



# The Voice

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## News From Ohio State Organization

<http://dkgohio.org>

We are grateful,  
And most thankful...  
For all of you!

It has been quite a year, full of ups and downs and we, your State Leadership Team, would like to take this opportunity to say how "grateful" and "thankful" we are for your kind words of encouragement, your collective patience and supportive understanding. We feel blessed with and truly "grateful" for the "light" your presence brings to DKG/Ohio. There is so much to be "thankful" for!

From all of us, to all of you...  
a most hopeful and heartfelt holiday season!

Diana, Debby, Melodie, Ann, Cindy, Joyce, Diana, Meier, Eileen, and Cathy

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## Merry Convention Update!

## Wishing You the Best of Everything!



It's hard to believe the holidays are here. This, without doubt, has been a year we will never forget! It has definitely been a difficult year to plan a DKG/OSO State Convention. Well, planning the convention wasn't a problem, but having the convention was another story! The year 2020 is almost behind us (whew!!!) and now it's time to look ahead to the April 9-11, 2021, State Convention at the Embassy Suites. With the coronavirus, making plans for the spring convention is like trying to "nail Jello to the wall." I promised we would keep you informed as plans are made which is what I intend to do. At this point in time, Diana Kirkpatrick, Alice Harker, and I have planned both an on-site convention and a virtual convention. We are also researching a hybrid convention. An on-site convention is planned at the Embassy Suites on April 9-11, 2021, with a few modifications from the 2020 convention plans to allow for Covid-19 restrictions. A virtual convention has been planned for April 9 and 10, 2021, using a Zoom format. A hybrid convention would have some members at the Embassy Suites, as well as the convention being recorded and streamed for members to virtually "attend" the convention. There is an expense involved in order to provide the technology needed for recording and streaming a hybrid convention. As we move into 2021, we will need to see what is happening with the Covid-19 vaccine, and what will be the safest way to bring you the DKG/OSO Convention. There will be a convention; we just don't know at this point what that will look like.

You may need to celebrate the holidays a bit differently this year, but please know there is light at the end of this tunnel. Take good care of yourself. Be safe.

The Connectivity Committee continues to meet and plan events for the upcoming months, but we would like to hear from you about any suggestions you might have. In January, there will be a Zentangle (I had to Google that one!) session on Thursday, January 21. Information about signing up for that event will be in the January 2021 issue of *The Voice*. For now, mark the Zentangle event on your calendar and save the date. Many of you have unique talents or subjects that you teach that would be worthy of sharing on Zoom as a Connectivity event. Topics of interest might be arts, crafts, STEM demonstrations/activities, history, baking/cooking, quilting, or something new and exciting for these crazy times! Please send me an email if you would like to share your talents and expertise with our members via Zoom.

Linda Diltz  
Convention Coordinator  
[lindadiltz1@gmail.com](mailto:lindadiltz1@gmail.com)

## HOLIDAY HUGS . . . across the miles

Dear DKG Sister,

Your cat rubs her tail on your ankles

Your dog lays his head on your knees.

But what you long for everyday of your life is that special loved one wrapping arms around you, sharing the peace and love that pass all understanding.

In these times of viral separation and distance, may you be filled with the Creator's power to share that Touch that means so much, the Spirit of the season!

Blessings for a perfect Holiday!

Your Foundation Board of Directors

Kathy, Marilyn, Norma, Jackie, Betty, Karyn, Sandy, Diana, Lois, and Millie

...for it is in giving that we receive.



Never underestimate  
the difference YOU can make  
in the lives of others  
when you give from the heart!

### **ALPHA DELTA STATE OHIO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Our hearts are often in the right place, but what can one person really do? It turns out quite a lot if you volunteer to serve as a director on the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation. If you are looking for something worthwhile to do and want to make a difference, apply to be a Foundation Director. As a member of OSO, you are also a member of the Foundation. You can do more than be a member, you can actively participate and share your talents and knowledge to support educators and strengthen

the Foundation. The work of the Foundation is important; dedicated and energetic directors are needed.

Apply today. Send your completed application by January 15, 2021, to Dr. Norma Kirby at [nkkirby@roadrunner.com](mailto:nkkirby@roadrunner.com).

If you have questions, please contact any of the current directors or members of the Nominating Committee. Contact information is on the Foundation website at [adsoef.weebly.com](http://adsoef.weebly.com).

## *Make a difference!*

Link to Director's Application: <https://adsoef.weebly.com/director-description-application.html>

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HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

### **\$2000 Matching Gift Opportunity**



Double your impact for **A Heart for All!** We are excited as we have anonymous donors pledging to match gifts up to \$2000. Your gift can go twice as far in supporting OSO sisters, educators, and students.

\$25 can become \$50

\$40 can become \$80

\$100 can become \$200

Please be as generous as you can, especially at this time.

