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Renew Recapture Respond

A Message from OSO President Melodie McGee



Greetings, it's a beautiful day today in the OSO Delta Kappa Gamma Society neighborhood!

During the month of November, we will soon be coming to sit at a special piece of furniture called a dining room table that brings friends and family together. It is at this table; we will remember all the many things that we are grateful for when we gather around this table during the Thanksgiving season. When I place a bouquet of multi-colored roses for the centerpiece on our table, I'm reminded of the different members we have or have had sitting around our OSO chapters tables.

The **red roses** remind me of our active members who are serving in various roles in our OSO chapters. The **pink roses** remind me of our former members who were once a part of our OSO chapters but faded away for different reasons … but those we can invite back to rejoin our chapters in various ways. Then there are the White Roses that remind me of our OSO sisters who have transitioned or passed away and are no longer with us, but the memory of each of them will always remain in our hearts and minds.

So come sit at our OSO table with me and remember the experiences we shared together as members of DKG. Let's recall the many birthday luncheons, and banquets where we met together and shared meals during the conventions along with the Executive Board Meetings too! It was at the table, we shared stories of our classroom journeys about being instructors, principals, reading, speech, and hearing invention specialists, in addition to higher education professionals just to name the many different types of roles we share as educators from year to year, then we sang the Delta Kappa Gamma song in harmony like roses that were in full bloom.

This November I hope that each of you will enjoy your table experiences and in the words of Kerrygold.com "May Your Table Always Be Full!"

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

May you enjoy the crispness of the autumn breezes, the wonderful tastes of the season, and making memories with your friends and families!

Melodies' Meaningful Memoirs…

News from The International Non-Dues Revenue Committee…

What is Non-Dues Revenue? Non-dues revenue comes from sources other than dues. Additional money helps the chapter, the state organization, and International, while providing quality benefits to members and ensuring the sustainability of the Society. The Non-Dues Revenue (NDR) Committee is opening doors for new methods and possibilities for financial support.

Even non-dues revenue chapter and state organizations can earn non-dues revenue by using following ideas.
1. Offer an auction at chapter meetings and/or state conferences 2. Be a vendor at international conferences and/or state conferences 3. Sell gently used purses, scarves, jewelry 4. Hold a garage sale 5. Sell handmade items 6. Partner with a restaurant and receive a percentage of the sales 7. Buy the house for a local theater performance and resell tickets at a markup. 8. "Pay" at meeting to "Brag" 9. Recycled ink cartridges and electronic devices There are many creative ways to earn money for the chapter and the state.

If you care to share your ideas, please email Linda Perl at chiscottsdale@gmail.com. Non-Dues Revenue Goals: 1. Develop resources that support the financial needs of the Society. (1.A.4.) 2. Promote current financial resources 3. Establish additional types of membership affiliations (Constitution: XIV.A.1) and 4. Attend to the sustainability of the Society (1.C.3.)

Renew Recapture Respond…

May each of you have a bouquet of red roses in your lives every day…

Melodie





Gamma Nu Chapter celebrated Sister Barbara Cleveland's 50 years in Delta Kappa Gamma with a special DKG pin as well as a speech of gratitude and dedication from OSO State President Melodie McGee, the honoree's daughter. Sister Cleveland was initiated in 1974 and continues her work in education by sharing her time with Working with Faith and Action, Inc. and ADAMH Board of Franklin County Grants.



Linda V. Ruehrmund
Gamma

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Alpha Theta

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Alpha Lambda

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Beta Zeta

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HELLO, You Are Needed!

Calling YOU to share your expertise for Excellence in Education! The OSO 2025 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 1, 2024**. 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 for attending.

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.

Link to online application form:
https://forms.gle/gvf41QPp4PUq9cis8



The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is pleased to announce that four Ohio State Organization members have had their photographs and two-dimensional artwork selected for publication in the DKG 2024 Fall Gallery of Fine Arts which will be available for viewing online sometime in mid-November 2024 until mid-April 2025. The four OSO members are:

- Janis Arnold, Nu Rho Chapter - color photograph, *Blooming at Bellingrath*
- Beverly Babbert, Delta Theta Chapter - color photograph, *Drink Up!*
- Melissa Hackett, Gamma Pi Chapter - two-dimensional artwork *Transparency* and a color photograph, *The Painter*
- Cathy Tenney, Beta Kappa Chapter - two color photographs, the *Pueblo Potter* and Mt*. Moran, The Tetons*

Congratulations, ladies, on your accomplishments and representing OSO and sharing your creativity with our DKG sisters!



