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The Voice

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

Grateful for Our DKG Sisterhood

Gratitude means appreciating what matters and recognizing those who have touched our lives. The word GRATEFUL reflects our DKG Sisterhood and the difference we make together. DKG members are part of a community of women educators who value learning, leadership, service, and friendship.

G — Generosity

Generosity is at the heart of education. Every educator knows what it means to give beyond the job description. We give our time, creativity, patience, encouragement, and often a piece of our hearts. At DKG, generosity takes on another dimension. We share our wisdom, support one another, and offer our talents to strengthen the DKG community. We recognize that what we have received is meant to be shared.

R — Relationships

At the heart of DKG are relationships. Long after meetings end and programs conclude, the friendships we have formed and the lives we have touched endure. Our Sisterhood reminds us that we do not travel life's journey alone. We belong to a community of women who celebrate our joys, understand our challenges, and encourage us to become our best selves. We are known, valued, and appreciated.

A — Appreciation

Gratitude deepens when we take time to notice. Appreciation helps us notice the goodness all around us, especially the things we sometimes take for granted, including our Sisterhood. We're grateful to the women who came before us, whose vision and dedication laid the foundation we stand on today. We also recognize those who lead today, often quietly and without recognition, as well as the younger educators whose fresh energy and creativity inspire our hope for the future.

T — Transformation

At its heart, education transforms lives. It opens doors, challenges assumptions, and creates opportunities once thought out of reach. As educators, we've been fortunate to witness these special moments in our students. Our DKG Sisterhood inspires us to keep growing and to participate in relevant programs of action. Through ongoing professional and personal development, leadership opportunities, and shared experiences, we see that transformation continues throughout our lives.

E — Encouragement

Sometimes the most important gift we can give another person is encouragement. A simple word of affirmation can restore confidence. A listening ear can ease a burden. A thoughtful gesture can remind someone that their efforts matter. At DKG, we have countless opportunities to encourage

one another, especially women who are starting their careers, stepping into new leadership roles, or navigating life's transitions. We may never fully know how much our encouragement matters.

F — Friendship

Friendship is one of the treasures of belonging to DKG. What begins as a professional connection often deepens into a lasting bond. Across generations, communities, and educational experiences, we find common values and shared hopes. Friendship reminds us that life is richer when shared. It gives us reasons to laugh, opportunities to learn, and companions who walk with us through the seasons. Our friendships are not merely a benefit of membership. They are part of the very spirit of Sisterhood that keeps our organization vibrant.

U — Unity

Unity doesn't mean we all think alike or see the world through the same lens. Instead, it encourages us to appreciate the strength our differences bring and the shared purpose that unites us. At DKG, we represent many generations, experiences, communities, and perspectives. What unites us is our commitment to excellence in education, advancing women, and the belief that every person has gifts worth nurturing. When we work together, our individual contributions combine to create something greater than any of us could achieve alone.

L — Legacy

Every educator leaves a meaningful legacy. We may see it in former students' achievements or in the programs we've helped create. More often, though, it lives on quietly—in the confidence we've inspired, the kindness we've shown, and the possibilities we've helped others discover.

DKG's legacy lives not only in its history and accomplishments but also in the countless lives touched by women who believed that education could make a difference. The question before us is not only what legacy we've inherited but also what we're creating for those who will follow.

A Grateful Heart Looks Forward

As we reflect, we're reminded that gratitude isn't only about looking back—it's also about looking forward. We can be thankful for all we've accomplished while staying open to what's ahead. We can cherish our traditions and welcome fresh ideas. We can celebrate the women who have shaped our organization and encourage those who will carry its mission forward. Ultimately, a grateful heart doesn't just remember its blessings—it shares them with others.

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. - Melody Beattie

Energetically,
Dr. Molly Helmlinger, Beta Kappa
OHSO State President



OHSO Member Spotlight

Mary Bumstead, Beta Chi





Beta Chi Chapter members enjoyed a special presentation on the monarch butterfly by author Rayna Lambert, who shared both her extensive knowledge and her new book. The evening was particularly meaningful as Rayna dedicated the book to our Past President, Mary Bumstead. Mary first inspired Rayna's passion for butterflies when Rayna was just a child, bringing this beautiful journey full circle!

