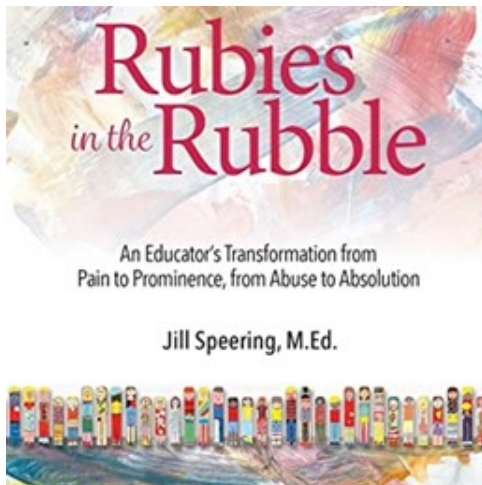


# KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION

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# KSO NEWS

## A State Convention Preview



Jill Speering, author of *Rubies in the Rubble*, will be our luncheon speaker at the 2023 State Convention. You will read more about Jill in our February newsletter. She will bring her book to sell in the marketplace, and she delivers an interesting presentation. *Rubies in the Rubble* is about an educator's transformation from pain to prominence, and from abuse to absolution. Active and retired teachers alike will enjoy what Jill has to say about her life which is about her book and ways that teachers can best support their students who may be living in the rubble. Plan now to join us on March 18, 2023 at our state convention luncheon in Louisville to hear Jill speak.

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# President's Message



## Bonnie's Beacon Bullets

Greetings one and all!

We are approaching the busiest time of year for many, and the holidays will soon be upon us! Our state organization has been busy, too! You, the members in KSO, made a great fall workshop possible. Thank you! And we are already looking forward to our state convention. **Please make plans now to join us at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville March 17 – 19, 2023!**

This is the time for you and your chapter to be thinking about a project and a program that you can submit for an Annie Award in March. Do you have an outstanding educator and/or administrator that your chapter can nominate for an EEC award? Is there someone in your chapter that you would like to nominate for the KSO Hall of Fame?

Milestone members will be recognized for 40, 50, and 60 years of membership!

We will once again have the baskets for the silent auction - The silent auction at the state convention is used to fund the Nancy McClure Leadership Savings Account.

The forms you need and more can be found on our state website: <https://kentuckyalphagammastate.weebly.com> Greta Gilbert (Tau) is doing an excellent job as our webmaster keeping our website up to date. Thanks, Greta!

We have a virtual leadership training scheduled for Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> OR you may register to attend weekly for 4 separate weeks. Please see the Leadership Article.

It has been a challenging year for many Kentucky members. Last December the deadly tornadoes hit western Kentucky and though we had only one member directly affected, it did touch the lives of many members who live in the west. When I visit the west I can see that many areas still have a long way to go until recovery is complete.

And who would imagine seven months later (July) that eastern Kentucky would experience devastating flooding? KSO members have graciously given to both causes. We recently gave Hindman Elementary what they needed to get their Guided Reading Book Library back to par. And we have turned to help West Whitesburg Elementary in Whitesburg as this school will need to be completely rebuilt. **KSO has not done this alone. Many state organizations in DKG have come to our assistance and we are ex-**

**tremely grateful for their generosity and support.**

**So, we now ask you and your chapter to turn to our members in Florida.** Hurricane Ian affected many sisters. Kentucky can now return the love and care shown to us. Information on how to give in a way to support DKG members in Florida has been sent to chapter presidents.

In closing, may I wish each of you the warmth, joy, and peace of the upcoming holidays. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you and yours! And may each of you continue to grow and glow lighting the way for others as we welcome 2023!

