

KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION



NEWS



Becky Sadowski, the Immediate Past President of DKG International, will grace our fall workshop as a distinguished guest. She will deliver a compelling address during the Luncheon entitled "Listening, Learning, Leading." Additionally, on Saturday afternoon, she will guide a breakout session titled "You Have The Power." This session will emphasize that the cornerstone of DKG's sustainability lies in our members' readiness to learn, develop, lead, and effect change. Join us for an engaging discussion on the "evolving" DKG and explore numerous opportunities for your active participation.

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Love From Lucy

LOVE FROM LUCY

Love from Lucy (Zeta) – KYSO President

Greetings and Happy Spring!

As I gear up for the upcoming state convention in Lexington from April 19-21, followed by the International convention in Maryland from July 8-14, my mind is filled with all things DKG! Firstly, I hope many of you are planning to attend these significant gatherings. Both conventions will feature amendments to the governing rules for voting. This newsletter will outline the amendments for the KYSO documents, while the DKG International website will provide details on the amendments for the International By-Laws and standing rules. Please review them diligently to make informed decisions when voting. Additionally, we will be voting for new international officers, and as the delegate for Kentucky, I welcome your input on whom you support, as I'll be casting our state's votes accordingly.

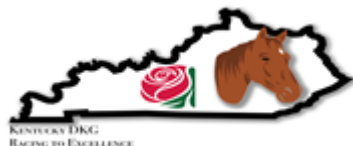
Moreover, these conventions offer excellent networking opportunities with DKG members statewide and worldwide. At the state convention's luncheon and banquet, we will honor and recognize many of our outstanding sisters. We're privileged to have Becky Sadowski, a past International President, as our guest speaker at the luncheon, followed by an afternoon breakout session. Furthermore, at the banquet, one of our esteemed KYSO members, selected as a DKG International Speaker, will share insights. We're fortunate to count her among our "Kentucky Family."

To our Chapter Presidents, as your biennium draws to a close, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your exemplary leadership over the past two years. During my visits to chapters statewide, I've been deeply impressed by the dedication of the key women educators I've encountered, and the leadership demonstrated by chapter officers. For incoming officers, remember that we're here to support you, and training will be provided at the fall workshop.

In conclusion, I urge you to keep your chapters vibrant as you Race to Excellence—welcoming new members while nurturing existing ones. Create opportunities for learning, celebration, and enjoyment. Stay updated on the resources and opportunities available from both KYSO and DKG International.

Looking forward to seeing you all in April!

Lucy





Educational Excellence Committee Chair News

KYSO News – March 2024

Cherie Mingus – KYSO 1st Vice President

March 16, 2024 was the deadline to send nominees from your chapter for the Annie Award/Projects, Annie Award/Programs, EEC Classroom Teacher, and Outstanding Administrator. I have received several. If your chapter had planned to submit an application for one of these awards but time has slipped up on you, **I am extending the deadline to Friday, March 22.** It must be sent in before or by that date to be accepted. For those of you that have already sent an application(s), thank you and I wish your nominee the best of luck. We are doing wonderful things across the commonwealth, let's recognize these programs, projects, top-notch classroom teachers and administrators. Nominees for administrators do not have to be KYSO members, but wouldn't nominating someone for this award spark an interest in our organization!

March is International Women's Month and as "Key Women Educators" we need to acknowledge outstanding women. Here are some examples from the March 2024 issue of the EEC Umbrella with ways we can celebrate women.

Create a collection of books that highlight the accomplishments of women and share with your chapter.

Take a virtual field trip to the National Women's History Museum at one of your chapter meetings. Research inventions developed by women that revolutionized the world.

Explore art created by women.

Who is an inspirational woman in your life? Creatively express your feelings to that woman.

And lastly create a Dance Party playlist that is made up of women songwriters and/or singers. How fun would that be to make a playlist and finish one of your meetings "dancing the night away!"

Don't forget the extended deadline for ways KYSO can acknowledge outstanding women. See everyone in April at the KYSO 2024 Convention.

