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Passion For Our Purposes

"Wake up every morning thankful for everything that God gave you and make your passion your purpose in life." - Katie Cleary

A Message from OSO President, Debby Canter

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2022 has arrived. Most of us focus on our health at the beginning of a new year, especially after all the celebrating during the holidays. This is also a good time to look at the health of your chapter. International has a "Chapter Check Up" that you can use. Go to DKG, sign in, Resources, Chapter Tools, Chapter Strengthening, then it's the first document. This would be a great tool to use for discussion at a chapter meeting.

I had the pleasure of dining with the Alpha Delta Chapter on December 7. We enjoyed fellowship and dinner while listening to beautiful harp music by a very talented local musician. Many thanks to the chapter members for their generous donation to the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library.

A possible new partnership is on the horizon for OSO. Some of you may remember one of our breakout sessions in March with the Girls ROX organization headquartered in Columbus. The program empowers young women to successfully navigate their teen years and beyond. I recently met with Nancy and Lauren from ROX and we devised a plan to inform OSO members about the program. Look for an article in the February issue of *The Voice* and then we will follow up with a Zoom meeting later in February. At the conclusion of that meeting, a decision will need to be made as to whether or not we will proceed. Executive Board Members need to be present to vote as approval will be needed to spend money from the President's Project fund that was approved during the last state convention.

We will be reaching out to members to conduct breakout sessions at our Leadership Conference in June. This will be conducted on a smaller scale than what we would normally have at our state convention. Dr. Molly Helmlinger will be placing an application in the March issue of *The Voice* for those interested in sharing their expertise.

Chapter presidents, please make sure your chapter's necrology form is completed and sent to Membership Chair Melodie McGee by February 1. International will be contacting Melodie to make sure our departed sisters are included in the DKG Celebration of Life at the International Convention in June.

I am eagerly anticipating the inaugural issue of Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation's newsletter that will be sent out on January 15. I hope you will welcome the change of two shorter newsletters. I believe our editor of *The Voice* will!

Wishing you health, happiness, and hope for an end to the pandemic soon.

Debby

Upcoming Dates

January 15, 2022 - Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery will be accepted through February 15, 2022

February 1, 2022 - Chapter Necrology Report Due

June 10-11, 2022 - OSO Executive Board Meeting/New Chapter Presidents' Training at Dublin Embassy Suites

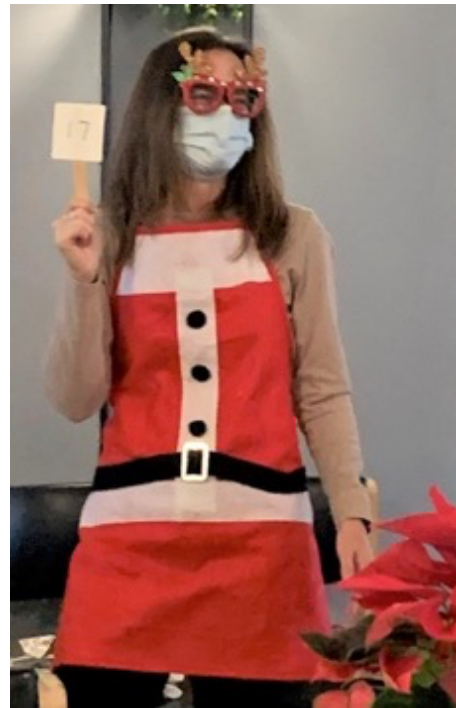
Chapter News from Around Ohio



Zeta Chapter celebrated its annual festive gathering on December 4 with the induction of Kathy Smith, a new member, and a successful auction which raised over \$1,600 for scholarships and a tasty brunch.



Auctioneer, Michelle Schaffer, and her team encouraged Zeta members to donate.



Valerie Miller, one of the "auction elves" helped to keep the bids moving upward.

Empowering Girl Scouts Through DKG Patch Program

As I am sitting down to write this article, I have the words to a song that I learned over 40 years ago ringing in my head. The words go, "I've got something in my pocket. It belongs across my face, and I keep it very close at hand, in a most convenient place. I'm sure you couldn't guess it if you guessed a long, long while. . ." As I was doing research, the tune kept getting intermingled with a favorite that we all know and love that I sang much more recently, "Women teachers to the calling, firmly rally never falling..." Do you know what they have in common? They are songs that unite groups of strong women to support each other as we grow, learn new skills, and do good things for our communities: The Girl Scouts of America and, of course, our very own chapters of DKG.

As one of her initiatives, our OSO President Debby Canter is spotlighting a project called "The Delta Kappa Gamma Patch." It's an opportunity for chapters to pair up with Girl Scout Troops to teach leadership, do projects, serve the community, and have fun, all while illustrating the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma to a younger generation.

Originating in San Antonio, Texas, The Delta Kappa Gamma Patch started with collaboration between the Zeta Beta Chapter, their local Girl Scout Council, and two local Girl Scout troops. They put together a planned and methodical curriculum that includes joint activities, each with a theme that corresponds to one of the seven DKG purposes. Girls at different ages and scouting levels complete different amounts of activities to earn the patch.

We are looking for several chapters to pilot this idea in Ohio. The key idea is to start with a troop that has roots in your organization. The more connections or “roots” to your chapter, the more buy-in you are likely to get. The original curriculum, found online, has 18 activities already written you can use it, as-is, or just use it as a framework to write your own. Once you are committed and have your plans ready to go, contact Trisha Woodley (TrishW@dkg.org) at Delta Kappa Gamma International to help you on your journey along with your local Girl Scout Council.