*Bonnie*

**Prepare Now to Attend the 2023 KSO State Convention!**

The KSO State Convention will be held in Louisville at the Crowne Plaza Expo Center Hotel, located across from the airport and adjacent to the Kentucky Fair and Exhibition Center. Save the weekend of March 17 - 19. Friday evening will include an orientation for first time attendees and an activity in the Presidential Suite. Saturday will include our business meeting, birthday luncheon, vendors, two special sessions, silent auction baskets, and President's Banquet. The Ceremony of Remembrance Sunday morning will close the convention. If you have never attended this, make this the first. You will enjoy meeting DKG members from across Kentucky and maybe some from across the United States! The best part is that the hotel has given us an outstanding rate of \$129 a night. We have 25 rooms in the block reserved at that rate, so now is the time to make your reservation. Please note that your reservations need to be confirmed no later than February 15, 2023, and your guests can use the below booking link to make their reservations. They can also call 866-888-0620 and reference group code DKG. Delta Kappa Gamma Annual Meeting 2023 Registration forms for the convention will be sent to Chapter Presidents in early December. It will also appear in the next issue of the KSO News, but do not wait until then to get registered. Feel free to contact Kathy Zwanzig, [kathyzwanzig@gmail.com](mailto:kathyzwanzig@gmail.com) or 502 541-7738, if you have any questions

# Educational Excellence News

## Lucy Riffle



### FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE

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

Thanks to the generosity of sisters from Kentucky, across the US and all over the world, we've been able to make a small difference in the recovery of teachers and students in Eastern Kentucky. Luckily, the project at Hindman Elementary didn't take the initial estimate to get back up to par. Many of their books, materials and supplies for the guided reading program had been moved to top shelves and were saved from the raging flood waters. We were able to send enough funds to replace the parts of that program that were destroyed. So, since everyone had been so generous, we were able to start helping the teachers and students at West Whitesburg Elementary School which was also totally damaged by the flooding. The occupants of West Whitesburg are currently being housed in a wing of Letcher County Central HS. Since the remodeling of West Whitesburg is going to take an extended period of time, the teachers, [students](#), and staff from there will eventually move into an alternative school after it is cleaned from the flood. We have finished stocking a kindergarten classroom which happens to be the one where our sister Angela Craft from NU chapter teaches. This including some shelving, chart stands along with other teaching supplies. We are currently working with Angela and her Principal to determine what other needs there are for the teachers and students of West Whitesburg while they are "living" in temporary spaces. The remainder of the money collected for flood relief will be used to fulfill as many of those needs as we can.

THANK YOU – your generosity has made a horrible situation more manageable.

### MAKING KENTUCKY MORE LIVELY

During our session in August on Making Kentucky More Lively discussion was held about sharing ideas for projects and programs. What is your chapter doing? Let us know and we'll make a list to share in upcoming newsletters.

Zeta had a program in September about the legislation that has been passed the last few years concerning school safety. There are many laws that cover this topic, and the state actually made a School Marshal's office with deputies who check to be sure that schools are following them. Lucy Riffle along with the President of the Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers were the presenters. Both active and retired teachers found the information interesting and informative. There are SRO's in every district in the state. These guys/gals are willing to come to meetings to talk about their roles in the schools!!

# Membership News

## Cherie Mingus



**KSO Newsletter**

**November 2022**

Have you ever wondered why **YOUR** membership matters to Delta Kappa Gamma? Our vision statement provides the main reason why your membership matters, “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.” Members matter because we are passionate about making the world a better place to live and work.

Because of this passion, it is important that we not only recruit new members but we retain the members that we have in our chapters. One of the best ways to retain your members is to actively engage them. This can be done by having members become mentors to those newly inducted members or those that are still considered to be early educators. As a mentor you are helping, guiding, and supporting another member through their professional as well as their personal development.

Mentors can be sponsors, committee chairs, or officers. These people can encourage members to take on new roles. Members can even mentor others in the chapter. For example, young educators can mentor the retired educators about technology. Mentoring allows others to demonstrate the skills that they bring to the chapter.