KEY Women of Vision

We are recognizing KEY Women of Vision again this year at the State Convention. The Women of Vision Award is given to members, living or deceased, who have mentored and/or encouraged other DKG members over the years. These members have not necessarily held an office or served in a leadership role, but have been instrumental in making other members' DKG experience a glorious one because of their encouragement. Women may be nominated by any member of the Society. Chapters are encouraged to nominate members for this recognition. There is no limit on the number of people that can be nominated by an individual or a chapter. A donation of \$5 for each nominee must accompany the nomination. Checks should be made payable to KENTUCKY STATE ORGANIZATION.

Please complete the following form and return it to:

Sheila Renn

202 Dunblane PL

Louisville, KY 40243-1630

Nominations must be received no later than April 1, 2024

Your Name _____

Chapter _____

Nominees:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

(YOU MAY ADD MORE ON THE BACK)

Kathy Zwanzig
Executive Secretary



KYSO 2024 State Convention
April 19 - 21
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center North
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY

International Representative: Immediate Past President DKG International, Becky Sadowski

Friday:

Arrive and Check In
Registration
NewBees Orientation
Meet & Greet with Special Activity
Meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Sedona Restaurant (on site) for dinner as a group.

Saturday;

Registration
KYSO Business Meeting (Dress: Business Casual)
Birthday Luncheon
Presentation: Becky Sadowski
Presidents' Banquet (Dress: Sunday/semiformal)

Sunday:

Ceremony of Remembrance
Checkout and depart for home

If you compare the charges for this year's convention, you will note the following: The registration is \$5 lower than last year. Both meals are much less expensive than last year. The price of guest rooms are 25% lower. So you see it is much more affordable to attend than it has been the last four or five years. And meeting facilities are beautiful. So, PLEASE, make plans to attend. We would especially like to see a showing of our NewBees, those of you who have never attended a KYSO State Convention.

See you in April!!!

Kathy Zwanzig
KYSO Executive Secretary

**Kentucky State Organization
2024 State Convention
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

April 19 - 21, 2024
Clarion Hotel Conference Center North
1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY40511

_____	Registration Fee (must be paid by all attendees)	\$45
_____	Birthday Luncheon	\$25
_____	Presidents' Banquet	\$35
_____	Total Enclosed	

Make Checks Payable to Kentucky State Organization

Mail to: Shelia Wilkinson **Email:** sheliawilk@comcast.net
1301 Burns Road **Phone:** 270 319-2065.
Radcliff, KY 40160-9307

Registration confirmation will be sent via email unless otherwise requested.

Convention Registration Deadline - April 5, 2024.

Please Print

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (Including area code) _____ Email: _____

Chapter: _____

Are you a Chapter Officer? _____ If yes, what office do you hold? _____

Are you a State Officer? _____ If yes, what office do you hold? _____

Dietary Re-
strictions: _____

First Time to Attend a State Convention? Yes No (Circle One)

Room Reservation Information

Reservations can be made at the Clarion Hotel Conference Center North 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511 . Phone **859 233-0512** The conference block will be held until April 1, 2024. Thirty-five (35) rooms will be reserved in the block. Cost per room is **\$100 +tax and fees** per night and includes a complimentary breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. WiFi is included with your reservation. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Group Name: DKG KY State Organization

Group Number: NM96W4

Menus

Luncheon: Potato Bar Buffet: Garden Salad with assorted dressings, Creamy Cole Slaw, Baked Potato with Assorted Toppings, Tomato Soup, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Ice Water, Assorted Cookies and Brownies

Banquet: Bluegrass Buffet: Garden Salad with assorted dressings, Fresh Mozzarella, Basil, and Tomato Salad, Molasses Barbecue-Glazed Chicken, Sliced Sri-Tip Beef Roast with Caramelized Onions and Bourbon Stone-Ground Mustard *Demi-Glaze, Sour Cream & Chive Mashed Potatoes, Southern Style Green Beans, Rolls & Butter, Chocolate Cake or Cheesecake, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Ice Water

Tentative Agenda

Friday Evening; Meet & Greet (Activity TBA)

Saturday Morning: Breakfast in Lobby FREE IF you have a room reserved at the hotel.