White Roses

We are saddened by the loss of our treasured OHSO Sisters.
We appreciate and remember their service.

Jane Bartlett
Psi Chapter

Mary E Barnes
Alpha Mu Chapter

Linda L Parker
Alpha Phi Chapter

Cathy Ann Papuga
Beta Gamma Chapter

Travy Lynn Grant
Gamma Nu Chapter

Barbara J Culver
Gamma Sigma Chapter

Marilyn Faye Hess
Delta Kappa Chapter





Gamma Lambda and Phi Chapters held a joint meeting. The program was a presentation from Gamma Lambda's two new members, Mary Talib from Iraq, and Paola Romero from Honduras. Paola is a recipient of the A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Fellowship from ADSOEF. Mary and Paola gave a presentation about their countries then shared their favorite food and a craft with members.

Calling All OHSO-DKG Members

Calling on all OHSO-DKG members to share their expertise for Excellence in Education! The OHSO 2027 Convention will have breakouts sessions using Zoom. Pre- and Post-Convention Zoom sessions will occur on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting in mid-January through the end of May.

Please consider presenting an educational topic plus your time and talents with other members across the state. The **application form** (Google form) needs to be completed and submitted by **December 5, 2026**. Once the application is received the committee will review and further communicate with you.

Lifelong learning is what educators do best! Please realize members will have the opportunity to participate in many or all these Zoom leaning sessions. When the topics, dates/time are finalized members will be invited to sign up to attend.

Possible Ideas: Best Practices for teaching; Artificial Intelligence (AI); Science of Reading; electronic communications; Grow your Chapter's Membership; Philanthropy; educational legislation; book clubs; recognizing and helping students dealing with mental health issues, challenges due to social media, etc.

https://forms.gle/yr9WkFRgMpj2LvT89

Inside International

DKG Ohio members are encouraged to participate in the monthly *Inside International Meetings* via Zoom. Join the meeting for half an hour to enjoy a conversation with International leaders and staff. Directors and elected leaders will be available to answer questions and welcome comments. As the links to these meetings are available, Ohio members will be notified via Constant Contact.

Upcoming Inside International Dates:
Tuesday, November 3 @ 1:30 p.m. Eastern
Tuesday, December 1 @ 6:30 p.m. Eastern
Tuesday, January 5 @ 1:30 p.m. Eastern



Alpha Mu Chapter enjoyed a presentation from Karen Goddard and Diane McElwain on how to make quilts. A variety of quilts were on display for members to view.





Beta Gamma Chapter President Marilyn Bauer presented Pam Goswick, Beta Gamma Newsletter Editor for the past 16 years the Editor's pin. Beta Gamma held an induction ceremony at their September meeting. Lillian Keenan, new member, is pictured with members (left to right) Fran Wilhelm, Marilyn Bauer, Lillian Keenan, Kathy Smith, and Kathy Wainwright.

Membership Matters

When you invite an educator into your chapter, you are empowering that person to enjoy the benefits of your chapter, Ohio State Organization, and the Society. Provide her with the knowledge of those benefits, help her obtain those benefits - that's what friends and colleagues do - and celebrate with her and your chapter when she realizes those benefits.

When you create a difference in someone's life, you not only impact that life, but you also impact everyone influenced by her throughout her entire life. That's the ripple effect: ripples grow, expand and inspire. Now, go make waves!

Meier Bauer, Gamma Phi
OHSO Recording Secretary

Welcome New & Reinstated Members

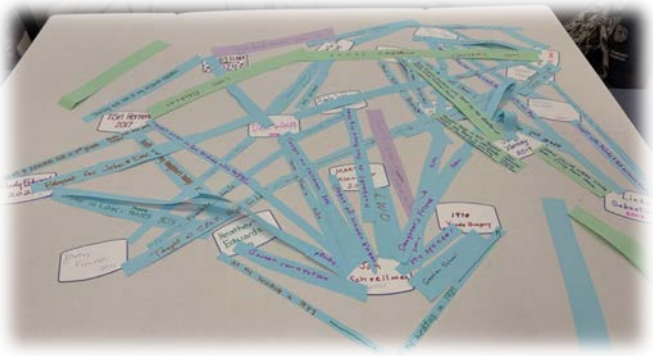
Maria L Tipka
Tau Chapter

Margaret M Snow
Ohio State Organization



https://tinyurl.com/4fp7zcxa





Delta Chi Chapter members worked on an activity centered around getting to know their chapter sisters beyond DKG. Sisters connected beyond DKG sharing stories, laughter, and the bonds that make their chapter so special.