Speaking of retaining members, February 15, 2023 is fast approaching. This is the deadline to get your milestone memberships information to me for recognition at the 2023 KSO State Convention held in March. I need the names of members who have 40-, 50-, and 60-years membership in DKG. That would be members who were inducted 1982, 1972, or 1962 from your chapter. I also need copies of Form 6 sent to our state Treasurer, Shelia Wilkinson, DKG International, and myself on the death of a member that has occurred from your chapter since the 2022 KSO State Convention. February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for these forms in order to have their names in the “Celebration of Life” memorial service which is also done during the 2023 KSO State Convention. Form 6 can be found at the DKG website and our contact information can be found in the KSO Newsletter.

The more you engage your members the more likely they are to retain their membership. Chapter Presidents, make this your biennium goal to engage your membership. Continue to recruit new members and retain the members you currently have because everyone needs a good support system of sisterhood.

### Hall of Fame Nominations – Judy Reeves (Alpha Beta)

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:// kentuckyalphagammas-tate.weebly.com](https://kentuckyalphagammas-tate.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 10, 2023. The committee looks forward to seeing your nominations because we are a society full of wonderful women!

## **SOS**      **Chat with supportive sisters. SOS is the third Thursday of nearly every month.**

Next chat is Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm EST/6:30pm CST

Topic: The topic is open, but we will discuss things we are thankful for, and ways we can continue to support those who have suffered during natural disasters.

In December, the SOS chat is scheduled for Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Times are the same as above.

Topic: What is the best gift teaching has given you?

The link is recurring, and it is below along with the passcode. Please join us!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044543800?pwd=VE85MWZ0R0JUazdvTk11OFIrYkk4Zz09>

Passcode: 244720

## **Making Kentucky More Lively**

Your leadership continues to work on the revitalization process for KSO. Lucy Riffle (Zeta) who is our state EEC chair held a discussion on “Making Kentucky More Lively” at our fall workshop in Lexington. Each chapter president will receive a packet before the beginning of the year (either by mail and/or virtually), and it will include several things to help support our membership and leadership development. Included with be a “bluegrass” list of project and program ideas for Kentucky. Elizabeth Collins (Upsilon chapter president) has volunteered to spearhead the “video” portion – where videos on leadership could be on our website for members to watch at their convenience. Cherie Mingus (Mu), state membership chair, is helping to coordinate all of our membership ideas that came forth in August. When she met with state president Bonnia, they discussed the importance of “each one reach one” – that each of us is responsible for finding that new potential member. And while you are waiting for that “bluegrass project and project list,” you can, in the meantime, go to the international website. After you log in, go to Programs/Projects and the 4<sup>th</sup> thing on that dropdown menu is a category called “Program Ideas for Chapters.” It is several pages in length and has a multitude of programs and projects. Please keep thinking of things that will make KSO more lively! We will grow and glow together!

## **Scholarships & Grants Available to KSO Members**

Recently revised KSO Scholarship Application (\$1,000) is available for graduate studies, post graduate studies or National Board Certification.

Mini Grant Applications for classroom projects and professional development events are also available. (up to \$500.00)

DKG International Scholarships available to KSO members:

Graduate (\$6,000) Doctorate (\$10,000) <https://www.dkg.org>

KSO Scholarship and Mini Grant Applications are on the KSO website <https://kentuckyalphagamastate.weebly.com> and also in the KSO Group Facebook Page files.

An outstanding and informative PowerPoint on scholarship/grant opportunities for KSO members can be downloaded on the KSO website.

It would make a great program for KSO Chapter meetings!!

The informative “Scholarship Opportunities for KSO/DKG Members” handout can be downloaded on the KSO website and the KSO Facebook Page files. Make copies and hand out to your KSO sisters!