Business Meeting

Noon: Birthday Luncheon

Afternoon: Breakout Session

Evening: Presidents' Banquet

Sunday Morning: Ceremony of Remembrance

International Guest: Becky Sadowski, Past International President, DKG

What is State Convention? Our state convention's main purpose is to hold our annual business meeting. It is also a time for members to network, see old friends, make new friends, and learn more about our society. There is a marketplace at which chapters can rent a table and sell products to earn money for chapter projects/programs/scholarships for examples.

What is the Birthday Luncheon? Many chapters also have an annual birthday luncheon. This is a time we celebrate our Founders and honor the years we have been in existence. Kentucky's birthday into DKG was March 24, 1937. We were the 25th state to join DKG and the first two chapters were Alpha and Beta. Our first state president was Founder Dr. Ethel Parker (Beta). This year we are 85 years young!

What is the President's Banquet? This is a more formal dinner in the evening where wonderful memories can be made. Hall of Fame Inductees are announced at this banquet and on the odd years, we install the new state officers. Past State Presidents and Chapter Presidents march in at the beginning of the banquet and we usually ask that if a president cannot make the banquet, that someone attends in her place. We would like for all chapters to be represented in the march; however, with the pandemic still with us, we understand if some chapters may not be represented and that not all presidents may be able to attend. Most ladies love to dress up with some place to go and this is the place to dress up and go! *This dinner is not just for chapter presidents – it is for any member and/or guest who chooses to attend.*

What is the White Rose Ceremony? This ceremony is actually a memorial service at which any of our deceased members in the past year are honored and remembered. A white rose in her memory is placed among the red – signifying that her memory will live on within our hearts.

So, what happens on Friday? In years past, a variety of things have happened on Friday. We plan something for those who need to travel a distance and wish to arrive the evening before. We have had karaoke, craft fun, fun with word games, and more. The pandemic makes us change things up a bit to keep us all safe. This year we have a hospitality room. We will wear masks and *To Go Bags* with snacks will be available for attendees to take to their rooms.

What is the attire for convention – what do I wear? Friday night is come as you are and comfortable from travel. Saturday Business Meeting, Birthday Luncheon, and Sunday White Rose Ceremony are business casual. The President's Banquet is more formal, and some members wear long gowns while others wear short dressy dresses and some don nice pant outfits that are made for more formal occasions. Please do not feel that you must go out and purchase an outfit to attend. Simply dress up a bit more than usual as if you are going out to a special dinner.



The KSO Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce two \$1,000 scholarship recipients this year.

Rebecca Jantzen is a mathematics teacher at Meade County High School and has been the chapter president of Alpha Delta since 2022. She is pursuing a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at University of Louisiana Monroe.

Congratulations to Rebecca!

Sarah Staggs is currently the team leader at James E. Biggs Early Childhood Center in Covington Independent Schools and chairs the service committee for Upsilon Chapter. She is working on her MA in Teaching Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) at The University of the Cumberland.

Congratulations to Sarah!



2023 Kentucky State Organization Convention

March 18, 2023

9:00 AM Eastern/8:00 AM Central

General Business Session

Call to Order: 9:01 AM Eastern by KYSO President Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts

I.

Kathy Fries, Alpha Beta Chapter 1st Vice President, shared inspirational thoughts

Bunny Nash, Alpha Chapter and Convention Chair, provided the convention welcome.

Cherie Mingus, Mu Chapter and KYSO 2nd Vice President responded to the welcome.

Introduction of head table:

Patricia Hackworth—Recording Secretary

Shelia Wilkinson—Treasurer

Diane Woods—Corresponding Secretary

Lucy Riffle—1st Vice President

Cherie Mingus—2nd Vice President

Bunny Nash—Convention Chair

Kathy Zwanzig—Executive Secretary

Dr. Teresa Cowan—South East Regional Director and Society Representative

Donna Smith Goodin—Past KYSO President and Parliamentarian

Bonnia Cook Fouts—KYSO President

Roll Call—Patricia Hackworth (Tau), KYSO Recording Secretary

See attached Roll Call

KYSO President Dr. Cook Fouts stated that we have a quorum

Minutes: Patricia Hackworth (Tau), KYSO Recording Secretary

2022 Minutes were in the KYSO Convention Newsletter and the KYSO Convention Program.

There were no changes /amendments to the minutes from the last General Business Meeting.

They will be accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report—Shelia Wilkinson, (Mu), KYSO Treasurer

Madame President called for discussion and questions.

