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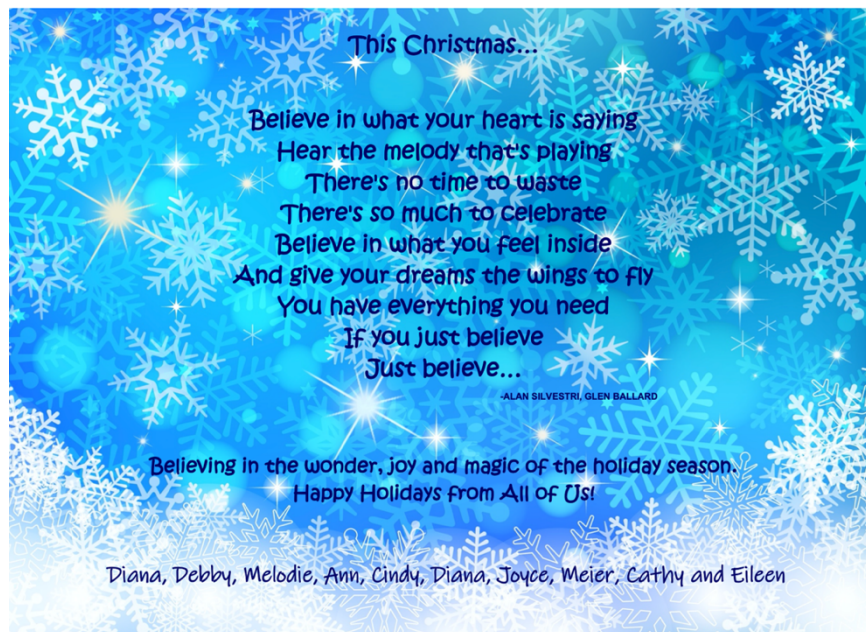
*Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

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## News From Ohio State Organization

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### From Diana's Desk

**“Nothing ventured. Nothing gained.”**



**Believe** in the countless opportunities Delta Kappa Gamma has to offer.

**Belong** not just as a member, but actively participate with bold commitment and determination to **build** Ohio's future.

As we (your State Leadership Team) continue on our DKG journey this biennium, we want to ask each of you this question. Where is your DKG journey currently taking you? To your next chapter meeting? Involvement with your chapter's Foster Care program/project? To a state function, such as the

DKG/Ohio State Convention in March, or to our next International Convention in Philadelphia, PA next July or perhaps as far as Austin, Texas to the Ignite-DKG Leadership Management Seminar? We ask this question because, beyond our primary biennium goal of growing and strengthening Ohio's chapters, another strategic goal is to increase membership commitment through participation in DKG beyond the chapter level.

Are you aware of the many **opportunities** that are available to you as a member of our organization? Your membership in DKG is multi-level (chapter, State, and International) and multi-faceted and if you are not taking full advantage of the countless offerings, now is the time to start! Being active only in your chapter is like standing at the airport, watching airplanes arrive, passengers disembark, observing others board, take off and fly to known destinations. The problem is...you are the one without a ticket...the one left behind on the concourse with no travel plans...and the one with a missed opportunity to further grow personally and professionally.

Remember, at your induction into Delta Kappa Gamma you were recognized as a "key woman educator." With that acknowledgment and membership comes many additional benefits, advantages and opportunities! Countless opportunities for leadership, travel, networking, financial assistance, discounts, activism, publishing, recognitions (and the list does go on). Why not step-up your participation? Be bold and determined in your efforts. View your membership responsibilities as positive possibilities/opportunities rather than negative tasks of impositions/irritations. Research and explore the numerous preferences/options available through membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Select and chose the opportunities that best enhance you personally, as well as professionally, to gain and profit the most from your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Your DKG membership affords you a distinct opportunity to learn...to lead...and to make a difference. Your State Leadership Team is available and eager to encourage and support you in your DKG journey in any way we can. "Nothing ventured...nothing gained" is a wise adage. Do not be the one left behind...**be brave, get on board, take flight and always believe something wonderful is about to happen as a result of your membership in DKG!**

*Diana*

### **WHY BELONG TO THIS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY?**

*"The best feature of Delta Kappa Gamma is the new friendships which it brings. I value you."*

Dr. Annie Web Blanton, Founder

**Because...** You will be proud of the honor of being recognized as a key woman educator.

**Because...** You can profit by fellowship with a worldwide, international network of Key Women Educators at all levels with nearly 67,000+ members in 17 countries.

