



# The Voice

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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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## Passion For Our Purposes

**To have meaning, our lives require both passion and purpose. A life without passion is like a furnace without fuel, and without purpose, like a ship without a rudder.**

- Mardy Grothe



Roz Gadd, Beta Chi Chapter, won the “Best of Show” award ribbon for a floral entry in the Canfield Fair, one of Ohio’s largest fairs.



Carol Hart, Beta Chi Chapter, won many award ribbons for her quilting entries, also from the Canfield Fair.



Fran Wilhelm, Beta Gamma Chapter, received an’ Honorable Mention Award’ by the Garden Clubs of Ohio for writing an essay on how their club remained connected during a Pandemic. The Herb Guild awarded her with score of 97% based on their criteria for an entry.

**Congratulations to all of our OSO Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters for their honors and recognitions. We are so proud of your accomplishments!**

## The Voice is Evolving

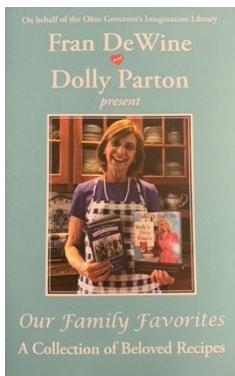
Over the past few years our state newsletter, *The Voice*, has been a great way for our leaders to provide important information to chapters and their members. However, there is always room for improvement.

You may have noticed the October online edition looked a little different and was significantly shorter. We decided it was time to change things up a little and those of us on the OSO Communications/Marketing Committee are working hard to transition to a more exciting, energizing, and reader friendly format. You will notice even more changes in coming editions!

PLEASE take a few minutes to read *The Voice* each month and provide feedback regarding what we can do to make it even better. We want members to find it informative and interesting..

Katie Gantz, Gamma Phi  
Communications/Marketing Chair

## A Shout Out!



I want to begin with a shout out to Alice Harker and Carla Mavis of Beta Rho Chapter in Circleville. I was attending a Rotary Meeting with OGIL and was looking for the restroom. A lady came around the corner and was pointing me in the right direction when both of us realized we knew each other behind our face masks. Alice and I had a good laugh as it was very unexpected. Alice introduced me to Carla (they were both volunteering at the church) and I was able to give them each a cookbook with Fran DeWine and Dolly Parton's family recipes.



We had a little technology problem that we were unaware of until Ruth Scott of Alpha Chi sent an email asking about her request for a state officer visit since I had not responded. I had actually been wondering why I wasn't getting any requests for visits. Your requests were not getting to me even though the message was showing that they were sent. I contacted our webmaster, Eileen McNally, and she persevered until the problem was resolved. The forms have started coming to my email and I have been making plans to attend chapter meetings around the state. Thank you Ruth and Eileen!



I attended Beta Alpha Chapter's meeting on Friday, September 10 in Rio Grande. I was able to provide some information about our state initiatives, use of the new member kit on the DKG website and answer questions. Basketball great Jerry Lucas, a.k.a. "Dr. Memory", was the guest speaker. Mr. Lucas was a standout at Ohio State University and played for the New York Knicks before retiring to pursue endeavors in education. He is currently developing a website to help children learn by using memory techniques.

On Saturday, September 11, I made the trip to Iberia to meet with the members of Lambda Chapter. We had some excitement before the meeting, and I was given the OK to share this

in the newsletter. A few of the members were stuck in the elevator and had to be rescued by a member's husband. He got it working only to have two more members get stuck. After the rescues, I was able to share much of the same information as I did the evening before. After practicing on Beta Alpha, the night before, I can assure you that Lambda had a much better speaker at their meeting. I thoroughly enjoyed attending both chapter meetings.

Due to the surge in the Delta Variant of COVID 19, I've had some questions, concerns and requests about the November 13 Executive Board Meeting. As of right now, the meeting will be held in person. The cost of having a hybrid meeting - the choice of attending in person or viewing by Zoom Meeting - is not an option as the cost would be very high. If the situation declines, we will hold the board meeting with Zoom. Stay tuned.

As far as your chapter meetings go at this time, that is a decision your chapters will need to make. Please refer to your chapter rules and make decisions based on what is best for your members. Some have voiced concerns about Gold Key requirements and chapter business. That will all be taken into consideration.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year.