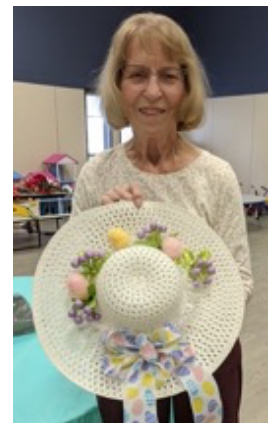
So that song I was remembering from 40 years ago? It ends, “So I’ll take it out, and put it on—It’s a great big Brownie Smile!” I loved being a Girl Scout. Now I love being a Delta Kappa Gamma chapter president. Who knows what kind of connections we could make with this program? The Brownies we meet today may be our chapters’ president tomorrow!

Information on how to begin your chapter’s journey can be found from the following sources:

Empowering Girl Scouts Through the DKG Patch Program –Video
(<https://youtu.be/iMzaYwNhb4U>)

Delta Kappa Gamma International Project Spotlight (<https://tinyurl.com/2p8sbmr9>)

Candance Haudenschild, Alpha Psi
Educational Excellence



As Cheryl Quay was attending the Executive Board Meeting in Columbus, her Alpha Tau sisters gathered and created wreaths for different seasons. According to Cheryl Quay, while the cat is away, the mice will play!



***Let's ring in those 'Delta Kappa Gamma OSO Bells' together,
....as we enter in the New Year of 2022!***

It's that time of year when we begin again, a new calendar year. We leave behind those events that saddened us, treasure those cherished memories that brought us happiness, and then look forward to embracing the beginnings that the New Year of 2022 will hopefully be bringing. As we ring in the year of 2022, let's embrace each member in our OSO chapters with a new sounding chime as we celebrate and unite women educators on our DKG 'Member' SHIP!

Let's ring our bells, as they make the ding-dong sound and continue to create thriving, striving chapter cabin environments that are filled with five ideas for your chapter to consider:



Visit members in your chapter on holidays to deliver a small gift or flowers



Send certificates, cards, or an email to recognize membership anniversaries.



Recognize one or more members for professional service and/or service to DKG at chapter meetings, in your newsletter, and/or with a chapter achievement award



Designate experienced/long-term members to mentor newer members



Assign a member or group of members, to reach out to members who are not attending meetings to let them know they are missed and make sure they are well

So, as the year of 2022 begins, let's form a majestic chorus of Delta Kappa Gamma OSO 'Member-bells'. Let's make the hinged clappers strike inside each of us, working together to create strong melodious ringing sounds, just like the one inside of a handbell. Then we can orchestrate beautiful compositions of unity, from each Delta Kappa Gamma OSO Chapter, that will resonate and echo tones of positive, productive environments that can be heard about throughout every community in Ohio.

Melodie A. McGee, Gamma Nu
Membership Committee Chair

Remembering Our Lost Sisters



World Fellowship Awareness

Want to make your members more aware of the World Fellowship fund – you know, something other than just sending in money? Here are some great ideas from the OSO list:

1. Use articles from your international travels for table centerpieces.
2. Have a trivia contest about the countries WF recipients represent.
3. Host an international food night, with members preparing recipes from other countries.
4. Have an international costume parade.
5. Host a luncheon with a *world traveler* speaker.
6. Ask members to research recipient countries, then decorate accordingly, and give brief reports.

These activities will quickly raise enthusiasm and awareness of the World Fellowship fund. This generated excitement will lead to more donations. Try one or two, or combine them all for a fun, informative international evening. Good luck!

Jeanne Bennett, Alpha Gamma
World Fellowship Committee Chair

More Chapter News from Around Ohio



The Alpha Omega and Beta Chi Christmas dinner was held on December 1, 2021, with Alpha Omega hosting. The Alpha Omega Singing Lilies and the Beta Chi Singers were the entertainment for the evening.

President Donna DeWitt, Beta Alpha Chapter, introduced the guest speaker, Kathy Whaley. Her talk entailed the study of dyslexia and techniques of how it's diagnosed and treated.



Beta Rho members recently held a food drive to benefit the Pickaway County Community Cupboards. Pictured are Kay Egbert, Carolyn Seitz, and Paula Thomerson.



Beta Eta Chapter held a combination live and silent auction to raise money for Imagination Library and the Beta Eta Chapter Scholarship fund. Members donated craft and food items for the auction.



At Beta Kappa's December 6th meeting, members celebrated the holiday season with a number of holiday games. Chapter members at each table worked together to solve a "Christmas Carol" crossword puzzle.



Beta Kappa President Molly Helmlinger played short snippets of various Christmas songs as members attempted to guess which song it was. Once the song was correctly guessed, members sang one verse as Molly played it on the viola.



BE THE SPARK... LIGHT OUR FLAME

As of December 22, we have \$6,555.11 towards our goal of \$8,400. Keep it going!

Continue to fill the tray with cupcakes. For every \$500 received a cupcake will be added.

To donate, go to <https://www.adsoef.org> and click on the link Be the Spark. . .Light Our Flame.



Attention Chapter Presidents and Chapter Newsletter Editors

The Communications and Marketing Committee needs assistance in promoting your various chapter activities. Please send us your pictures of chapter activities that have occurred since July 2021 along with a brief description for our next project by January 20, 2022. The committee already has the pictures that have been submitted to *The Voice* so it is not necessary to resubmit them.

Send your pictures along with a brief description of the activities to editor@dkgohio.org