**Because...** You may apply for an International Scholarship for graduate studies or for a doctoral program.

**Because...** You will have opportunities for professional and personal growth through scholarships

and leadership seminars; and workshops at regional conferences and international and state Conventions.

**Because...** You can become an International Speaker.

**Because...** You can apply for the DKG Ignite: Leader Management Seminar.

**Because...** You can apply for support from the Educational Foundation for a project or for a Cornetet Individual Professional Development or Seminar Award.

**Because...** You can be proud of your Society, working with the Fulbright organization to bring promising women from developing countries to universities in Canada and the U.S.

**Because...** You are one of nearly 67,000+ women who contribute more than \$3 million annually for local, state organization and international scholarships that benefit members and non-members alike.

**Because...** Through affiliation with the United Nations and UNICEF, you can be a part of the effort to support Schools in Africa.

**Because...** You can be a part of the International project – Support Early-Year Educators.

**Because...** You may be asked to serve as the regional representative on one of the International committees, as a member of the state leadership team, or as a member of your chapter leadership team.

**Because...** You will receive support as you assume leadership roles.

**Because...** You will be the recipient of leadership training and opportunities at all levels of the Society.

**Because...** You can attend regional conferences or International conventions and hear Eunah Temple Holden speakers.

**Because...** You can participate in Leadership training for state organization presidents, treasurers, editors, webmasters, and Educational Excellence and Membership chairmen.

**Because...** You can receive project grants funded by DKG Educational Foundation.

**Because...** You can receive awards for professional development funded by the Lucille Cornetet bequest.

**Because...** You receive publications such as *The Delta Kappa Gamma Collegial Exchange-International Journal for Professional Education*, *The DKG News*, *The Voice of DKG-Ohio State Organization*, *Get Connected* publication, and the *Presidents' Page* for chapter presidents.

- Because...** You can publish articles in a juried professional journal – *The Delta Kappa Gamma Collegial Exchange*.
- Because...** You will receive recognition for achievements in your profession and your community.
- Because...** You can participate in insurance offerings and group discounts.
- Because...** You can receive assistance from the Emergency Fund in times of disaster.
- Because...** You can participate in opportunities to assist women educators in non-Society countries to study in Canada and the U.S. through contributions to the World Fellowship Fund.
- Because...** You are one or thousands of key women educators around the world who join together to contribute to excellence in education and impact education worldwide.
- Because...** You will be part of an up-to-date network on educational and legislative issues.
- Because...** As a member of Ohio State Organization, you automatically have membership in the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation (ADSOEF).
- Because...** You can receive ADSOEF Scholarships:
- Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship – stipends for graduate work at any accredited university
  - Florence L. Woodward Scholarship – stipend for graduate study at Kent State University
  - Margaret L. White Scholarship – stipend for graduate work at The Ohio State University
  - Ruth Grimes Scholarship – stipend for graduate work at Miami University
- Because...** You can receive an ADSOEF: A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Fellowship – fellowships for members studying in any overseas country for up to one year.
- Because...** You can participate in the Ohio State Organization Biennial Seminar for learning and fellowship.
- Because...** You can support student teachers through the Ohio State Organization Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant – grants for college seniors in education in Ohio's state supported colleges and universities.
- Because...** You can apply for financial support for educational projects that enhance professional and personal growth of members and educational excellence for targeted learners in non-profit settings.
- Because...** Members are empowered with new knowledge and professional development targeted towards reaching their full potential.
- Because...** You will be thrilled to tell your members about all these possibilities and many more that you continue to discover in your Society journey.