Mu
Evelyn Dearing

Alpha Delta
Guyanna K. Black
Ginger Hixson
Melissa R. Mustain
Amy J. Nestor
Heather R. Ward

Alpha Tau
Christine Crawford

Beta Delta
Lydia Schramm
Sara Wilson

Delta Alpha
Beverly Atkins

Delta Iota
Nancy Twynham

Reinstated Members
Alpha Psi
Alisha Mumford
Betty A. Caw
Linda Lee Cope

Delta Alpha
Patricia Bray



Ohio State Organization Needs You!

Step up key educators! Throw your hat into the ring and apply online for one of the 2025-2027 OSO **state officer** positions or area representative on the Nominating Committee.

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary

Keep DKG strong! Your leadership, talent and creativity are needed. The application link is at the end of this article. Apply today. Thank you.

Shirley Moore, Chairman, Gamma Nu
Karen Dunn, Alpha Psi
Dr. Norma Kirby, Alpha Delta
Cynthy Kleman, Beta Eta
Marilyn Kretschman, Gamma Iota

https://tinyurl.com/7scfxj63

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 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 published, Ohio members will be notified via Constant Contact.

Inside International Dates for 2024
Tuesday, November 5 @ 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Deadline Extended for the DKGIEF Cornetet Professional Development Award

Are you a procrastinator and are you still considering applying for a Cornetet Professional Development Award? This is your golden opportunity! The application deadline has been extended to November 8. The website will be down beginning October 25th but DKG International Headquarters will be available via chat or telephone: 512-478-5748. There is still time for your application. Tick… Tick…Tick…

OSO-DKG Membership and Chapter Update

Active Members	2,046
Collegiate Members	3
Reserve Members	282
Total Memberships	2,331
Ohio Chapters	68

OSO-DKG Financial Update July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024

Statement of Financial Activity

Revenue	$ 28,682.00
Unrealized Revenue	$ 7,571.00*
Total Revenue	$ 36,253.00
Expenses	$ 10,328.00
Net Income	$ 25,925.00

*Investment interest & dividends + change in market value – management expenses

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets	$ 40,277.00
Investments Assets	$225,997.00
Total Assets	$266,274.00
Liabilities	$ 500.00
Total Equity	$265,774.00

Diana Haskell, Gamma Phi
OSO Treasurer

DKGIEF Emergency Fund

As we have been aghast at the incredible damage caused by the recent hurricanes, our hearts have gone out to all those impacted by the violent weather. We have wondered and worried about our DKG sisters and wondered how we might help. It is possible through the Emergency Fund which gives any member affected by natural disasters immediate financial aid. You can contribute and be a member helping members.

Sign onto to DKG.org and click on the rotator featuring the Emergency Fund or go to DKGIEF and click on the Emergency Fund. Our Ohio sisters have received help in the past and we can help those now in need.

I was recently asked, "What does DKG Ohio State Organization pay for with our dues?"

What a great question she asked! Expense vouchers totaling $17,068 were signed by President McGee during the period July 1 - September 30. OSO used $13.00, the full active member Ohio dues, of 1,313 chapter sisters to pay the first quarter expenses of the fiscal year. This is what your Ohio dues paid for during this period and how many active members were needed to make these payments:

Management	$3,280 = the Ohio dues of 252 active members
Supplies	$625 = the Ohio dues of 48 active members
Committee Mileage	$86 = the Ohio dues of 7 active members
Contributions	$500 = the dues of 38 active members
International Convention	$6,912 = the Ohio dues of 532 active members
Fall Executive Board	$4,286 = the Ohio dues of 330 active members
Member Engagement	$958 = the Ohio dues of 74 active members
OSO Convention	$421 = the Ohio dues of 32 active members

DKG Purpose # 5 is to endow awards to aid members in pursuing personal and professional growth and to provide grants to non-member educators.

DKG Ohio members continue to support their DKG sisters and non-members at the chapter level.

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Awards to DKG Members	32 awards $7,799	19 awards $4,596
Grants to Non-Members	103 grants $48,068	113 grants $41,242

Diana Haskell, Gamma Phi
OSO Treasurer

FINAL REMINDER
CHAPTER YEARBOOKS
DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Happenings Around the Buckeye State



Delta Kappa Chapter recognized Barbara Kimmel for her 50 years as a member of DKG by presenting her with a 50-year pin.



