



The Voice

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

A publication of OHIO STATE ORGANIZATION, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Volume 94 - Issue 6 | December 2021

Cathy Tenney, Editor

News From Ohio State Organization

<http://dkgohio.org>

Passion For Our Purposes

Purpose gives birth to hope and instills the passion to act. -Myles Munroe

Remembering Sally Gillmore, Sigma OSO Historian



Sally Gillmore, OSO Historian and Sigma Chapter President, passed away November 5, 2021, at the age of 85. Sally cherished her membership in Delta Kappa Gamma and was an active, loyal member throughout the 42 years she was a member. Sally was a driving force in the publication of *Milestones*, the history of Alpha Delta State (now OSO) from 1938-2009. At the time of her death, Sally was chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for the next edition of *Milestones*; *Milestones* 2009-2021 is almost completed. Since becoming State Historian, Sally archived all of the OSO and ADSOEF documents housed at the Ohio History Connection. She served on the Ad Hoc Committee that created the initial documents for Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation.

Sally loved her membership in Sigma Chapter and served in nearly every chapter office and on every chapter committee. She also loved learning and education. She had the first iPad on the market, and proudly shared with others how it could be used and enhance their everyday lives. Sally lived abroad when her father was in the Army and graduated from the Paris American High School, then graduated from The College of William and Mary with a math degree and went on to Kent State University to earn a degree in Library Science. Sally also served her community as a member of the West Geauga School Board for 32 years and was a member of the ESC of the Western Reserve at the time of her death.

Sally was a wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, librarian, expert seamstress, quilter, avid gardener, and a voracious reader who loved DKG and the friends she made through her membership. Through her service to others and the example she set, Sally created a legacy that made and will continue to make a difference by the life she lived.



DKG Membership Spotlight



Cathy Tenney, Beta Kappa

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International announced the publication of photographs 'Grand Tetons in September' and 'Rocky Mountain Calypso Orchid' by Cathy Tenney, editor of *The Voice*, in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters at www.dkg.org. Cathy's work will be displayed in the gallery for six months.



Luann Cooperrider, Gamma Sigma

Judge Luann Cooperrider, Gamma Sigma Chapter, was awarded An Advocate of Education Hall of Fame Award, from the Southeast Region of Ohio School Boards Association.



Diana Haskell, Gamma Phi

Diana Haskell, Gamma Phi and Treasurer of Ohio State Organization has been nominated to serve on the DKG International Finance Committee

Congratulations to our DKG Sisters for their outstanding accomplishments!

A Message from OSO President, Debby Canter

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Thanks for all of the positive feedback on the OSO "Give Thanks" video by our Editor, Cathy Tenney. It was beautifully done - thank you, Cathy!

We had a good turnout for the Executive Board Meeting on November 13. Committee chairs shared information about the work of each of their committees. Videos of Ohio's First Lady, Fran DeWine, speaking about the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library and First Vice President, Melodie McGee, encouraging all members to join her in the OSO Member "Ship"

can be located on the OSO website to share at your chapter meetings. I mailed 30 folders to chapter presidents, past state presidents, and committee chairs that were unable to attend. Please let me know if you did not receive yours.

I was able to attend two chapter meetings in November - one in Ashland with Beta Chapter and the other in Winchester with Alpha Chi. I enjoyed good food and great company at both meetings and am always happy to speak about OSO. Thanks to Chapter Presidents Vickie Groenke, Ruth Scott, Linda Lawwill and all of the members for their wonderful hospitality.

On November 9, Beta Rho members in Circleville at Head Start and Alpha Delta members in Washington C.H. at the Grace Methodist Preschool represented OSO at Ohio Governor's Imagination Library events with Fran DeWine. It was fun to watch the excitement in the young children as Mrs. DeWine read The Very Hungry Caterpillar to each group. Thank you to both chapters for attending.



Alpha Delta Chapter members with Fran DeWine.



Beta Rho Chapter members with Fran DeWine.

Please watch for an eblast about the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library this month. Fran DeWine and the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library team will be traveling to eleven counties to deliver an exciting announcement about the progress that is being made in Ohio. Chapter members are welcome to attend the events.

OSO will hold a **Leadership Conference on June 10-11, 2022**, at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. On June 10, training will be held for the new chapter presidents and chapter treasurers. Other chapter officers are welcome to attend. On June 11, the Executive Board Meeting will take place along with a general session, two breakout sessions, and the luncheon honoring the outgoing chapter presidents. The Admin Team is also working on a possible Friday evening reception. **Please note that this is a change from the dates previously published.**

I was saddened to hear of the passing of our sister, Sally Gillmore. Sally has been the keeper of our history by archiving documents at the Ohio History Connection and working on our *Milestones* editions. She is the reason I am state president as she “sweet talked” me into accepting the nomination of second vice president a few years ago. Sally definitely had a way about her, and she will be greatly missed.