OHSO Chapter Spotlight

Alpha Psi



Alpha Psi Chapter participated in the Muskingum County Reading Festival in September organized by the Muskingum County Library System in partnership with the Muskingum County Literacy Council. Our table was visited by many parents and their children helping us celebrate community literacy. We gave away bookmarks, stickers, books and signed up over 100 readers for our book raffle! 10 winning readers will receive their book through the mail.





Beta Eta Chapter members created cards to give to veterans at their recent meeting.

Attention Chapter Presidents

The Gold Key Guidelines for 2026-2027 is available to download on the OHSO website. Go dkgohio.org click on State Info, then click on Gold Key. Under the Gold Key Information heading the first item is the Updated Planning Guide 2026-2027.



Beta Alpha Chapter President Beth James presented a check to Bobette Dexter Braxton who gave a presentation to the chapter at the John Gee Black Historical Center in Gallipolis. Pictured on the right is Karen Waugh, Scholarship Chair, presenting checks to Addison Burke and Braden McGuire.



Membership Data for 2026-2027

Based upon data from dues orders and payments submitted by Chapter Treasurers

Active Paid Members	Collegiate Members	Reserve Members	Life Members	Honorary Members	Total	Ohio Chapters
1936	16	240	2	32	2226	64

DKG Ohio Financial Update for July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

Statement of Financial Activity

Dues Revenue	$26,716.00
Non-dues Revenue	$ 1,595.00
Investment Revenue	$ (2,926.00) (unrealized)
Total Revenue	**$25,385.00**
Operating Expenses	$ 4,319.00
Administrative	$ 934.00
Committee	$ 473.00
Contributions	$ 550.00
DKG Conferences	$ 9,237.00
Ex Bd Meetings	$ 90.00
Member Engagement	$ 187.00
Total Expenses	**$15,790.00**
Net Income	**$ 9,595.00**

Statement of Financial Position

Total Assets	$ **332,533.00**
Total Liabilities	$ (776.00)
Total Equity	$ **331.757.00**

Chapter Connections

Chapter Strengthening: Ideas Coming Back to You!

All OHSO DKG members are invited to attend Chapter Connections via Zoom on Sunday, November 15 at 4 p.m.
All you need to do is register in advance by clicking the link below. Once you register, you will receive an email with a link to the meeting be sure to keep that email. The Focus Team would love to see you on Sunday, November 15 on Zoom for Chapter Connections!

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https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uio36FgRTNCxJAfNgz-PFw



The Tri-County dinner meeting was held October 14, 2026. Five DKG chapters were represented at this meeting by members and presidents. Alpha Omega and Delta Delta shared hostess duties. Pictured are Co-President Holly Buente, Gamma Pi; President Mary Ann Augustyn, Delta Delta; President Sue Datish, Beta Chi; Co-President Barbara Ade, Gamma Pi; Co-Presidents Denise Mijavec and Carolyn Price, Alpha Omega. President Pam Todd of Alpha Iota unable to attend.

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Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 1, 2026
Cornetet Individual Professional Development Applications Due
Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Applications Due

November 3, 2026
1:30 p.m. Eastern
Inside International

November 15, 2026
All U.S. treasurers file IRS Form 990

November 15, 2026
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chapter Connections
Chapter Strengthening: Ideas Coming Back to You!

December 1, 2026
6:30 p.m. Eastern
Inside International

December 1, 2026
DKGIEF Giving Tuesday

December 1, 2026
Applications due for OHSO Officers Positions and Nominating Committee

December 13, 2026
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chapter Connections

December 15, 2026
Deadline to book Highlights of Norway Tour

January 5, 2027
1:30 p.m. Eastern
Inside International

July 4-8, 2028
International Convention - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 25-28, 2029
Centennial Celebration - Austin, Texas