Shelia Wilkinson worked with Phyllis Hickey from International concerning finances and reinvested some money and our interest rates/returns are much better than before. Dennis Hobbs from the Royal Bank of Canada is our new financial advisor

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence

Two letters from DKG International Foundation

Thank You's from Debbie LeBlanc

Thank you letter from the Mayor of Mayfield from our gift

Carolyn Wells had a stroke last week (asking for prayers)

Sharon Whitehead has complications from surgery (asking for prayers)

II. Committee Reports

Society Business Committee Reports

Communications Report was in the Book of Reports and accepted

Expansion Report was logged in the Book of Reports and accepted

Budget

Karen Edington presented the budget for 2023-2024.

KYSO is financially solvent

Finance Committee approved the budget for 2023-2024

Leadership Development Report was logged in and Book of Reports and accepted

Membership Report by Cherie Mingus. There is a correction from the Book of Reports. Fourteen members will be honored tomorrow in the White Rose Celebration of Life

Nominations Committee Report was logged in the Book of Reports and accepted.

Society Mission and Purposes Committee Reports

Educational Excellence Committee Report was approved and logged in the Book of Reports

Scholarship Committee Report was approved and logged in the Book of Reports

World Fellowship Committee Report was approved and logged in the Book of Reports

Other Committee Reports

History and Archives

Marilyn Hughes has done an excellent job helping organize

The committee has filed the report in the Book of Reports and it was approved

Rules Committee

Rules are first approved by the Executive Board then the Membership Body.

They will be bringing amendments to KYSO ByLaws starting on Page 35

Hall of Fame Report is submitted and approved in the Book of Reports

Order of the Tulip Populars Report is submitted and approved in the Book of Reports

Non-Dues Revenue Report is submitted and approved in the Book of Reports

Music Report is submitted and approved for the Book of Reports

Strategic Action Plan Report is submitted and approved for the Book of Reports

Special Committee Reports

Support Our Sisters (SOS) submitted an approved report for the Book of Reports

III. Individual Reports

Executive Secretary—Kathy Zwanzig (Xi)

KYSO President and Executive Secretary are working on all job duties. If any member needs anything and cannot contact the KYSO President, please contact Kathy Zwanzig and she will help you.

US Forum—Lisa Petry Kirk (Beta)

Lisa Petry Kirk will be presenting a break out session concerning the information from the US Forum.

The theme was “Finding Your Voice through Legislative Action.” The Purpose is to build awareness in our membership of current issues affecting women, children and education.

KYSO Tulip Popular, Ramona Jeffries, is the US Forum Parliamentarian

KYSO President—Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts (Alpha)

The KYSO President’s Report is in the Book of Reports on page 32-34.

IV. Introduction of Society Representative—Lucy Riffle (Zeta)

Lucy Riffle discussed the Society Representative, Dr. Teresa Cowan, Southeast Regional Director.

Greeting from Dr. Teresa Cowan (Southeast Regional Director.)

Dr. Cowan discussed the International President’s three focus objectives of vitality, relevance and sustainability. She discussed membership becoming more sustainable and making our members more lively with DKG.

She will be presenting a breakout session in the afternoon concerning the Vision, practice and strategies of International as we go forward into the next years.

V. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

VI. New Business

The Rules Committee proposes the following amendments to the KYSO Bylaws and Standing Rules

Combination of two KYSO Committees (Membership and Expansion)

Motion passed unanimously as this was the second reading of the change

Automatic Updates to KYSO Bylaws and Standing Rules following DKG International Conventions

Motion passed unanimously as this was the second reading of the change.

This means that whatever amendments are changed on the International Level will automatically be changed on the KYSO Level.