Thank **YOU** for believing in and supporting the mission of your ADSOEF! Gifts can come from individual members, friends, and family. Consider using a *gift suggestion Postcard* from [adsoef.weebly.com](http://adsoef.weebly.com). When your friend sends a donation with a Postcard, the amount doubles! Your individual contributions are doubled, too!

Yes, up to \$2000! To be included, donate by December 31, 2020.

To use the Contribution form, click [\*\*\(HERE\)\*\*](#), complete the form, and mail with your check. If you'd rather donate electronically using your credit card, click [\*\*\(HERE\)\*\*](#).

GIVING TUESDAY is today, December 1. Giving to ADSOEF on Facebook is **another easy way to contribute**. Please visit Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation, our Facebook page. Hear more! Learn more! Read your OSO sisters' comments. Like us and SHARE!

Watch as we add \$100 hearts! What a joy it will be when OHIO is filled with our hearts and overflowing!

To stay informed on progress, view this **OHIO heart-meter** on our webpage often.

A reminder: Donors, be aware that you may deduct up to \$300 of your donation if you claim a standard deduction on your 2020 Federal Income Tax. (CARES Act) Consult a *tax professional* for more information.

## A Heart for All



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## COMMITTEE NEWS

### EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **"Let There be Peace on Earth...If just only for One Day!"**

Even though our world needs fixing due to many issues that need solving, wouldn't it be wonderful if for just one day we could experience peace on earth, in every country, every state, every city, every town, every village, and every providence. We could all join hands and sing together the song that came out when I was a little girl in 1971. That song was inspired by the Coke Cola commercial jingle called "*I Like to Teach the World to Sing*". You remember the words that said....

"I'd like to teach the world to sing  
In perfect harmony  
I'd like to hold it in my arms  
And keep it company  
I'd like to see the world for once  
All standing hand in hand  
And hear them echo through the hills  
For peace throughout the land."

In some countries in our world, children are forced to live in places that are not peaceful to them. In different countries the number of children refugees have increased and there are thousands of unaccompanied minors needing asylum as well. There are children forced to leave their homes due to poverty and neglect while others are fleeing from abusive environments.

In countries where they have gang dominance in areas, many minors risk early death, human trafficking, forced labor or forced participation by becoming members in gang organizations. Since many children and youth have few options to remain in their

homelands, they are forced to dangerously, illegally immigrate and try to relocate to seek refuge in the United States for employment and education opportunities.

The children/youth of UNICEF need our help. During this December season of giving, won't you consider sharing with children/youth of UNICEF by donating online at <https://www.unicefusa.org/donate/donate-schools-africa/29196> or sending checks to UNICEF USA C/O NGO Department 125 Maiden Lane New York, NY 10038.

Please be sure to include your chapter name on the memo line.

When you give your financial UNICEF gifts to children/youth you are helping them to experience wonderful peaceful opportunities in the world and in their countries, maybe even for more than just one day they will be able to say the words written and sung from the song by Louis Armstrong, "What a Wonderful World" which says...

"I see trees of green,  
Red roses too  
I see them bloom  
For me and for you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world!"

Melodie A. McGee, Gamma Nu Chapter  
Educational Excellence Committee, Chairman

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## **BYLAWS/POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

After several face to face and numerous Zoom meetings, the Bylaws/Standing Rules (soon to be called) Committee has met its goals. The Committee has rewritten, revised and aligned the Policies and Procedures Manual to the OSO Bylaws, the 2018 International Constitution and International Standing Rules (ISR). Changes to the OSO Bylaws have been submitted for review to align with the International Constitution and ISR also. Tables of Contents have been made for OSO Bylaws and Standing Rules. A streamlined checklist for the chapter rules has been revised and will be available on the OSO website, dkgoohio.org, in January/February.

**What To Do Next:** The OSO Bylaws and Standing Rules will be brought before the General Session at the OSO Convention in April 2021 for approval. The chapters of Ohio State Organization will align their chapter's rules with the current International Constitution, ISR, Ohio State Organization's designated parliamentary authority and its Bylaws, using the revised checklist. Each Chapter will submit their own chapter rules to the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee for review. Each chapter will receive feedback.

Committee Members: Joan Bostelman, Beta Psi, chair; Linda Harrison, Pi; Donna Myers, Kappa; Jennifer Shields, Beta Delta; and Joyce Jones-Weinkam, Gamma Xi.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Our Gift to You



During a recent joint meeting of the expansion and membership committees, members discussed OSO membership trends and issues facing both retired and active teachers such as Covid 19 and stress in the workplace. Kim Lewis and Michele Maniskas, both classroom teachers, shared the struggles that they and others are experiencing this school year. So, the question arose - what can we do as an organization to support our active teachers? After much discussion, the possibility of a new initiative was formed OSO presents: The teacher next door. The idea is to ask teachers to record ten-minute lessons in their area of expertise and grade level to be banked for use by current teachers.