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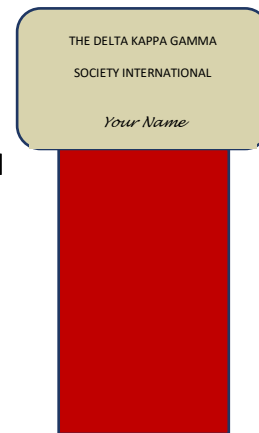
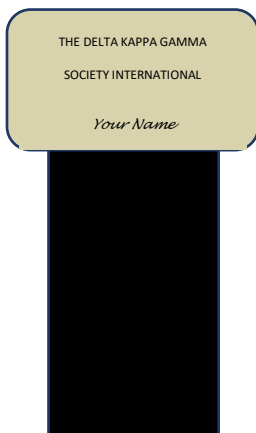
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**Don't Forget World Fellowship** – please consider using these ideas from last year!

**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.*

**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.*

**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.*

**We hope to mail each chapter president a World Fellowship Calendar before the first of the year (to be shared with chapter members).**





## Leadership Training Opportunities

### The Same Training Two Different Ways

Members who wish to participate in leadership training may choose to participate all in one day or over a time period of four weeks – one hour each week. These trainings will be virtual but one of the goals is to make it feasible to hold in-person trainings. The first “in one day” virtual training will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. This training will begin at 10am EST (9am Central). Each session will last for one hour with a ten minute break in-between each session. The schedule with topics is listed below to show you the time span of this “in one day” training. The four week training would use the same exact topics but would meet on the same day and time four weeks consecutively, probably in the summer months, and in February (Thursdays, 6pm EST) Your chapter president will receive a registration form the first week in December.

#### Virtual Leadership Training Opportunity

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Session 1: 10am EST; 9am Central (1 hour)

*Introduction. Paradigms, Principles, and Being Proactive. We must understand our own journey before we can understand where others are and be able to listen and communicate honestly with them.*

Session 2: 11:10am EST; 10:10am Central (1 hour)

*Begin with the end in mind but put first things first. Be positive and think Win-Win.*

Session 3: 12:20pm EST; 11:20am Central (1 hour)

*The call to courage, the armor, staying grounded, seeking first to understand, and then being understood.*

Lunch and Social Time: 1:20pm EST; 12:20 Central (40 minutes)

Session 4: 2:00pm EST; 1:00pm Central (1 hour)

*Living into our values, braving trust, and daring to lead. Conclusion.*

## **Delta Chapter**

DKG Purpose 7 was the focus of the first two meetings of the year.

Delta Chapter had its first meeting of the year on August 27 at Warren Central High School. Attendance was the highest since prior to the pandemic. Susan Polk, owner of Be Happy Yoga and Salt Cave, gave a talk about the benefits of yoga for mental health, as well as reducing stress and anxiety. She then taught the members some easy yoga exercises to help with relaxation and mindfulness techniques that members could use either for themselves or with their students in the classroom.

The theme of stress and anxiety reduction was continued into the second meeting of the year. Delta and Alpha Epsilon chapters met on October 22 at State Street United Methodist Church for their annual joint meeting. This joint meeting has been occurring since the two chapters split in the 1970s. The meeting began with a dance recital given by students of Dance Images, a local dance studio. Guest speaker Sherlyn Bratcher, Social Emotional Learning Specialist with the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC), spoke about her job assisting 42 school districts within the GRREC area and then discussed some of the tips outlined in the handout "Adult Wellness Practices and Ideas" as well as "6 Pillars of Resiliency".

The chapters recognized the recent 88<sup>th</sup> birthday of Delta's oldest member, Juanita Hire with a song and a jointly signed birthday card. Juanita was the Delta Chapter president when Alpha Epsilon separated from Delta Chapter to form their own chapter.

The meal was catered by Delta Chapter with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund for the Virginia Mutchler Young Women Educator Award. After the meal, the chapters divided into two groups to conduct short individual business meetings before adjourning.

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## **Epsilon Chapter**

The regular April meeting of DKG Kentucky Epsilon Chapter was held at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday April 30, 2022.