VII. Future Dates

DKG International Conferences

Westin Book Cadillac Hotel Detroit MI—July 11-16, 2023

Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Phoenix, AZ July 18-22, 2023

Tampere Hall, Finland July 26-26, 2023

National Harbor, Maryland July 9-16, 2024

Aurora, Colorado June 30-July 4, 2026

KYSO Leadership Retreat 2023 TBA

KYSO Executive Board Meeting TBA

KYSO Fall Leadership Workshop September 8-9, 2023

Clarion Hotel, Lexington

KYSO 2024 State Convention TBA

KYSO 2024 Fall Leadership Workshop September 6-7, 2024

Clarion Hotel, Lexington

TERM OF ELECTED OFFICERS

The Rules Committee is proposing to amend Article V/Sec1/letter B to read “the term of each elected officer shall be two years.” The committee met by email. Members of committee: Susan Cross, Chair; Donna Goodin, Sue Story, Charlotte Benton, Sandy Smith, Elizabeth Collins, Marion Napier; Lucy Riffle ex officio. The committee approved the proposal by consensus on March 9, 2024.

Article/ Section	Presently States	Stated as amended	Rationale for change
V/Sec1/letter B	The term of each elected officer shall be two years. No officer except the treasurer may serve in the same office longer than two terms in succession. All officers shall take office on July 1 following their election.	The term of each elected officer shall be two years. All officers shall take office on July 1 following their election.	Some chapters have difficulty getting officers. If in agreement, an officer may stay in a position for multiple bienniums.

Date Submitted to Rules Committee: March 6, 2024

Date Approved by Rules Committee: March 9, 2024

Date Submitted for KYSO Newsletter publication: March 19, 2024

AMENDMENT DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rules Committee is proposing to amend by inserting Article 6/Section 2/1. The committee met by email. Members of committee: Susan Cross, Chair; Donna Goodin, Sue Story, Charlotte Benton, Sandy Smith, Elizabeth Collins, Marion Napier; Lucy Riffle ex officio. The committee approved the proposal by consensus on March 9, 2024.

Article/ Section	Presently States	Stated as amended	Rationale for change
Art 6/Sec. 2 #1	Doesn't have this section	The executive secretary is appointed by the executive committee and will serve as an assistant to the State President. Her duties may include (but not limited to): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Making arrangements with the facilities/hotels to be used for state conventions and state workshops.</u> 2. Coordinating chapter assignments for conventions/workshops 3. Developing registration form for conventions/workshops 4. Any other duties as assigned by the <u>President</u> 	Duties of all other officers are included in the by-laws/standing rules. Executive secretary duties should also be included.

Date Submitted to Rules Committee: March 6, 2024

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EXPENSES OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rules Committee is proposing to amend Standing Rules Section III Finances with “The State shall pay the expenses of the Executive Secretary for travel, meals, and lodging to attend State, International (Regional) Conferences and Conventions.” The committee met by email. Members of committee: Susan Cross, Chair; Donna Goodin, Sue Story, Charlotte Benton, Sandy Smith, Elizabeth Collins, Marion Napier; Lucy Riffle ex officio. The committee approved the proposal by consensus on March 9, 2024.

Article/ Section	Presently States	Stated as amended	Rationale for change
Standing Rules Section III Finances	No mention of paying for Executive Secretary is mentioned.	5. The State shall pay the expenses of the Executive Secretary for travel, meals, and lodging to attend State, International (Regional) Conferences and Conventions, Then renumber the remaining items in this section	The President and Treasurer have their expenses paid for and the executive secretary is expected to be there and handle work assigned by the president or listed in her duties.

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Look for these Zoom Opportunities

Inside International

April 2, 2024

May 7, 2024

Proposed Amendments Q&A Session

April 17, 2024

May 1, 2024

Read Proposed Amendments

March/April DKG NEWS and Join Q&A Sessions

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY INTERNATIONAL EVENT REIMBURSEMENT

The Rules Committee is proposing to amend Standing Rules Section VII. The Nancy McClure Leadership Fund. The committee met by email. Members of committee: Susan Cross, Chair; Donna Goodin, Sue Story, Charlotte Benton, Sandy Smith, Elizabeth Collins, Marion Napier; Lucy Riffle ex officio. The committee approved the proposal by consensus on March 9, 2024

Article/ Section	Presently States	Stated as amended	Rationale for change
Standing rules VII. The Nancy McClure Leadership Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State first and second vice presidents, editor, and Webmaster shall send a copy of expenses incurred in attending International (Regional) Conferences and Conventions to the State treasurer postmarked no later than August 15. 2. The State Treasurer shall reimburse the State first vice president, second vice president, the editor and the Webmaster seven hundred (\$700) each. 3. Any income not used to defray expenses of the State first and second vice presidents, editor, and Webmaster shall be added to the principal. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State first and second vice presidents, editor, executive secretary and webmaster shall send a copy of expenses incurred in attending International (Regional) Conferences and Conventions to the State treasurer postmarked no later than August 15. 2. The State Treasurer shall reimburse the State first vice president, second vice president, the editor, the executive secretary and the Webmaster seven hundred (\$700) each. 3. Any income not used to defray expenses of the State first and second vice presidents, editor, executive secretary and Webmaster shall be added to the principal. 	The executive secretary is expected to attend these International events and should receive the same remuneration as the other officers.