Alpha Phi Chapter enjoyed a breakfast brunch at the beautiful home of President Robin Prewitt. As we enjoyed our brunch prepared by Robin and Carole Haines, we had some positive conversations about where our small but mighty group is headed this year. Pictured from left to right: Linda Beaver, Linda Rinehart, Robin Prewitt, Bryanne Peck, and Lynn Martin.



Gamma Lambda and Phi Chapters held a joint meeting at Dontino's La Vita Gardens. Eleni Pamboukis from ACCESS, a shelter for homeless women and children located in Akron, was our guest speaker. Gamma Lambda and Ph Chapters made a monetary donation as well as gift cards to ACCESS.

SAVE THE DATE!

OSO State Convention
April 4-5, 2025
Deer Creek State Park Lodge
Mt. Sterling, Ohio

All OSO- DKG members are invited. Come! Network! Learn! Enjoy!
Have you put these dates on your calendar?



Delta Theta Chapter celebrated their September Kick Off with a brunch at the home of Carmel Jenkins. Pictured from left to right are Carmel Jenkins, Co-President; Paralee Goudlock, Brenda Steinhoff, Karen Simpson, Co-Secretary; Peggy Stevens, Debbie Wirth, Esther Roope, Margaret Archangel, Gwen Miller, and Ellen Anglim Co-President.



Alpha Xi Chapter members brought items to assemble birthday bags for a local food pantry. These kits contain items to help families in need celebrate the important people in their lives, no matter their current circumstances. Birthday kits include items like birthday decorations, as well as supplies to make and serve a birthday cake for the special guest, and cards signed by the members wishing them a great year.



Gamma Upsilon will be celebrating a 60-year charter in 2025. Throughout the year Gamma Upsilon is *Soaring through the Decades* to share, learn, and celebrate its heritage. In September Gamma Upsilon was pleased to have OSO President Melodie McGee as a special guest, sharing facts from the 70s. She spoke of her initiative o*n Domestic Violence* and participated in the installation of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium.







Gamma Theta Chapter went to one of our local women's shelters in Northeast Ohio called WomenSafe Inc.-The Green House. The center provides shelter for women, children, men, the elderly, and the LGBTQ+ community that are experiencing domestic violence. After the initial presentation, one-half of the group sorted and folded clothes, while the other half of the group participated in an art therapy activity. The members of our Gamma Theta Chapter donated various items and/or contributed to the monetary donation of $500 to this organization.



Beta Chi Chapter had a festive Halloween theme with some members in costume for their October meeting. Co-Presidents Mary Bumstead and Marilyn Stanton present Past Presidents Wendy Spoerr and Ann Fetrow awards for their leadership in the previous biennium.

Delta Phi and Alpha Psi Chapters enjoyed time together at The Wilds in Cumberland, Ohio, followed by lunch at the Georgetown Tavern on the Hill in Cambridge.





Let's Get Ready for the Zoom OSO Chapter Presidents and Co-Presidents *Fireside Chat* in November!

As we prepare for our OSO Chapter President and Co-Presidents Zoom *Fireside Chat* on November 21, 2024, I am looking forward to meeting exclusively during this Zoom time with **just us**, our OSO chapter presidents and co-presidents to have some special time to share together.

Each month it's our time to get together for just one hour to share some of the positive moments that we've experienced during that month with our chapters as well as the different *challenges* we've had in our chapters. We also share information with our OSO chapter presidents and co-presidents along with encouraging affirmations! Our OSO chapter presidents and co - presidents have an opportunity to share strategies to solve challenges they might have faced within their chapters and share how they may have experienced successes solving those challenges with other chapters. We will also collaborate to establish a Membership Strategy Plan with our OSO First Vice-President Dr. Molly using the R~E~A~C~H Initiative Plan.

We look forward to seeing all our OSO chapter presidents and co-presidents on our Zoom *Fireside Chat* on Thursday November 21 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

OSO President Melodie McGee,
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Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 1, 2024
Final Day to Submit Chapter Yearbooks

November 8, 2024
Deadline Extended
DKGIEF Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Applications Due

November 5, 2024
Inside International @ 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

November 10, 2024
Deadline to Submit Photos for the December Issue of *The Voice*

December 1, 2024
President's Page
DKG.org >Publications>President's Page

December 3, 2024
Inside International @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

January 2, 2025
OSO Elected Positions Application Due