Inspirational Thought, "Keep Knocking" a poem from Devotional Book by Mary Beth Cordle, was presented by Cora Frailie. Pat Shope was recognized for being a 50-year member of DKG, with a certificate and pin.

Mary Alice Oldfield presented a comparison of Robert's Rules and Mason's Manual. Both were written for the purpose of setting out to establish order at meetings.

State Senator Robin Webb delivered the Program: Legislative Update which included the following topics:

Charter schools and private education  
 Support for teachers and school personnel  
 Attack on libraries  
 Infrastructure  
 Challenges of rural legislators  
 Concerns about performance-based funding  
 Upcoming road projects

Installation of 22-24 Officers was conducted by Parliamentarian, Mary Alice Oldfield, and included the following officers:

- a. President Mary Cat Flath, b..Vice President Becky Harvey,,c.. Recording Secretary Linda Thompson
- d. Treasurer Carol Stevens Parliamentarian Mary Alice Oldfield

Induction of New Members was conducted by President Mary Cat Flath, VP Becky Harvey, and Secretary, Linda Thompson. The new inductees included Angie Fultz and Lauren Skaggs.

Members welcomed inductees with the singing of our DKG Song, accompanied on piano by Mary Alice Oldfield.

The regular August meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma Epsilon Chapter was held at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 27,2022. Inspirational Thought," Mother Teresa and her Blessings in Life" was presented by Becky Harvey.

Debbie Salyer delivered the program, Mod Podge. It was a fun interactive experience; all participating created coasters with Mod Podge, using photographs and DKG logos to decorate the. After the session was complete, all had fun mementoes to take home.

Members enjoyed munching on Carol's beautiful charcuterie boards and other goodies provided by the Russell Sisters.

Mary Alice Oldfield sent a fun learning activity for us all to complete at our leisure, before the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. We were reminded to bring our book, Robert's Rules of Orders Newly Revised in Brief 3<sup>rd</sup> edition to meetings from now on. Becky Harvey made a motion to present each new member with a copy of Robert's Rules. The book will be presented at their induction. Carol will purchase the books from DKG funds.

### **Zeta Chapter**

Zeta Chapter's end of summer and start of autumn has been quite productive! In August, some of our members attended important DKG meetings. Debbie Morris attended the KSO Executive Board meeting, and Sally Nimmo attended the Coordinating Council meeting. Three Zeta sisters (KSO 1st Vice President, Lucy Riffle; Zeta President, Sally Nimmo; and Zeta 1st Vice President, Karen Woodward) attended the "Revitalization" meeting at Tony York's in Glendale.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we had a busy Zeta Chapter meeting. Janet Willig and Jennifer Sweeney greeted us at the front door of the Fort Mitchell Country Club where 38 of us enjoyed being together again. We were happy to have as our guests past KSO president, Kathy Vaughn Zwanzig and her DKG friend from

Seattle, Carol Linscott. Karen Schofield shared lots of news from members; we played "Which Sister?"; and officers and committee chairs brought us up-to-date with their great reporting! To support our projects with Schools For Africa/ World Fellowship, we are selling cheese blocks. During this meeting, we also decided how Zeta Chapter will be helping the flood victims in Eastern Kentucky. After a delicious lunch, Lucy Riffle, consultant for Kentucky School Safety, and Jimmy Poynter, President of the Kentucky School Resource Officers, gave us an update on "School Safety in Kentucky." Our members felt proud of what Kentucky is doing to keep our children safe in school. Lucy also shared MY SCHOOL KEEPS ME SAFE written by our own Zeta member, Jessica Pass.

Seven of our members attended the 2022 Fall Leadership Workshop! Several Zeta members also prepared presentations. Our sister, Dr. Joyce Hamberg, was the Leadership Development Team Chair for this year's workshop. Lucy Riffle presented the session "Excellence in Education"; Lynn Mays facilitated the book discussion of The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell; and June Madison, a member of the 2021-2023 Scholarship Committee, helped present "Show Me the Money!"