Enjoy this magical time of year – Happy Holidays to you and your families.

Debby

Remembering Our Lost Sisters



Ruth Norann Amos
Alpha Pi
JoAnn Ewalt
Alpha Pi
Janice Fitts
Theta
Sally Gillmore
Sigma

Chapter News!



Six of our nine remaining Gamma Sigma charter members were presented with a red rose. Charter members present were Marilyn Fehrman, Virginia Mick, Janet Koehler-Wade, Pat Leader, Barb Behrendt and Melody Blake. Not pictured are Carol Clark, Shirley Clark and Carla Sherlock.



Chi Chapter inducted four new members. Cathy Blevins, Carol Harp, Lynn Newton, and Carol Morris. Welcome to Delta Kappa Gamma!



Ohio State Organization Scholarship and Grants Chairman, Marilyn Slusser shared information about the seven scholarship opportunities offered by Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation at the joint November meeting of Beta Eta and Beta Zeta. Pictured left to right: Janet Steffy, Beta Zeta President; Marilyn Slusser; Deb Company and Marsha Reth, Beta Eta Co-Presidents.



Tau Chapter celebrated Evelyn Maroon's (third from the right) 97th birthday at their October meeting. She has been a member of Tau and DKG for 66 years. Pictured from left to right: Nakia Miller, Tau Co-President; Mary Jan Adkins, Evelyn's niece; Mary Sberna, Evelyn's sister; Roberta Leach, Tau Co-President; Evelyn Maroon, Dorothy Winovich, Tau member; and Virginia Medvec, Evelyn's student.



Beta Chi Chapter honored Carlie Powell, former president on her retirement from teaching. Carlie was toasted by close friend Wendy Spoerr who also served as president.



Janice Cool checks out the available baskets prior to Alpha Sigma Chapter's Annual Silent Basket Auction. The auction raised \$239 which will be used to fund service projects this year.



Beta Alpha Chapter collected personal care and hygiene items to donate to the Oak Hill Middle School.



Beta Nu member De Stuckwisch, elementary P.E. teacher raised our awareness about the unique challenges art, music, gym and technology teachers face as they adapt their programs to meet COVID-19 protocols. For example, she used pool noodles as light sabers to play Star Wars tag.



Judy Rosene, a 50 year Gamma Phi member, was presented with a dozen red roses from President Helen Romes.



Seven local DKG chapters representing Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties held their tri-county dinner hosted by Alpha Omega and Delta Delta in Canfield at A La Cart Catering. Eighty members welcomed our special guest, Ohio State Organization President Debby Canter.

Pictured are the current chapter presidents and co-presidents from the tri-county area. Seated, left to right: Marsha Terry, Alpha Omega; Leana Spencer, Alpha Omega; Pam Todd, Alpha Iota; Debby Canter. Standing, left to right: Marianne Modarelli, Delta Delta; Mary Bumstead, Beta Chi; Sharon Jarvis, Beta Chi; Jane Snowberger, Delta Delta; Holly Buente, Gamma Pi; Kathy Murdock, Gamma Pi. Missing from the picture are Debbie VanArsdale, Mu and Sandra Thorndike, Beta Pi.



Margaret Murph, Jane Houser and several other Gamma Phi Chapter member helped with the setup at Cincinnati's 2021 Flying Pig Marathon.

 “Tis the Season of Treasuring ‘The Gifts’
on the Delta Kappa Gamma OSO ‘Member’ SHIP”

As we gather together in our various OSO Chapters on the ‘Member’ SHIP Cruise let’s remember the special gifts that we have in each of our members during this season. Recall some of the special memories that you shared with members of your sisterhood. Think about the trips or places that you had the opportunities to visit with members of your chapter and other sister chapters in DKG! Remind yourself about all the knowledge you gained from the workshops you attended, authors you met, artists you heard, and speakers you experienced. Close your eyes and remember the tastes and smells of the delicious food, drinks, and those delectable desserts that were consumed at the many Delta Kappa Gamma Society luncheons, banquets, breakfasts, and fellowships.

Every OSO member should be appreciated for all of their talents, wisdom, strength, expertise, knowledge, roles as educators, along with their honors, recognitions, and accomplishments, and much more.

You... are a ‘Special Gift’ to be unwrapped and valued, not just during this season but every season!

Remember this acronym **G-I-F-T**, as “The Gift” that is wrapped up inside of each of you.

G- stands for being **Generous Givers**...As DKG sisters each of you give/have given of your time, talents, and special touches to your students you serve or have served as well as givers of your time and talents to DKG!

I- reminds you of how your passion for DKG **Ignites**... Each of you has a sparkling flame (that never goes out) of hope, passion, and love for our Delta Kappa Gamma Society and a desire to keep it alive!

F- means that each of you are ... **Fabulous, Fantastic, and Faithful**... Sisters in DKG!

T-is for being a **Tremendous Treasure** as a member of our DKG sisterhood along with being a valuable ‘Totally Together’ educator in your community impacting the world.

