and to take part in our discussions. Then when you are ready, you'll know what our organization's mission is.

Our meetings take place four times a year, usually two in fall and two in spring, on Saturday mornings at a local library or public building. Our meetings in 2020 were all by ZOOM because of the pandemic. Contact me and I will tell you when our meetings are scheduled for 2021-22.

Now for our history:

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization of key women educators founded in 1929 and expanding since then, both nationally and internationally. The mission statement reads as follows:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Our Seven Basic Purposes are:

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship;
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education;
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education;
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education;
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their preparation in appropriate programs of action; and
- To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in the world society.

I don't need to tell you that there are critical issues facing teachers, students, parents, and school systems today that need the problem-solving skills of each of us. The Iota Chapter of DKG intends to provide the environment for women educators to gather, to share ideas, to discuss policies and procedures that might help us to surmount these barriers to effective teaching and student learning.

Again, have a good year. I hope to hear from you! Sharon Whitehead



Happy November! – the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life.

In your World Fellowship container, drop a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for each day that you are blessed with something positive in your life.

-OR-

Drop a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for every tree that changed to beautiful fall colors.



Please remember your World Fellowship Donations. We have added some fun ways to donate for the months of November, December, and January. Perhaps someone can print them for your chapter members to put on the fridge or bulletin board.

Hello December! Please bring smiles, happiness, and good fortune to my family, friends, and acquaintances.



In your World Fellowship container, drop a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for each person that you bring a smile to their face.

-OR-

Drop a coin for each good deed you do to make their holiday better.



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For every day in January that you see or touch a snowflake (any day with flurries or more), please add a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter to your World Fellowship container. OR

For each day without a flurry, add to your WF container.

## Zeta Chapter

Zeta Chapter is having a successful autumn season. We had an inspirational meeting on September 25th with the induction of two new members, Diane Nutini (retired from Erlanger/Elsmere school district) and Effie Fugate (teacher at Beechwood High School) both of whom are eager to get involved.

Our candle sale for the fall Chapter fundraiser was launched to support our Grant-in-Aid; Books, Bibs, & Beyond program; and Lincoln Grant Scholar House. We also began our ornament sale for World Fellowship and Schools of Africa. Our Books, Bibs, and Beyond Project is well underway, and we are pleased to be active once again with the Lincoln Grant Scholar House. During our September meeting, our guest speaker, Dave Schroeder, Executive Director of the Kenton County Public Library, gave a very interesting talk about the once extremely popular, Ludlow Lagoon Amusement Park.

We are looking forward to our November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts, DKG State President, as our guest. She will be presenting on the topic of "World Fellowship and Schools For Africa", which will support our purpose behind our ornament fundraiser. We also should have 4 new inductees and another member reinstated to our chapter. As we move into the holiday season, our sisters are continuing to encourage each other during the school year and building relationships to Know, Grow, and Glow Together!

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Delta Kappa Gamma, Iota chapter

Overview, Zoom meeting

October 23, 2021

The president, Sharon Whitehead, opened the meeting by reminding the members of the Delta Kappa Gamma vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

After catching up on the lives of the members who were able to join, Sharon brought those in attendance up to date on the Officers' meeting of July 19, 2021. At that time, the officers believed that the COVID crisis had passed and that the group would be able to meet in person at the meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the Burnside Library. As the date for the meeting approached, it became apparent that the upsurge in the cases of the Delta variant of COVID would make a face-to-face meeting too risky for members. The meeting was cancelled, much to everyone's disappointment.

As the October 23 date neared, the decision was made to meet via Zoom with the help of Beth Pyle, former President of the KSO and current Parliamentarian. Beth was the invited speaker and was gracious enough to set up the Zoom meeting.

The first item of business was Sharon's report on the greeting email sent to 74 new teachers in the regional school systems. She had already gotten responses from two and hoped to hear from others in response to the email welcoming them to the teaching profession and introducing them to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Sharon reminded the members of the Iota Chapter's webpage set up by Second Vice-President, Amber Tongate: <https://bitly/DKlotaky> and of the new webpage for KSO: <https://kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com>

Dr. Beth Pyle presented a most interesting and informative program concerning the diaries of a teacher her great-aunt, in a small rural school in the early 1900's. Beth had drawn from those diaries in the development of the dissertation for her Ph.D.