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Anna Kelly and Debbie Morris set up a display for our project, *Books, Bibs, and Beyond*, in Latonia, for Read Ready Covington's Early Childhood Education Fall Festival. They showed parents how to use puppets to read to their children and had a drawing among 100 of those who registered for a beautiful basket filled with books, bibs, and a sippy cup.

We are looking forward to our next DKG Zeta Chapter meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Our planned presentation will be from Dr. Cathy T. Collopy, the Dinsmore Homestead Museum's Research and Education Coordinator. She will speak to us about why the Dinsmore Homestead in Burlington is a favorite among many Northern Kentucky students and families. Teachers of primary through high school also appreciate expanding their classrooms there because they are helped by the docents to teach Kentucky's standards in an interesting, enriching way.

We hope all our DKG sisters enjoy time with their family during the holidays and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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### **Mu Chapter**

Mu Chapter met October 15, 2022 for the first meeting of the 2022-2024 biennium at the First Christian Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky with 10 members present. Mu Chapter welcomed transfer member Diana Benn. Diana joins us from Theta Chapter. President Cherie Mingus inspiration came from the children's book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud. The book discussed ways to become a bucket filler, not a bucket dipper. Once Cherie finished the book, she passed out paper buckets and members listed one way they could fill their bucket.

Committee reports were given and members discussed possible nominees for The Annie Award and the EEC award. Patsy Young discussed our Community Project for the biennium – Project L.E.A.R.N. Project L.E.A.R.N. is a local organization that has existed in Elizabethtown since 1983. This group works with adults that have intellectual disabilities and have aged out of high school at age 21. These individuals engage in different activities that include practicing mathematics and writing skills. This organization is self sufficient existing on fundraisers and savings. Mu Chapter will be collecting needed items such as paper products and cleaning supplies at each of our meetings. Patsy will be

our contact person.

We concluded our meeting with light refreshments provided by President Cherie Mingus. Our next meeting will be a Christmas social to be held at O'Charley's Restaurant in Elizabethtown December 6 at 5:30 pm.

### **Psi Chapter**

Psi Chapter met in person at the Flemingsburg Public Library on Saturday, October 22, 2022. After a devotion presented by Carla White, members approved the minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report.

In the September meeting, Psi Chapter had reviewed several applications from current classroom teachers for the THAT Grant, which provides up to \$200 per applicant for teaching projects/supplies that may not be funded through regular school funding. Psi Chapter funded six applicants in this round, but there were many more worthwhile applications that could not be funded. Psi members were impressed with one application in particular for a middle school librarian who was trying to update and replenish books appropriate for middle school students. The members voted to help this library project this year in lieu of the normal Duke Foundation project, where books are given to two second grade girls in each homeroom in our membership area. This will be a change for this year only.

One of the previous recipients of the THAT Grant presented to members the results of the funding that she had received last spring. She showed some of the materials purchased and explained the way they were used. Members felt that we had certainly made a good investment.

Members discussed two possible new members to be nominated at the next meeting in April 2023.

After adjournment of the business meeting, members enjoyed brunch catered by Kathy Sorrell, Treasurer.

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### **Omega Chapter**

Saturday morning, September 24th, 10:00AM Omega chapter members met at the home of Jane Sykes. After the meeting was called to order by President Charlotte Benton, Lynn Werner gave the devotional. Jane Sykes introduced our speaker, Brent Housman, who spoke on "Beyond Uganda." He spoke about his many visits to Uganda and gave us handouts on impact of helping Uganda residents. Omega chapter voted to give a \$200 donation to help build a school in Uganda. Following his presentation, Omega attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch at Jane Sykes home. After lunch, meeting was continued with each member receiving a folder containing standing rules, Omega officers, Kentucky State officers, list of chapter members with addresses, phone numbers, and birthdays, information about chapter meetings, history of

Alpha Gamma State and Omega chapter. The folder is going to be used for quick reference and to keep track of correspondence and meeting handouts. Folders and personal letter were mailed to members who were unable to attend.