Debby

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## Chapter News From Around Ohio



The members of Beta Gamma Chapter enjoyed a wine tasting event given by Sarida Volante, employee of Vermillion Valley.

Alpha Psi Chapter's active retired teachers met to create "Welcome Back" treat bags. It was important for us to show our support and appreciation to our chapter's working DKG teachers.



## **“K” in DKG – Kids and The Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library Program**

The DKG of our OSO President’s Initiatives started with the “D”, Donate, last month. A future *Voice* issue will focus on the “G”, Girl Scouts Delta Kappa Gamma Curriculum. For October, we focus on the “K”, Kids and The Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library Program.



The Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library is a program that provides every Ohio child from birth to age five with a free book each month. Through a partnership with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, this program is free to all families in Ohio. All parents or grandparents have to do is enroll their kids/grandkids at [OhiolImaginationLibrary.org](http://OhiolImaginationLibrary.org).

Currently, 40% of eligible kids are enrolled across the state. That totals to 290,543 kids receiving a book each month!

Your help is needed in raising awareness for the program and enrolling more kids! Here are few ideas of how you can help:

- Ask your friends who are grandparents if their grandkids (under the age of five) are enrolled.
- Reach out to a trusted community center, like a bookstore or rec center, to see if they would be willing to partner with the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library and help promote the program!
- Send the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library’s team your ideas of organizations they should reach out and partner within your community!
- Reach out to your county’s affiliate and ask how you can be helpful in supporting them. Find your county’s affiliate [here](#).
- Invite your county’s Imagination Library affiliate to your chapter’s next meeting!

Each month, kids who are enrolled receive high quality, age-appropriate books. Here are the books they received this August:

- Kids who were just enrolled: *The Little Engine That Could*
- Newborns to 1 year old: *Pudgy Peek a Boo*
- Ages <1 to 1+ (turning 1): *Home Builders*
- Ages < 2- 2\* (turning 2): *There's a Hole in the Log*
- Ages < 3- 3+ (turning 3): *Hair Love*
- Ages < 4- 4+ (turning 4): *The Beach is Loud*
- Ages < 5- 5 (turning 5): *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*
- Kids who turned 5 and graduated from the program: *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come*

Let’s use our influence as leading women educators to help start a new chapter in early childhood literacy across all of our great state of Ohio!

Michele Maniskas  
Education Excellence Committee Chair  
OSO Second Vice President

## Chapter Newsletters

Newsletters should be emailed to each of the following:

[president@dkgohio.org](mailto:president@dkgohio.org)  
[editor@dkgohio.org](mailto:editor@dkgohio.org)

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### A Look Back – *Milestones II*

Have you served on an International Committee? Have you received an International Scholarship, Award, Funding for Professional Development or Educational Project? If so, **your time is now** to let your Ohio sisters know of your accomplishments!

Your leadership and commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma deserves to be recognized and named in the soon to be released ***Milestones II***. This document captures the history of Delta Kappa Gamma Ohio members through words and photographs.

The ***Milestones II*** committee is eager to hear from Ohio member leaders who served or received monetary awards, scholarships and/or funding at the International level. Kindly send your name, chapter, committee or award, scholarship and/or funding and the year(s) at your earliest convenience to [DianaHaskell1@gmail.com](mailto:DianaHaskell1@gmail.com).

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### Remembering Our Lost Sisters



## **The Time has Come to Announce The 2021-2022 OSO Membership Promotion**

The Membership Committee presents “The 2021-2022 OSO Member “SHIP” Cruise Campaign.” We will be unveiling the detailed plans for ways to increase our OSO Chapters’ Membership for 2021-2022 during the upcoming November Fall Executive Board Meeting.

Until then....

Come aboard and Join OSO Membership,  
With Women Educators from Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,  
Sail Along with Key Women Educators who impact the world effectively.  
We invite, We advance, We inform, OSO Women, who seek excellence in education.  
We support, We honor, and give scholarships and grants too!  
Don’t delay come join today...Come aboard the DKG OSO Member-SHIP!

We look forward to presenting official ‘OSO Passports’ to Chapter Presidents to report and record the many prospective “OSO Chapter Members” that will be boarding and becoming new and/ or returning Delta Kappa Gamma Society sisters on our 2021-2022 OSO Member “SHIP”!