Date Submitted to Rules Committee: 3/6/2024 Date Approved by Rules Committee: 3/9/2024 Date Submitted for KYSO



Members to Vote on 94 Proposed Amendments to Governing Documents

ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Bylaws Amended

These *Bylaws* may be amended at the **Kentucky State Organization** convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided notice of proposed amendments shall have been published (postal or electronic) to members at least thirty (30) days before convening the convention.

Section 2. Proposed Amendments

Proposed amendments to the *Bylaws* shall be submitted to the **Kentucky State Organization Rules Committee**. Proposals may be submitted by any member, committee, board, or chapter. After a review by the Rules Committee, the proposed amendment, the rationale for change, the name of the person or group submitting the amendment, and the action recommended by the Kentucky State Organization Rules committee shall be sent to the Executive Board.

Section 3. Approval of Proposed Amendments

All proposed amendments shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board before being submitted to the Convention. Amendments will become effective immediately upon approval. (Date of approval will be included, when stated in the By-Laws).

Section 4. Standing Rules Amended

Standing Rules may be amended or rescinded at any Kentucky State Organization convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Amendments will become effective immediately upon approval. (Date of approval will be included, when stated in the Standing Rules.)

**HOTEL BLOCK
NOW OPEN**



**Gaylord National Resort and
Convention Center**
201 Waterfront Street,
National Harbor, MD 20745
**Group Rate Discount Ends
June 17, 2024**

BOOK NOW

<http://tinyurl.com/9rvn7cap>

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**



Register online or by mail
Prices increase starting June 9*
Registration closes July 2*
*Day ends at 11:59 p.m. ET

REGISTER NOW

dkg.org/dkgconv_int

Catching Up on Chapter News

Apologies to Gamma and Phi for the omission of pictures that accompanied the submitted articles. The omission was addressed in December and the articles are now published with pictures.

Gamma Chapter-September 2023

Gamma Chapter met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at Pagliai Restaurant in Murray. During an enjoyable lunch everyone told about personal activities and health updates. Cards were sent to who not able to attend. Donna Whitfield, President, asked for reports and updates. Donna reviewed topics covered at the zoom meeting with Lucy Riffle. Also she mentioned the Forum newsletter with legislative issues pertains to teachers and education. Notice was made of the death of Clara Sargent, a member since 1998. Since our meeting another member, Shirley Toon, a member for 26 years, has died and a white rose was taken to the service. The scrapbook was shared and good memories were shared too. After the meeting we all went to visit the newly renovated Calloway County Library. The community is fortunate to have a excellent resource and staff to support the people. Libraries have been an important part of our history. That evening Mary Humphries and Donna attended the MSU College of Education scholarship banquet. The recipient of the Gamma scholarship, Alexandria Ceriotti, was not able to attend. We did get to meet many enthusiastic young scholarship awardees. Several of Gamma members from past years also have endowed scholarships in their name. Members visiting the library are Milissia Sledd, Karen Crick, Mirriam Ferguson, Mary Johnson, Mary Humphries, and Donna Whitfield. Library staff giving the tour are Erica and Brandy.