Plans for each meeting were discussed, minutes were read by Lynn Werner, secretary and approved, as well as treasurer's report and proposed budget by Bonnye Roof, treasurer. New member initiation was scheduled but cancelled because of conflicting plans by initiates.

Kentucky State Organization Fall Workshop was discussed by Bonnye Roof and Charlotte Benton, who attended the workshop. Chapter voted on accepting the resignation of Christine Kruger and president, Charlotte Benton sent her a letter acknowledging her resignation.

Next meeting will be 10:00 AM brunch, silent auction, and craft project at home of Ann Rushing, December 10th.

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### **Alpha Beta Chapter**

As we move into the next biennium, our President Vicki Lete continues to give strong leadership to our chapter. She is supported by the other dedicated officers who will serve the next two years: 1st Vice President Kathy Fries; 2nd Vice President Judy Reeves; Treasurer Valerie Conti; and Secretary Diana Motsch. Ann Morgan will serve as parliamentarian. The strength of this chapter is also based on the ladies who work as committee chair persons: Emily Pruett, Communications; Carolyn Kays, Educational Excellence; Valerie Conti, Finance; Diana Motsch, Membership; Diana French, Scholarship; and Peggy Pryse, Nominations. Additionally, every chapter member serves on one or more of these committees which yields 100% participation by and support from our members. Ann Haffling is our expert who leads our DKG By-Laws Committee. She makes certain we follow our chapter and state by-laws.

In addition to internal expectations of our chapter, we realize the importance of knowing what is happening in our state and national DKG programs, as well as international programs. To address that, our president invited Dr. Bonnia Fouts, State DKG President, to share information with us at our August meeting to

kickstart the year. Dr. Fouts shared the history of Delta Kappa Gamma and that it was founded on the principle that women educators can unite for efforts toward better professional preparation, and that their work in the field can be highlighted through DKG. President Fouts also shared a detailed written document that covered information about the founding of DKG in 1929 at the University of Texas, Austin. Today, DKG is now known in our state as Kentucky State Organization (KSO), formerly KAGS. President Fouts congratulated our chapter for the success we have seen and noted that we are positioned to continue that success.

We kicked off the new year on August 1st at our new meeting home provided by Middletown Christian Church as part of their outreach. Nineteen current members were present for the meeting with three additional attendees whom we voted on to become Alpha Beta sisters. They are Susan Frotage, Laura Moore, and Aileen O'Brien. We currently have 34 total members on our roster so we will increase that number by three. We realize there is strength in numbers and one of our major goals is to continue our growth.

We understand and support the need for growth of knowledge. Vicki Lete along with 1st Vice Pres-

ident Kathy Fries attended the DKG 2022 International Convention this past July held in New Orleans. Each shared with our chapter verbally and in a detailed writeup the information they gained from the convention and how they were able to share our Alpha Beta successes. Topics covered ranged from ***Supporting Our Sisters*** to ***Spotlight: Chapter Programs and Projects*** to ***Heart and Soul of Successful Chapters*** to ***Building Sustainable Membership***. A resounding statement they brought back was “If you don’t support members, you don’t have a chapter.” To address this for our chapter, Kathy Fries distributed a “Sister Survey” which was completed by members in order to gain critical information that can move our chapter forward in the future. Questions included current teaching status, possible program topics of interest, leadership roles within Alpha Beta, and if interested in serving as a Big Sister. Information gained from this survey will be critical to planning for the future of our chapter.

We also add a lot of fun! At the October meeting many members dressed in Halloween costumes.....our president as a summa wrestler and our 1st VP as a scary witch!! Our VP also had a game that helped us to get to know each other better.