Melodie A. McGee, Gamma Nu  
Membership Chair

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### **What is the World Fellowship Program?**

If you’re anything like me, you need to refresh your memory now and then. Although some things may never change - like “Why did I come in here?” or “Now, what was I looking for?” and “Where did I put my keys, glasses, etc?” – some memories just need a little nudge to come back into the light. So, I am going to give everyone a crash course on the origin and continuation of our World Fellowship Program, as well as some money-making suggestions. The following is taken from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International’s official flyer:

“The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948.”

“Then in 1952, along with UNESCO, DKG provided special help for Korean women. The current program began to take shape in 1958-60. In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee and in 1974, both state and chapter committees became part of the Constitution.”

Pop Quiz: When did the program begin?

Fundraising ideas: simply pass the basket at meetings, have a *worldly dessert fair*, a raffle, a white elephant sale, or a 50-50 raffle. These suggestions are taken from our very own OSO website.

More facts and fundraising ideas in the next issue!

Jeanne Bennett, Alpha Gamma  
World Fellowship Committee Chair



Find everything about your  
Alpha Delta State  
Ohio Educational Foundation  
at  
[adsoef.org](http://adsoef.org)



Be the SPARK...  
Light our Flame!

Contributions are requested for  
**The programs of Alpha Delta State  
Ohio Educational Foundation  
(without restriction)**

**The 84th Birthday of Delta Kappa  
Gamma in OHIO is January 22, 2022.**

Together, let's raise \$8,400 for this year's  
Educational Foundation program funds!  
Checks payable to ADSOEF with contribution  
form or go to [adsoef.org](http://adsoef.org) to use your credit  
card.





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The programs of Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation

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## Contribution Form

*Yes*, I want to contribute to my Educational Foundation and have an impact on excellence in education.

- If you wish to make your gift in honor or in memory of a special person, we will send an acknowledgment of your kindness.
- Contributions or bequests are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
- Checks should be made payable to Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation (ADSOEF) and should be mailed with this form to:

Dr. Lois Harkins, Treasurer  
12 North Shafer St.  
Athens, OH 45701-2303

Online donations and recurring donations using credit card or PayPal may be made at [adsoef.org](http://adsoef.org) select **DONATE NOW** button. This link offers you a one time or recurring donation option.

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# ADSOEF NEWS

## Introducing ADSOEF Committees

Your Foundation Committees will be highlighted and introduced in *The Voice*. This month we are highlighting the Marketing and Educational Services Committees. If you are interested in serving on a Foundation committee, please contact Dr. Norma Kirby at [nkkirby@roadrunner.com](mailto:nkkirby@roadrunner.com).

The **Marketing Committee** is responsible to develop a marketing strategy that promotes the Foundation and encourages member and recipient involvement and investment in both the Foundation Mission and Purposes. The Marketing Committee uses a variety of methods to “get the word out” about ADSOEF and works with all Foundation committees to communicate and promote their work. Thanks to Rebecca Doak, Laura Davis, Judy Rank, Katie Gantz, and Jackie Thase-Burch, Chairman, who serve on the ADSOEF Marketing Committee.

The **Educational Services Committee** is responsible for administering the Foundation’s Individual/Classroom/Community Project, Leadership Development, and Lifelong Learning awards. The Committee manages and supports all aspects of the award processes from the application through the award cycle. Thanks to Karen Dunn, Jane Morner, Melodie McGee, Mary Burkhardt, and Chris Snoddy, Chairman.

The Board of Director Chairman serves as an ad-hoc member on all committees except the Nominating Committee.

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### **Alpha Delta State Educational Foundation’s Newest A. Margaret Boyd International Fellowship Recipient Brenda Rojas**



The Foundation would like to introduce to all OSO members Brenda Rojas from Paraguay. Brenda arrived on August 23, in Columbus to continue her studies at The Ohio State University.

She wants to earn a Master’s degree in Educational Policy. It is her goal through this program, that she will have the opportunity to examine and understand the problems of contemporary policies that affect the educational environment.