Phi Chapter-September 2023

For our September meeting, we were happy to welcome Director Donna Linton, the executive Director of the community tutoring initiative to our first meeting Mrs. Linton talk to us about the need for volunteers to help with this tutoring program for students in grades K through 4 In Mercer County, Kentucky. We ,also , were pleased to have with us, Brenda Ellis, who lives in Danville, who will be joining Phi Chapter. For our next meeting, we will be wrapping books for the children at the Danville School for the Deaf. Adele Greenburg

Phi Chapter-December 2023

December 2023 members of the Phi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma enjoyed delivering books to the Kentucky school for the deaf in Danville Kentucky to the children. We enjoyed watching them open their books open their gifts and had refreshments that their teachers had provided for them it was a fun experiance for all of us Adele , Adele Greenburg



Omega Chapter-December 2023

On December 2nd Omega Chapter members enjoyed a delicious 10AM brunch at the beautifully Christmas decorated home of DKG member, Ann Rushing. KYSO awarded Ann a 50 year pin last year. Silent auction generated \$190 for treasury. Charlotte Benton, Omega president asked the blessing, Ann Rushing gave the devotional and Bonnye Roof gave each member a box made from cards and showed attendees how to make gift boxes. We left our brunch with our stomachs full of food and our hearts full of love.



Omega Chapter-February 2024

Omega chapter was treated royally February 21st at the Scholar House by Tammy Tyre, site coordinator and two students enrolled at WKCTC. They explained how Scholar House program allowed economically challenged mothers, fathers, and couples with children to attend college, work part time, receive help with onsite childcare, housing, food, life skills, compassion, love, parenting, tutoring and stability. They provided refreshments to attendees. Charlotte Benton presided and gave welcome, Brenda Metzger gave devotional. Lynn Werner read minutes and Bonnye Roof presented treasurer's report and Rada fundraiser. Officers and nominating committee were elected to serve 2024-2026. KYSO state convention, gift basket for convention, and legislation were discussed. Meeting was adjourned. Submitted by Charlotte Benton



Homegrown Educators – The impact of Educator’s Rising in Meade County Kentucky

A former member of DKG, Jessie Bradley, attended the February 27th chapter meeting for Alpha Delta. Although the educator’s rising program has been around in Meade County schools for a few years, this year is the first year the courses have been cohesively taught by the same educator with a solid team advising the educators rising club. Jessie reported on the Teaching and Learning Pathway that utilizes the educator’s rising curriculum and the opportunities she has been able to provide students to work within the schools and with established teachers to learn more about being an educator. Prior to the push for these pathway classes, there was a dual credit option for students to take one double class period course in education. Now however, there is a set of courses starting with freshman year leading all the way towards the pre-established but revamped dual credit courses. Students can take these courses each year – with an end of program assessment after the third course – or can take multiple courses at a time as their schedule allows. The initiative of teaching our future educators will hopefully improve and increase the excellent educators in our own hometown.

These future educators observe the teachers within the Brandenburg schools and towards the end of their pathway they experience more in depth interactions in the elementary school classes. The club hosted a father daughter dance for the community and the pathway students have worked with the elementary schools in town from the beginning of the school year. The students eventually reach the point of leading small groups within the classroom and working with educators in the community. These valuable opportunities show the students the differences they can make in education now, and in their future careers.

In the past Alpha Delta coordinated with the high school to offer a scholarship for a future educator to help pay for their college expenses. We plan to continue this but are coordinating with Jessie Bradley to work with the students themselves more when preparing for competitions or working on their course work. Additionally, we would like to see a new wave of collegiate members in our own chapter as these students attend college to become teachers. This year, the educator’s rising club – associated with the courses but not exclusive to the pathway – competed in the state competition where two individuals placed first and one placed third in their respective competitions. We would like to help mentor students and see these successes rise in the future. This program can be and will be a difference maker in the future of education in our community.

Submitted by Camille Jantzen, Alpha Delta Chapter

International World Fellowship Fund

How it began

The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948. In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. During 1958–1960, the present program began to take shape. An agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States. In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee, formerly part of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. In 1974, state organization and chapter committees became part of the Constitution. The Institute of International Education recognized the World Fellowship Program with an award in 1978 that is displayed at Delta Kappa Gamma Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Impressive numbers tell story

From an initial award of \$2,500 in 1960, based on \$11,528 in contributions, the program has grown through the 2021-2022 academic year to impressive totals.

Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year by the committee.

Impacting education worldwide 1,055 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,806,250 since 1960.

Contributions \$4,225,502.75 (through June 30, 2022)

Awards given In 2022-2023

15 \$4,000 awards

3 \$1,000 extensions

8 \$500 extensions

Total of \$67,000 to 26 women in 23 countries.