Our goals for the new year include adding to and strengthening our chapter. Our philanthropic support will continue for prospective teachers and for Family Scholar House. And, a main goal is to give support and purpose to our current members who teach and are in administration and who serve our children every single day with dedication, knowledge, and heart. They are to be commended!

Brenda Logan, Communications Team

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### **Alpha Epsilon Chapter**

#### Alpha Epsilon Spring Meeting

Normally, Alpha Epsilon meets four to five times per year. One of our meetings during 2022 was March 22 at the historic Ruth Ellen’s Flower Shop in Russellville, KY. The owner Alvey Holloway presented a lovely program on flower arranging in everyday containers, giving us tips on different types of flowers and how to use them in arrangements. Members paid a raffle fee to support our Grant-in-Aid project; member Judy Chick won the raffle and the beautiful flower arrangement that Alvey made.

Five of our members were recognized with a forty-year pin and certificate: Eloise Hadden (pictured at the meeting), Sarah Riley (pictured at home), Nancy Delk, Sarah Sweatt and Martha Jo Dawson. Congratulations to those ladies who are also five of our charter members!

We also met at The Haven in Auburn, KY May 7, 2022 for a Memorial Service for three members we have lost over the past couple of years. These members were: Kaye Wilkins, Emma Kendrick and Joane Russell. Our members shared lots of fond memories of these ladies who contributed so much to Alpha Epsilon. Their legacy will live on!

We usually have 10-15 members who attend our meetings. We are working on recruiting new members and keeping in touch with our ladies who are no longer able to attend our meetings.

**Alpha Delta Chapter**



During the opening day ceremonies for school year 2022-2023, Superintendent Mark Martin and the Meade County Board of Education honored 40-year educator and Alpha Delta member Peggy Darnall (pictured in center).



**Bunch Babes**



Four of Meade County's Alpha Delta members enjoyed a great Saturday together at the Revitalization Meeting. Pictured are Cheryl Hill, Renee Miller, Loretta Bednar, and Camille Jantzen.



**Epsilon Chapter** New Members Angie Fultz and Lauren Skaggs were inducted. Installation of 22-24 Officers was conducted by Parliamentarian, Mary Alice Oldfield, and included the following officers: President Mary Cat Flath; Vice President Becky Harvey; Recording Secretary Linda Thompson; Treasurer Carol Stevens; Parliamentarian Mary Alice Oldfield Pat Shope was recognized for being a 50-year member of DKG, with a certificate and pin. State Senator Robin Webb delivered the Program: Legislative Update



**Zeta Chapter** September meeting presenters, Lucy Riffle and Jimmy Poynter (Upper Left); Cheese boards being sold by our Schools For Africa/ World Fellowship team – Ruth Kertis, Darlene Schaber, Jane Bush (Upper Right); our door greeters, Jennifer Sweeney and Janet Willig (Lower Right); and our meeting special guests, Kathy Vaughn Zwanzig and Carol Lin-scott (Lower Left).





Anna Kelly and Debbie Morris with their display for *Books, Bibs, and Beyond*.



**Zeta Chapter**

Anna Kelly and Debbie Morris, with the winner of the raffled basket from *Books, Bibs, and Beyond*.



Left to right: June Madison, Karen Woodward, Sally Woodward Nimmo, Debbie Morris, Debbie Caton Onkst, and Lynn Mays.



**Mu Chapter** Transfer Diana Benn



Roses for Induction Ceremony



Becky Bishop with representations



**Omega Chapter** Jane Sykes introduced our speaker, Brent Housman, who spoke on "Beyond Uganda."

**Alpha Beta Chapter**

Officers

President Vicki Lete; 1st Vice President Kathy Fries; 2nd Vice President Judy Reeves; Treasurer Valerie Conti; and Secretary Diana Motsch. Ann Morgan will serve as parliamentarian.



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