Thank you for sharing your “Gift” ... Delta Kappa Gamma sister, YOU are a Treasure!

Happy Holidays to Each of You!

Melodie A. McGee, Membership Chair
Gamma Nu Chapter



Generosity with Philanthropy in the Giving Season!

**Hooray!!! WE exceeded the matching gift challenge for Giving Tuesday!
The sponsor of the \$840.00 match will make her donation today.**



You've unlocked generosity, so now let's keep donations coming in for **"Be the Spark...Light our Flame"**. Together we are striving to meet the \$8,400.00 goal, established in honor of the 84th Birthday of Ohio DKG. Chapter Presidents and Chapter Representatives will have contribution forms to share with you. The contribution form is available on the Foundation website at adseof.org. Another option: use your credit card/PayPal by going to the website.

Charitable giving by the end of December 2021 may offer a tax advantage (check with your tax professional).

COMING SOON TO YOUR INBOX!

Beginning in January 2022, news from Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation will be sent to members on the fifteenth of each month in the ADSOEF Newsletter! The Directors are excited about this opportunity to share Foundation news with you in a new format. Our goal is to keep the newsletter brief, informative and enjoyable. We welcome your input and suggestions as we launch the ADSOEF newsletter. Check your inbox on January 15, 2022, for the inaugural edition!

ADSOEF DONOR RECOGNITION



“Be the SPARK . . . Light Our Flame!” Donor Recognition

Anonymous

Beth Archer

 In memory of Sally Gillmore

Jim & Jay Bahnsen

 In memory of Pat Stetson

Lona P. Bowman

Holly Buente

Margaret Brooks

Debby Canter

 In memory of Helen Anderson

Patricia Cermak

 In honor of Barbara Smith

Kathryn Cryder

Andrea Dean

Linda Diltz

 In honor of Beta Rho Chapter

Karen Dombrowski

 In memory of Marleen McManus

Terri Duesing

Norma Frederick

 In honor of Donna Myers

Linda Geyer

Alice Harker

Linda Harrison

Dr. Norma Kirby

 In honor of Katie Gantz, Gamma Phi

Linda Lawwill

Kathy McClendon

 In honor of Kathryn L. Smith, new member
 of Zeta Chapter

Jane Meese

 In memory of Bevan Barnett with his wife,
 Mrs. Jacqueline Barnett

Betty Monahan

Patty Ondrus

Sandra Proaccio

 In honor of Kaitlin Nime

Sandy Royer

 In honor of Veterans who are teachers

Linda Ruehrmund

 In memory of Marjorie Bigham

Judith Ruen

Nancy Russell

Cathy Tenney

 In honor of Dr. Norma Kirby

Ann Todd

 In memory of Sally Gillmore

Judy Valentine

 In memory of Eileen Young

Alpha Delta Chapter

Beta Nu Chapter

 In memory of former Chapter President,
 Peggy Gentile

Introducing the ADSOEF Governance Committee

The Foundation Governance Committee is responsible for governance documents, including Bylaws and any accompanying policies and procedures that enable the Board to operate with a deliberate system of principles, to guide decisions, and to achieve rational and consistent outcomes. In addition to working with the full Board and with individual Board committees, the Governance Committee researches best practices and guidelines to inform the development of Foundation documents. Taking into consideration Directors' input and recommended best practice, the Governance Committee drafts or revises policies and procedures for each Board committee to review and correct, and for full-Board approval.

The Committee updates policies and procedures at the request of any Board Director, Board committee, or ADSOEF member and according to a Board-approved schedule for review. The Committee also has the responsibility to develop the *Board of Directors Handbook: A Guide to Governing and Operating*.

Thanks to M. Kathryn McClendon, Zeta; Joyce Jones-Weinkam, Gamma Xi; Dr. Norma Kirby, Alpha Delta, Ex-Officio committee member; and Karyn Kern-Lazear, Gamma Phi, Chairman, who serve on the ADSOEF Governance Committee.

If you are interested in serving on a Foundation committee, please contact Dr. Norma Kirby at nkkirby@roadrunner.com.
chapter of life!

News from the ADSEOF Governance Committee

During the past two years, the Governance Committee has been extremely busy making revisions to the ADSOEF Bylaws as well as reviewing, updating, and/or eliminating unneeded Policies and Procedures that govern the Foundation. At this time, the Committee does not anticipate the need to make any revisions to the Bylaws but is aware that this could change. There have not been any requests from the Directors to develop new Policies or Procedures during the Board of Directors meetings. Policies and procedures are reviewed every two years from their dates of adoption, so during the next two years, the Committee will conduct reviews based upon these dates. As a reminder, the Bylaws and Policies are on the ADSOEF web page for you to review. If you have any questions and/or concerns about either of these, please contact me at lazearkaryn@gmail.com.

Karyn Kern-Lazear, ADSOEF Governance Committee Chairman