She hopes to acquire the knowledge that will help her create educational strategies that will have an impact on the educational system of her country. She stated in her dossier, “For several years I volunteered as an English teacher in a community center in Pacu-cua, one of the most deprived neighborhoods in my city, as I realized how poverty and social inequality are present in the reality of many people, and how they feel limited in fulfilling their dreams.”

Brenda is still adjusting to what it is like to find her way around the OSU campus and the city of Columbus. She currently uses the bus for her means of transportation but hopes to be able

to acquire a driver's license to travel without the bus. Brenda is eager to meet our members and learn about our Society. We have been in contact, and her birthday is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, she will be able to attend the Ohio State Organization Executive Board meeting on November 13 and get to meet many of our chapter presidents at that time.

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## **ADSOEF Educational Services Opportunities**

The Educational Services Committee has the fun job of granting money in three categories. Consider applying today! The funds are dispersed on a first-come, first-serve basis. So, if you wait until the end of the fiscal year or even after May 1<sup>st</sup>, the funds may not be available. Applications are available at [www.adsoef.org](http://www.adsoef.org). The following awards were given in the fiscal year 2020-2021.

**Leadership Awards** – Three Leadership awards were granted in July 2020. Diana Haskell and Meier Bauer (both Gamma Phi Chapter members) attended a webinar about nonprofit governance and legal compliance. Diana was the ADSOEF treasurer and Meier was on the Board of Directors. They gained valuable knowledge about bylaws, policies, procedures, and the legal requirements of nonprofit organizations in Ohio. In addition, Diana Haskell also attended training on using QuickBooks for nonprofit organizations, which continues to strengthen her leadership as the OSO treasurer.

**Lifelong Learning Awards** – Two were approved in June 2021. One was the speaker's fee for Leila Kubesch's three Biennial Seminar workshops in June (see the article in the July Voice). The second was for Kimberly Lewis' (Delta Epsilon) graduate classes in the administrative field of Director of Pupil Services (article in this October edition of The Voice).

**Educational Projects Awards** - There were no applications for this fund in 2020-2021, so none were awarded.

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## **Why? Lifelong Learning. Why?**

I think I am a perpetual four-year old. Why? Exactly. Like a curious and constantly learning child, I have always wanted to know the why, even when I wasn't supposed to ask "why," as when I was in the military.

Many things in the armed forces have procedures and rules, and one of the most important things is "chain of command" which can stop curiosity along the way. However, even then, I would sometimes ask why and actually a few minor procedures had changed in my unit. The military helped pay for my college and helped me mature and grow.

Delta Kappa Gamma has helped me pay for college and grow as well. During my first master's degree, I received a couple of DKG international and Alpha Delta State scholarships/grants. I am grateful for the support both organizations have given me. Not just the financial support, but the awarding of those funds is an indicator from others I am doing the right thing. They are

looking at lifelong learning through a separate evaluation process with a set of criteria and validating that I have taken the correct path. I have been teaching science for 23 years.

Over the past 16 years I have been drawn to the workings in student services, mostly working with school counselors. Things like scheduling, course development, movement of students, EMIS coding, etc., have been areas of the job that seemed interesting to me. Many times, I have assisted student (pupil) services in these areas, especially matching courses with EMIS coding and teacher certification. With this growing interest, I started exploring a school counseling program, but realized most school counselors are performing duties outside of their training. They are counselors!

I am so excited to be taking courses at the University of the Cumberlands in the administration field of Director of Pupil Personnel. I never thought I would be on this journey, as I love working in the classroom and bringing science to students, but I think I have found a second home in DPP, and I am thankful for ADSOEF for the support and faith that I am going where I need to go. I am a lifelong learner, always asking “why,” and this Lifelong Learning Award is greatly appreciated.

Kimberly Lewis, Delta Epsilon

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# ADSOEF DONOR RECOGNITION



## Chapter Yearbooks are due NOVEMBER 1, 2021

Refer to the August 2021 revised guidelines sent to all chapter presidents and also available on [dkgohio.org](http://dkgohio.org)

Email a PDF file to each of the following:

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 1, 2021** – Chapter Yearbooks Due

**November 13, 2021** - OSO Executive Board Meeting  
Dublin Embassy Suites

**June 9-10, 2022** (Tentative) - OSO Executive Board Meeting  
New Chapter Presidents' Training  
Dublin Embassy Suites