She reminded the members of the State Convention planned for March 18-20, 2022, in Bowling Green, KY. Iota Chapter's next meeting will be the Saturday following on March 26, 2022. All are hopeful that both will be face-to-face gatherings of members.

Sharon Whitehead  
President, Iota Chapter

**Mu Chapter News – November 2021**  
**President Cherie Mingus**

Mu Chapter enjoyed their first meeting of the 2021–2022 year October 19<sup>th</sup> at the First Christian Church in Elizabethtown, KY. We were pleased to have KSO President Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts in attendance. Bonnia brought greetings on behalf of the state organization. Diane McCamish gave our “Moment of Inspiration” about our recent “pause” caused by Covid.

Our program for the meeting was presented by Shelia Wilkinson. Shelia’s program was “Navigating the DKG Website.” Members brought their own personal electronic devices to follow along as Shelia showed us how to get to “My DKG Account” and explained why it was important to keep this information up-to-date. She informed the various ways to ask for help when needed from DKG – online chat, email, or phone. Shelia also informed members how they can assist DKG with fundraising by using AmazonSmile. This fundraising does not add anything to the member’s bill. Amazon donates a percentage of the sale to DKG when a member signs up for DKG as their charity of choice. Lastly Shelia explained DKG’s Philanthropy effects from 2019-2020 emphasizing that individual chapters were the biggest contributors for Grants in Aid and Scholarships.

Members voted to continue the October Service Project for the remaining meetings throughout the year. The October project was collecting paper products for “Project L.E.A.R.N.” Project L.E.A.R.N. is an agency that assists with the education of adults who are intellectually disabled. This organization is local and is able to continue mainly by the use of grants. Pasty Young agreed to deliver the paper products we collected at our meeting. The workers and students were very appreciative of our donations.

We had a visitor, Mary Osborne, who was invited to our meeting by Ramona Jeffries. After the program portion of our meeting, Mary expressed an interest in becoming a member of Mu Chapter. Mary teaches in Nelson County but grew up in Hardin County. Membership voted on Mary’s acceptance and an induction ceremony will be conducted later for her. Mary, as well as our members, were excited to welcome her to Mu Chapter!

Our next meeting will be held in December as a Christmas social. Patsy Young and Sue Story are in charge of the arrangements.

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*Xi Chapter - Leading with 20/20 Vision: Reviewing, Sharpening, and Sharing our Vision*

Xi Chapter has been busy the last few months. In June and July we finally had the opportunity to enjoy each other’s company by scheduling three different “social opportunities. First, six of us met across the Ohio River in Jeffersonville, for lunch outdoors at the Union Restaurant & Gameyard. The next week, eleven of us attended diner at Panera Bread on Hurstbourne Lane in Louisville. Finally, later in July, ten of us gathered at Captain’s Quarters. The view of the Ohio River was spectacular and the food was delicious!

On August 28, we gathered in the fellowship hall of Bethany United Church of Christ for our first face-to-face meeting in eighteen months. We all were happy to wear our masks so we could be together! Immediate Past President Donna Whitis, was honored as the latest member to be named to the Xi Chapter Hall of Fame. Donna taught middle school math in Shelby County, where she also served as an ESS teacher and as a KTIP mentor. She loved her career so much that it did not end when she retired from the Shelby County Schools, she has continued to teach eight grade math at Walden School in Louisville.

The highlight of our August meeting was the visit and message by the new KSO President Bonnia Fouts. She shared news from state and International levels. She challenged each of us to “Grow and Glow in DKG”!



The Corner Cafe on LaGrange Road in Louisville was the site of the Xi Chapter meeting on Monday, October 18. The meeting began with each member sharing what they considered to be their Super Powers. Some of the Super Powers offered up were, “organization”, “creativity”, “ability to listen”, “musical gifts”, “being a grandma”, and “being a dog and cat mama”.

Xi Chapter’s project for this biennium is Supporting Early Career Educators. We are seeking to support first year teachers by providing them specific classroom necessities, not provided by their schools. Last year we were able to provide items requested by two teachers, one elementary school teacher and one middle school teacher, in the Jefferson County Public Schools. We have decided to expand the project this year by assisting three teachers, one at each level. The elementary teacher, Lauren Fields, teaches fourth grade and is the daughter of Xi Chapter member, Stephanie Fields. At the middle school level we are supporting Anna Anson, who teaches Language Arts at East Shelby Middle School. Finally, the high school teacher is Jasmine Ayers, who teaches ECE/MSD at Atherton High School. Each teacher has submitted a wishlist. Members can either donate requested items or donate money to be used to purchase them. Hopefully, we can get each of these ladies all they have requested, thus making their school year just a little bit easier.

