

The Voice

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



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A Message from OSO President Melodie McGee



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

As we enter the month of April we are sometimes greeted with different degrees of showers of rain. During the fall, I received from a Joint Chapter Luncheon and Meeting in Cincinnati sponsored by Delta Psi a beautiful plant called a Spider Plant.

Since I received that plant, I placed it a sunny window, fertilized, watered, and nurtured it in numerous ways. It has grown, thrived and even began to propagate. This plant looks like it's raining smaller plants growing out from it. This plant reminded me about the knowledge that we sprinkle, drip, and sometimes even pour into the members of our OSO Chapters.

During the month April, let's reign down on our chapter members knowledge from our Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website. Let's help them explore/discover the benefits of being a member of our Society including the opportunities for leadership, discounts, recognitions, financial assistance, publishing, advocacy, along with travel and networking opportunities. As we provide this information to our chapter members they too will absorb and take in the knowledge, then share this information with others about some of the benefits that you gain by becoming a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. This will encourage members of DKG to share these benefits with other women educators about reasons why they should become members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society too!

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

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Melodies' Meaningful Memoirs...

As we get closer to the July Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in National Harbor, MD, make sure that you read and be informed about the 2024 Proposed Amendments in the March/April DKG News and then join in the Questions and Answers Meeting Sessions on the Delta Kappa Gamma International website on April 2 at 1:30 p.m. ET or April 17 at 11:00 a.m. ET or May 1 at 10:00 a.m. ET. Stay tuned in to the DKG International website to receive the latest/current information!

Let's continue to reign and shower down the knowledge of the benefits of being a Member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society as we....

Let's continue to soar and fly high together as we...

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

Melodie

Election Requirements for New Members

Some members have expressed confusion for electing new members. I would like to clarify any misunderstandings.

The International Constitution:

Article III Section A. Membership

1. Membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be invitation. A member inducted into the Society becomes a member of the International Society, in addition to a state organization and/or a chapter.
2. An individual becomes a member of the Society when she pays her dues.

Article III Section C. Election

1. A candidate for active or collegiate membership shall be selected by the method established by the chapter's rules.
2. A candidate for honorary membership at the chapter, state organization, or international level shall be elected by the method established by the respective executive board.

What does this mean? The only requirement from International and the State is that an incoming member be invited by a current member. This is not a change in the International Constitution, it is the same in the 2018 International Constitution. It simply has come to light recently with some members.

However, chapter rules may include the requirement that members vote on acceptance of a new member. If this is a requirement in your chapter rules, you may continue with it or choose to eliminate it. International and the State have no bearing on that decision.

Joyce Jones Weinkam. Gamma Xi
OSO Parliamentarian

Let the Treasures of Delta Kappa Gamma Ohio State Organization S.H.I.N.E!



Our DKG OSO chests are overflowing with treasures! Each month our OSO. Membership Committee will share some ideas focused around the S.H.I.N.E. acronym. Each monthly focus will help strengthen chapters.

The **E** in S.H.I.N.E. stands for **E**VERYONE! Who is responsible for finding key women educators to add to our treasure chest? The answer is everyone is responsible. All Delta Kappa Gamma members should have their spy glasses out looking for potential members. We can no longer put all the responsibility on our executive boards and membership committees at the chapter or state level. It simply will not build up our chapters and sustain the future of OSO.

Our first purpose to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship is the key to our success! Why did you accept the invitation of membership into DKG? Please ponder this question. I would venture to guess it was because someone you respected or enjoyed being with asked you. They lifted you up, made you feel worthy, and gave you the confidence to accept membership. Who can you give the same gift to? How will it change their life? Maybe they will gain confidence, develop into a leader, or at the minimum find a place where they feel connected and supported through genuine spiritual fellowship. Truly, fulfilling Anne Webb Blanton's vision for DKG.

Let **E**VERYONE open our DKG treasure chest and let it S.H.I.N.E. on a key woman educator who needs us as much as we need her!

Zeta Chapter's membership chair Kathy McClendon shared their success with using the "Let the Treasures of DKG OSO Membership S.H.I.N.E.!" campaign and their focus on our first purpose. They have welcomed 5 new members! Wow, congratulations Zeta and Kathy! She also asked members to share why they personally treasure their DKG membership. Please enjoy some of Zeta Chapters' responses.

"My membership brings me into contact with the teachers who are considered the movers and shakers in their districts. I am inspired by these teachers who work tirelessly to improve education and opportunity for children and youth."

JoAnn Krock, Zeta Initiation & Research Committee Chair; ADSOEF Educational Services Committee

"Being able to fellowship with other teachers now that I'm retired."

Barb Moore, Zeta Finance Committee; Retired Spanish & ESL Teacher

"I treasure the friendships I've made through the years. I appreciate the teaching ideas that were shared with me when I first joined, and I could use in my classroom. I feel good that we can financially help other students who are going into education through our scholarships."