**Because... YOUR Reasons:**

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\* Expansion/Membership Resource Tool

Courtesy of Dr. Norma Kirby, Alpha Delta Chapter, Ohio State Organization

**Opportunities through DKG**



*Experience the joy of giving and receiving through  
Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation*

## **Building from the Heart**



**YOU are INSPIRING excellence in our future EDUCATORS!** . . . "Because of your generous donation, you have lightened my financial burden as I pursue my degree, complete student teaching, and learn how to become the best school-based SLP that I can become. Your generosity has truly inspired me, and I look forward to the day when I am able to pay this generosity forward like you have done for me." – *with **thanks to you** from Marie Dean, 2019 Strickland Student Teacher Grant Recipient*

**You bless others with your heartfelt giving, and you can receive a blessing through ADSOEF too!**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

**JANUARY 1, 2020**

<https://adsoef.weebly.com/forms--applications.html>

**Opportunities to Be a Blessing and to Be Blessed!**

**BUILDING FROM THE HEART!**

**Thank you for your generous philanthropy over the years!** When you support ADSOEF you help student teachers! You help Sister teachers! You help build long lasting relationships between key women educators and excellence in education worldwide!

## Your generous contributions make a difference!



Remember what this grateful student teacher, Marie Dean, said:

*"I look forward to the day when I am able to pay this generosity forward like you have done for me."*

Please consider the financial support you may have received on your journey in becoming an educator and move that blessing forward now to promote educational excellence and success for the future.

Opportunities for giving to help others . . .

### Giving Tuesday - December 3.

1. You may give directly through the Giving Tuesday post you will see on Facebook. Please **like** us at "Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation"!

### Giving Any Day – any day!

2. You may give by going to **dkgo.io** and making your contribution electronically through the ADSOEF Donate button on the Ohio State Organization home page.
3. You may give by downloading the ADSOEF Contribution Form found <https://adsoef.weebly.com/forms--applications.html> designating it to someone's honor or memory if you wish and sending a check to the fund of your choice!

Your gift from the heart is appreciated and can "build from your heart" because it is wisely invested. Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation **exists** for the purposes of raising, managing, and distributing funds to satisfy its mission and to promote personal and professional growth of educators, individuals and groups. We are here for YOU!

**So**, when a family member or friend asks what is on your holiday gift list, suggest they make a donation to ADSOEF in your name to honor you and your commitment to supporting Ohio teachers and educational excellence!

*And just look below at what more you could receive . . .*

## Gifts for YOU!

The ADSOEF/OSO Scholarship Committee is urging any chapter member doing graduate study or continuing education to seriously consider applying for the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship, which can be used at any accredited university, the Margaret L. White Scholarship at The Ohio State University, The Ruth Grimes Scholarship at Miami University and the Florence L. Woodward Scholarship at Kent State University. The A. Margaret Boyd International Study Fellowship for an Ohio member wanting to do a yearlong study abroad is also available. The course of study for this fellowship must be affiliated with an accredited university.



These scholarship and fellowship applications can be found on the ADSOEF website <https://adsoef.weebly.com/forms--applications.html> and are **due January 1, 2020**.

The Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund provides support to members of Ohio State Organization who plan and provide leadership for a program that will enhance the education of students, educators, or community members. (There now **NO due date** for Individual/Classroom/Community Project applications!)

You can also apply for an International DKG Scholarship which is **due February 1, 2020**. International offers more than twenty scholarships for our members and gives up to \$6,000.00 for graduate study and \$10,000.00 for a doctorate study course. To qualify for the International scholarship an individual must be an active chapter member for three years. Also, International offers the Lucille Cornet Individual Awards for Professional Development. This award is available to all employed educators whether they are a DKG member or non-member. This award can be awarded for conferences, seminars, lecture series, National certification, up to \$1,000.00 for National Board Certification, online courses, workshops and other non-degree programs. The application for each of these International scholarships is on the International website, which is **dkg.org**. We really would like to see Ohio names on this list!

We look forward to seeing Ohio members receive scholarships at both the State and International levels!

With Warmest Regards,

*Kathy*

Mary Kathryn "Kathy" McClendon, Chairman  
Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation Board of Directors, and  
ADSOEF Committee Members

*May your Holidays be Merry and Bright!*

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## **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE:**

During the month of December, we will continue to focus on our second objective which is to gain and acquire facts about our Foster Care initiative which is the word **Knowledge**.

Share this **Knowledge** about the Foster Care Process with members in your OSO Chapter during your monthly meetings so that they are provided with these important facts.