Xi Chapter is looking forward to finishing 2021 with our December meeting which will be held 11:00 a.m. December 4 at the Bristol Bar and Grill on Bardstown Road in Louisville. If any of our Kentucky State Sisters would like to join us, contact Kathy Zwanzig. We would LOVE to see you!

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#### Chapter Notes – Upsilon

Upsilon held its first meeting of the year on Saturday, September 16, at the picnic pavilion of Piner Baptist Church in southern Kenton County. It was a perfect day for an outdoor gathering! Given the unusual and stressful circumstances of meeting last year, we decided our program was just going to be going over our plans for the year, followed by socializing and enjoying each other’s company over a picnic lunch. And we had plenty to talk about!

We were able to present Karen Martin with her Hall of Fame award for 2021. We still need to recognize Shirley Miller for her 2020 selection. (Shirley was unable to attend the chapter meeting, and both Karen and Shirley had been unable to attend the Fall Workshop.)

We are again focusing on supporting our active teachers. Last year, we did a one-to-one pairing. This year, we are mixing it up a bit with a different retiree team each month sending cards and notes. In addition, Karen Martin and Karin Edgington prepared back-to-school goody bags for each of our nine active teachers. They were each asked to take one or two extras including information about DKG to give to colleagues.

Our service project was a collection of baby items to be donated to Care Net Pregnancy Center.

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#### Psi Chapter Meeting

Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma KSO met on October 16, 2021, at Sherrie’s Pizza House in Owingsville, KY. After the meeting was called to order by President Brenda Holder, the members were lead in a devotion by Carol White.

The members reviewed the Duke Foundation book project “catch-up” where books were presented to third and fourth grade girls because of missing the second grade distribution for the last two years due to Covid restrictions. Plans were made to resume the second grade book distribution in the spring of 2022.

Reports were given on the THAT Grant recipients that were selected in our September meeting. Recipients of these grants will be invited to present at the chapter meeting on April 23, 2022. Another round of THAT Grants will be offered to teachers in Bath and Fleming Counties in January 2022. These applications will be evaluated in the April meeting for funding.

Psi Chapter discussed the upcoming Northeast Regional meeting with Zeta, Upsilon, and Epsilon chapters to be held in Augusta, KY.

The meeting concluded with a craft activity using toilet paper rolls, cotton batting, cloth, and brown lunch sacks to make pumpkins which were decorated with bows, flowers and leaves as shown in the picture below.

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## OMEGA CHAPTER MEETING

September 18, 2021

Charlotte Benton, Chapter President, welcomed members to the meeting, September 18, 2021, at Little Castle restaurant, Lone Oak, at 11:00 a.m.

### Call to Order

The business Meeting was called to order by Charlotte Benton. Members in attendance were: Charlotte Benton, Bonnye Roof, Lynn Werner, Ann Rushing, Mary Ann Freels, Candice Griffin, Emily Perry.

A devotional was offered by Lynn Werner. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Bonnye Roof and filed for audit. The financial report showed a balance of \$ 6299.60 on September 18, 2021. The total expenses from May 18, 2021 to September 18, 2021 were \$1286.09. (Reserve Scholarship fund-\$2411.33) A proposed budget for 2021-2022 was introduced and explained by Bonnye Roof. After discussion, the proposed budget was approved.

### Grant-in-Aid

The amount of \$1000.00 in the proposed budget under Grant-In-Aid will be used for two \$500 grants for qualifying students who apply.

### New Business

A list of potential members for consideration was presented by Charlotte Benton. It was moved and seconded to table the list and discuss at February meeting, at which time, names could be deleted or added.

It was reported by Charlotte Benton that our chapter project "Communicating." received Honorable Mention at 2021 KSO State Convention. Members were asked to participate in "BECAUSE WE CARE" for 2021 - 2022 chapter project from September through February. A list of suggested activities were explained, with the hope that Omega Chapter members will continue helping others by sending cards, letters, phone calls, emails, texts, visits, running errands and showing acts of kindness.

### World Fellowship

Bonnye Roof reported on her appointment as Chairman of the World Fellowship Committee and the goals for finding creative ways to raise funds for the committee this biennium.

### Program

Chapter President, Charlotte Benton, introduced our guest speaker, DeAnna Leonard, from the Purchase District Health Department, whose presentation covered facts on "How to stay Healthy."