Before we open this up for everyone to contribute their videotaped lessons, we are giving you the first few "gifts" for you to use and be enjoyed by your students, children and grandchildren. You may even share this with other teachers who may not currently be OSO members. If the response is favorable, we will open this up for anyone in the state to contribute to the lesson bank along with the guidelines to be set for submission.

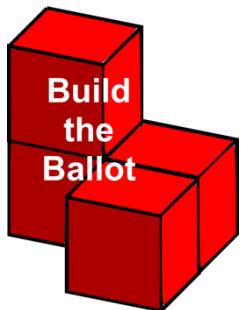
Look for the eblast with "Our Gift to You" in the next few weeks.

Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon  
First Vice President/Membership Chair

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## NOMINATIONS

### Ballot Building



### Build the Ballot

We are beginning to Build the Ballot as nomination forms are being delivered!

Thank you to those who have completed applications and, more importantly, have said yes! to serving OSO during the next biennium. We are all grateful for the leadership.

December 1, 2020, is the deadline for applications. So, go to the state website, download the application under Nominations Committee, and submit it online. We are accepting applications for the state officer (President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary) positions and the five Nominations Committee

positions. Encourage your sisters to submit an application. Every chapter is filled with potential leaders!

To members of all chapters of Ohio State organization, look for the ballot in the February issue of the Voice.

The Nominating Team of OSO  
Patty Truex, Chair

**Link to Nomination Form:** <https://www.dkgohio.org/nominations.html>

## **REMEMBERING OUR LOST SISTERS**



Rev. Virginia Ann Duffy, Delta Chi  
JoAnne Jones, Gamma Phi  
Joanne K. Kroft, Beta  
Leona Marra, Alpha Iota  
Mary Pollock, Alpha Psi

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 1, 2020** - [\*\*OSO Application Form for Elected Positions\*\*](https://www.dkgohio.org/nominations.html) Due  
<https://www.dkgohio.org/nominations.html>

**December 1, 2020** - Holiday Treasures Show & Tell  
Zoom Event @ 7:30 p.m.

**January 15, 2021** - [\*\*ADSOEF Director Application Form\*\*](#) Due  
Director Application Form on Next Page

**January 15, 2021** - First Day to Submit  
Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery  
DKG International

January 21, 2021 – Zentangle, A Connectivity Activity  
Zoom Event @ 7:30 p.m.

**February 1, 2021** - [\*\*OSO/ADSOEF Scholarship Applications\*\*](https://adsoef.weebly.com/applications--forms.html) Due  
<https://adsoef.weebly.com/applications--forms.html>

**February 15, 2021** - Last Day to Submit  
Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery

**April 9-11, 2021** - OSO State Convention  
**Embassy Suites - Dublin, Ohio**

## Chapter News



Zeta sponsor Barth Gibson presents a rose to initiate Becky Parcher as Zeta sponsor Laura Winkler presents a rose to initiate Julie Gilson.



Zeta initiate Becky Parcher signing the Zeta register. Becky is a second generation Zeta member.



Yes, it is a basketball court! Chi Chapter enjoyed our first in-person meeting while socially distancing and wearing masks in a church gymnasium. Boxed meals were served and plenty of hand sanitizer was on hand!



President Joan Avery initiates new member Donna Hoover at Chi Chapter's October in-person meeting.

## Halloween Scavenger Hunt Fun



Linda Diltz, Roselyn Gadd, Mary Tsimouris, and Elizabeth Kugler.



## **ALPHA DELTA STATE OHIO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DIRECTOR APPLICATION FORM**

**Completed application to be returned electronically by candidate.**

1. NAME:

2. CHAPTER:

3. PRESENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION:

4. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

5. TECHNICAL SKILL LEVEL (computer and Internet access, word processing, etc.)

6. DELTA KAPPA GAMMA EXPERIENCE (committees, offices, conventions attended, etc.)

CHAPTER:

COORDINATING COUNCIL:

STATE:

ADSOEF:

INTERNATIONAL:

7. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND POSITIONS HELD:

8. ADDRESS:

9. EMAIL ADDRESS:

- 1. Share your reasons for your willingness to serve as a Director of ADSOEF.**
- 2. Describe experiences you have with fundraising.**
- 3. Share your expertise and/or experiences in the following areas: financial management, marketing, and non-profit organizations.**
- 4. Include any additional information you believe would be valuable to the Nominating Committee.**

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: Dr. Norma Kirby at [nkkirby@roadrunner.com](mailto:nkkirby@roadrunner.com)

**DEADLINE – JANUARY 15, 2021**