### **Did You Know That....**

- There are 19,000 Foster Children/Youth in Ohio. The majority of those children/youth are placed into Foster Care due to neglect, physical abuse, parental substance abuse or abandonment concerns.



- Almost 40% of children/youth in Foster Care will remain in Foster Care for more than 2 years; Nearly one fourth of the children/youth who are in Foster Care environments will experience three or more placements while in care.
- When children/youth are removed from unsafe environments and are placed in temporary Foster Care placement about 80% have no medical information and have few or no personal items to transport with them.
- As we approach this Holiday season, Children in Foster Care sometimes feel the separation from their biological families. Your Chapter might want to explore and investigate ways that they can share with children and youth who are in Foster Care environments by sending gloves, hats, socks, books, scarfs or other items to a Salvation Army or a Foster Care Agency in your area.

Continue to watch for more facts about 'Foster Care in Ohio' next month so that we can continue to gain and acquire information about the needs of children and youth in our communities.

Melodie McGee, Chair

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## MEMBERSHIP

Have you heard about the **Buckeye-Cherry Membership Challenge**? The Ohio State and Michigan State Organization representatives attended DKG Leadership Development in Des Moines, Iowa this summer and our state president, Diana Kirkpatrick had an idea for a membership challenge between the two states. During a breakfast meeting, the two teams developed a plan. The goal is to see which organization can increase membership by the greatest percentage. Are you up for the challenge? To help OSO be declared the winner, continue reading the article for more information.

- To grow chapter membership, the Ohio State Organization leadership team initiated a membership challenge with the members of Michigan State Organization. The team with the most, new members by percentage will be declared the winner. The losing team will donate \$100 to the DKG Educational Foundation in the name of the winner.
- **The Buckeye-Cherry Membership Challenge** officially began **September 1, 2019**, and ends **September 1, 2020, with an extension to March 1, 2021.**
- We challenge chapters to make use of Ohio's 3 R's of Membership: **Retain** your current chapter memberships; **Recruit** new members utilizing the **DKG Membership Recruitment Plan**; and **Reinstate** former chapter members
- Varying point values can be earned for inducting new members, reinstating former chapter members, receiving transfer memberships, and completing the Buckeye-Cherry Membership Challenge Survey and Recognition Form. (For point values, refer to the information listed on the "tree" handout of the challenge.)

- Chapters receiving 1 to 4 points will be **recognized** at the 2021 OSO Convention and announced in the May 2021 edition of The Voice.
- Chapters earning 5 points, or more will be **honored** at the 2021 OSO Convention and announced in the May 2021 edition of The Voice. There will also be additional recognitions for 10- and 15-point categories.
- To receive chapter recognition in the **honored (5 points or more)** or **recognized (1 to 4 points)** categories, it will be the responsibility of the chapter president to complete the Buckeye-Cherry Membership Challenge Survey and Recognition Form (available on the OSO website October 1, 2020) and send to Membership Chair, Debby Canter, 309 N. Bingham St., Oak Hill, OH 45656 or e-mail to [membership@dkgohio.org](mailto:membership@dkgohio.org) by March 1, 2021.

Contact Information: Debby Canter, Membership Chair  
 309 N Bingham St., Oak Hill, OH 45656  
[membership@dkgohio.org](mailto:membership@dkgohio.org)  
 740-688-1604

Membership Committee Members: Jeanne Bennett, Alpha Gamma; Kim Lewis, Delta Epsilon; Michelle Maniskas, Alpha Xi; Sarah Thompson, Delta Theta

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## CONVENTION INFORMATION

### A Good Reason to be an Early Bird!

Last month information was shared for reserving a room at the Embassy Suites in Dublin for the DKG/Ohio State Convention on March 20-22. It has since been discovered that the OHSA Boys State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for that same weekend in Columbus. A block of rooms is being held for the DKG Convention; however, once the block is filled more rooms can only be added if there are rooms available. With the high school basketball tournament in Columbus, rooms will go quickly. To make a reservation, either call 1-800-220-9219 or book online at [www.columbusdublin.embassysuites.com](http://www.columbusdublin.embassysuites.com) and use the group code "DKG."