The meeting was adjourned and blessing was offered by Charlotte Benton.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Emily Perry, Proxy for Sharon Stuart

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ALPHA ALPHA NEWS

Our Alpha Alpha Chapter began the 2021 - 2022 biennium on October 9, 2021, at the Madison County Public Library Community Room with President Diane Woods presiding. Connie Wason and Cathy Mahoney were hostesses. The tables, walls, and windows were decorated with fall wreaths and pumpkins made by member Cathy Mahoney. Alpha Alpha members had fun bidding on the items. The proceeds of the silent auction items were placed in the Jenna Amerson Grant-in-Aid scholarship fund.

Recording Secretary June Tompkins called the roll. Celebrations, concerns, and comments were expressed. Member Shelby Clifford's marriage was announced. Sara Hall has recovered from her surgery. Katie Clark, our grant-in-aid recipient will graduate this December from Northern Kentucky University with a teaching degree in Elementary Education.

Chaplain Sara Hall read the devotional, "Worship": Psalm 150, encouraging us to sing praises. Sara also shared the Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh which had Alpha Alpha members chuckling.

President Woods presented a brief discussion about our chapter's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This SWOT analysis will be reflected on by the chapter as we prepare for our next biennium.

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Alpha Beta Article Fall 2021 State Newsletter

As we move into the 2021 Alpha Beta year, we want to give a shout out to all our chapter members who are current teachers and administrators. All have been dedicated to making certain the children they work with have had the best opportunity to succeed during this past very difficult year and a half. COVID has added an unexpected layer of work and dedication to success has abounded. Congratulations to them and all school staff for doing the "heavy lifting" during this time. Our chapter reflects those school staff members since half our current members are currently administrators or teachers.

In the May 2021 news article sent to the state, we recognized the eight new members we inducted during the year and how pleased our president Vicki Lete and members were to not only reach our goal for new members, but that we exceeded that goal. Our chapter received \$100 from Kentucky State organization for inducting the most new members of all chapters this past year.

The August meeting kicked off the new program year and 21 of our members met at the home of Vicki Lete to plan and organize the coming year. We were so pleased also have state president Bonnia Fouts join our meeting to personally present Dr. Rosie Young with the 2020 DKG Educational Excellence Award, which was so well deserved. Pat Wilhelm completed the induction of our new members during the meeting, with assistance from Vicki Lete and Diana Motsch.

Along with our joy for adding new members comes sadness for losing three of our members over the past few months. Karen Glankler passed away this past June. Both Betty McKay and Joyce Cecil passed away this fall. All of these ladies left a wonderful legacy for family friends and students as they love teaching and working with children. All contributed so much to education, and Joyce Cecil was responsible for bringing reading recovery to the JCPS. They



worked extremely hard for our chapter over the years and we will miss them greatly.

Following the opening of our November meeting, Pat Wilhelm and Diana Motsch conducted a beautiful White Rose ceremony in memory of our members who passed away over the last three years. After information about each of the sisters was read, roses were placed in loving memory of each one. Those remembered were Bonnie Abner, Eleanor Buhl, Joyce Cecil, Karen Glankler, Betsy Holton, Marianne Humphries, Betty McKay, Jerrylynn Norsworthy, Nikki Schweinbeck, Maxine Stickler, and Peggy Williams. Four of these wonderful ladies were charter members of Alpha Beta, which was established on June 5, 1977, in Louisville Kentucky.

We were pleased that President Lete and First Vice President Kathy Fries were able to attend the DKG 2021 international conference in San Antonio. Each shared information gained from sessions they attended and how much they learned from presenters, and they provided information about the many contacts they made with other DKG sisters from across the nation and what they learned about other chapters. Each one also provided the members with a written report of this important information and they are certain the sisters they met will remember our Alpha Beta Chapter. We actively engage all members. For those who cannot attend meetings or do not use email, information is mailed to those members. That includes the meeting agenda, minutes from each meeting, and budget information. We also have an active phone communication process. President Lete also provided a recap of the DKG Fall Leadership Workshop for all members.