As plans are being made for the State Convention, it has been a challenge to provide for delicious meals at a reasonable cost. For each meal, there is a service charge of 22% and a tax of 7.5% that is added to the cost. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday is included with the cost of your room, but these charges will apply to the other meals on Friday and Saturday. More information on this will be shared as plans are finalized.

We **Believe** this is one of the countless opportunities DKG/Ohio has to offer you to actively participate in **Building** Ohio's future. Your State Convention is a wonderful opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with key women educators from all parts of Ohio. Share your chapter's good ideas and find out what other chapters are doing to grow their membership and serve their communities. Bring a guest and enjoy a fun filled evening on Friday when we celebrate a "Taste of Ohio, Taste of DKG." The "Taste of DKG" segment will serve as an orientation for potential members. Bring a potential member, a newly inducted member, and/or a chapter member who is attending the State Convention

for the first time to the Friday evening event and earn Gold Key Polish Points. On Saturday, attend breakout sessions that will help you grow both personally and professionally, enjoy a delicious birthday luncheon with the opportunity to support the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation, and in the evening recognize our chapter presidents at the Presidents' Banquet. The convention will conclude on Sunday morning with a beautiful Celebration of Life Service honoring those members who have passed away within the last year followed by an Inspirational Breakfast. This weekend will be an experience that will give you a sense of pride and appreciation for the work that is being done by our organization. You don't want to miss this special opportunity!

Linda Diltz, Beta Rho  
Convention Coordinator

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## **WE NEED YOU!**

### **CONVENTION WORKSHOP & BREAKOUT SESSIONS APPLICATION**

The March 20 - 22, 2020 State Convention is being planned. Do you have a topic that you want considered for a breakout session? This year, all applications will be completed online. Go to the link below to apply.

**DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS DECEMBER 10, 2019**

Guidelines for Submitting an application:

- Each application will be considered by the convention committee. Each person submitting an application will be notified of the committee's decision by December 15, 2019.
- All audio-visual equipment must be provided by the presenter.
- As a professional non-profit organization, DKG/Ohio is unable to reimburse presenters for honorarium, travel, hotel or meal expenses.
- All presenters must register for the convention.
- Each presenter is expected to submit a brief biography after proposal acceptance. This will be used for your introduction.

For the application to <https://forms.gle/EUwwMrG9YcR2b4Uf9>

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## **NOTE THE DATE**

### Dates to Remember

DECEMBER 10, 2019 - Applications due for Convention Workshops & Breakout Sessions

FEBRUARY 1, 2020 - Necrology Report due  
See website for form 6 (dkgohio.org)

MARCH 20 - 22, 2020 - OSO State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, OH  
NOTE: Executive Board will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup>

## SEND PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS

We want to feature news from our State chapters. Send a photo with a caption. Send to [editor@dkgohio.org](mailto:editor@dkgohio.org)

- If members are identified, make sure you have permission to use their photo.
- Make sure you tell us your chapter name.
- Tell us what is going on in the photo.
- Keep the caption to 1 - 2 sentences.

**See examples below.**

### Chapter News



Theta Chapter supported the Rough Riders Reads program by collecting new and gently used books for the program. The goal of the program is to get books to children and encourage a love of reading and avoid the summer slide.



Gamma Xi Chapter makes blankets for foster children and donates them through Hope's Closet.



What a fun and creative evening for a great cause! Delta Iota raised \$258.50 to send to Franklin County Children Services Children's Fund. Each member who participated will have a piece of handmade pottery to be proud of!



Pi, Beta Psi and Delta Kappa met for Coordinating Council. The program, "Building Futures for Children", featured Kay Kaebnick as the speaker. The picture was raffled with proceeds going to CASA for advocates to use to assist these children.



Beta Chi honors member Carole Kyser with a 50 year pin. Congratulations Carole!



Beta Kappa President Barri Grandey and Past President Nancy Russell display several of the 81 goodie bags to be distributed to Wilson Health ER and Urgent Care.

## REMEMBERING OUR LOST SISTERS



Mary Joanne DiCristofaro, Alpha Omega  
B. Gail Eckler, Alpha Tau  
Nan Golden, Gamma Iota  
Sue Carol Meyer, Beta Zeta  
Doris Ruby, Beta Zeta  
Dana Sherman, Upsilon