Our chapter is always looking to the future and how we can improve the work we do. We established a committee headed by Ann Halfling that has worked on our Alpha Beta Standing Rules to update those and to make certain we are in line with the KSO Standing Rules. Other chapter work continues in several areas including our support of Family Scholar House, which remains our philanthropic focus. Our October meeting was held at that facility where we heard from Chief Operating Officer Kate Brackett who talked about the overall mission and goals of that facility and how we can continue to support that organization. We also had a virtual tour of that facility, and 247 families are currently being served on five campuses. Parents served are working on their college degrees and are provided academic coaches, career coaches, and family advocates. Our chapter provides school supplies, food, and clothing, while several members have provided volunteer hours to work directly with parents.

Members continue to work outside the organization to support education. Ann Halfling continues as a member of the Audit and Budget Committee for the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association, and Ruth Boone was recently recognized for 22 years of service for the JC RTA.

Much like other chapters we are consistently working on budget needs. Our chapter president and vice president planned and held a "Garage Sale" and earned over \$375 which will cover part of our future budget needs. A "Silent Auction" was held at our November meeting at the University Club on the UL campus. Members made and purchased wonderful baskets for Silent Auction and we were able to add \$560.50 to our budget. It was a wonderful evening!

We continue to invite perspective members to our meetings who are currently teachers or administrators. We feel we have a great deal of history and knowledge to share with our new members. But more importantly, they are bringing new and wonderful ideas and information to enhance our chapter in our connections with one another. They are so appreciated!

Submitted by, Brenda Logan , Alpha Beta Secretary

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Shirley Jones, retired chorus teacher and member of **Alpha Delta Meade County**, received the Greenwave Legacy Award in Education on opening day 2021-2022 for teachers in Meade County. KY Commissioner Jason Glass couldn't praise her enough for the impact she had on him during his years at Meade County High School. In his words, "We can all perform with greatness, we can all have a meaningful and lasting impact." Shirley, your Meade County sisters love you and are so proud of you!



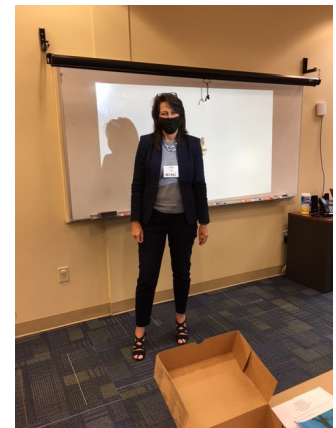
Betty Barger, retired English teacher and member of **Alpha Delta Meade County**, helps to fill gift bags for Meade County's 29 new teachers. The chapter loves starting their yearly meetings off in August with this fun project. Submitted by Kim Clutts Alpha Delta Meade County



**Alpha Beta**  
Basket Auction



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Ceremony  
R: **Alpha Beta**  
President  
Vicki Lete



Fall wreaths were bid on during the **Alpha Alpha** Silent auction .



DeAnna Ledford was guest speaker at **Omega Chapter** meeting. Her topic was "How to Stay Healthy."



**Psi Chapter** craft activity using a variety of items to make pumpkins as shown in this picture.

**Upsilon Chapter** service project was a collection of baby items to be donated to Care Net Pregnancy Center.



**Upsilon Chapter** member , Karen Martin with her KSO Hall of Fame award for 2021.

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The highlight of our **Xi Chapter** August meeting was the visit and message by the new KSO President **Bonnia Fouts**. She shared news from state and International levels



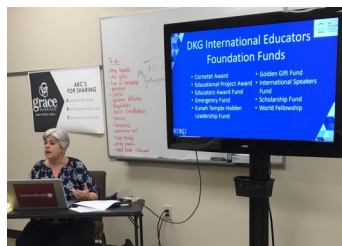
July 3 social opportunities for **Xi Chapter**: the Union Restaurant & Gameyard., Panera Bread on Hurstbourne Lane in Louisville, and finally, later in July, ten of us gathered at Captain’s Quarters.



**Mu Chapter** met on October 19, 2021. We were pleased to have KSO President Dr. **Bonnia Cook Fouts** to bring greetings on behalf of the state organization.

**Shelia Wilkinson** presented “Navigating the DKG Website,” pointing to several features that helped us navigate the website .

**Patsy Young** delivered the October project, paper products for “Project L.E.A.R.N.” Project L.E.A.R.N. is an agency that assists with the education of adults who are intellectually disabled.



Our sister, **Jane Bush**, leading sales for our ornament fundraiser to support World Fellowship and Schools for Africa.

**Zeta Chapter** new inductees, **Diane Nutini** (retired from Erlanger/Elsmere school district) and **Effie Fugate** (teacher at Beechwood High School).