Janet Adams, Zeta Sunshine Chair; Retired Elementary Teacher

"The opportunity to give back and to encourage others in the education field. Bonus – to get to know and spend time with all these fabulous ladies!"

Barbara Kocher, Zeta Treasurer; Retired ODE Senior Financial Officer

"I enjoy the fellowship with a group of women who cherish the beautiful careers of teaching and working with our youth."

Amy Litteral, Zeta Research Committee; Fifth Grade Math Teacher

"I personally treasure my DKG membership for multiple reasons:

1. The talented, dedicated friends I've made
2. The leadership training
3. The learning I gained from seminars and workshops
4. The scholarship I received
5. The friendship of women from overseas I've come to value"

Barbara J. Smith, Zeta Nominations Chair, Past Zeta Chapter & OSO State President,
ADSOEF Director

Michele Maniskas, Alpha Xi
OSO 1st Vice President
OSO Membership Chair



Sophie Zebrowski-Pierce
Tau

Darlene DePouw
Delta Mu

Marcia A. Overholt
Alpha Omega

Phyllis E. Smith
Delta Chi

Eileen McNally, Webmaster, Retiring

Eileen McNally, our talented webmaster, is retiring in June of this year. Over the twelve years of her employment as webmaster, Eileen has helped all of us learn the ins and outs of using technology. She not only designs and maintains our OSO website, but she has also helped many chapters set up their websites. Eileen is a great communicator willing to share her knowledge and advice. How will we ever fill those talented and dedicated shoes?

According to the guidelines of the Personnel Committee, if anyone of our paid personnel retires or is unable to continue during the biennium, the state president will appoint a person to fill that position for the remainder of the biennium. President McGee is already working on this part of her responsibilities.

The Personnel Committee's responsibility is to start advertising for candidates in *The Voice* and on our website. The applicant does not have to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society but will serve as part of the administrative team and together will support and update our communications. A complete description of job responsibilities for the webmaster is included on our website along with the application. The application should be returned no later than January 10, 2025.

Beth Archer, Alpha Psi
Personnel Committee Co-Chair

Happy Spring to everyone!! I was happy to represent Ohio at the 2024 Legislative Forum in Washington during the week of March 10th through March 13th. I was able to connect with many of our sisters from states around the U.S. and to make new friends. Please check out the news from my time at the 2024 Legislative Forum in Washington D. C. by clicking on the following link: <https://www.smore.com/n/jdzq4>

Sharon Scheidegger, Beta Delta
Legislative Liaison UN & US Forum

Membership Committee Survey

The OSO Membership Committee would like to create a resource for chapters that lists ideas for presenters, programs, activities, projects, etc. They will share the resources collected with chapters in the May issue of The Voice which they can use when beginning to plan for their 2024-2025 meetings. Use the link provided below to complete the survey.

<https://tinyurl.com/3y43mrem>

OSO-DKG Membership and Chapter Update

Active Members	2,287
Collegiate Members	5
Reserve Members	305
Total Memberships	2,597
Ohio Chapters	70

OSO-DKG Financial Update

July 1 – February 29, 2024

Statement of Financial Activity

Revenue	\$ 46,706.00
Expenses	\$ 22,076.00
Epsilon Alpha Expenses	\$ 424.00
Net Income	\$ 24,206.00

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	\$240,835.00
Board Designated	\$ 1,076.00
Total Assets	\$241,911.00
Liabilities	\$ 310.00
Net Assets	\$241,601.00

Diana Haskell, OSO Treasurer

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 1, 2024

OSO Membership Treasure Hunt
Online Applications Available

April 6, 2024

OSO Executive Board Meeting
ADSOEF Annual Meeting
86th Birthday Luncheon
Conflict with Grace Workshop
with Kerry Black
The Saint John Evangelical Lutheran
Church
Grove City, Ohio

April 15, 2024

OSO Membership Treasure Hunt
Online Applications Due

April 25, 2024

6:30 PM

Important Chapter Presidents Zoom
Flower Garden Chat

June 1, 2024

Chapter President's Report Due
Gold Key Online Form Due

June 10-13, 2024

Leadership Seminar for Chapter Officers
Exact Dates, Location, and Times TBA

July 1, 2024

Form 110 for Reporting
2024 -2026 Chapter Officers
Due to International

July 9-13, 2024

DKG International Convention
Gaylord Resort & Convention Center
National Harbor, Maryland



DKGIEF: Women Honoring Women



Honor a woman who has had a significant impact on your life or career.

For each \$25 donation made in honor of that special woman, DKGIEF will send you a specially designed card and pin to present her. **Your donation must be postmarked or received between March 1, 2024, through April 15, 2024.**

DKGIEF will offer a different pin each year in celebration of International Women's Day. The initial 2024 pin features the blue hydrangea which symbolizes gratitude and heartfelt emotion. Parts of the flower and stems will be raised to give a 3D effect.

For further details on how to make your donation, visit the DKGIEF website or scan this QR Code with your mobile device.



Ohio Chapter News in Pictures



Delta Kappa Chapter celebrated their chapter's birthday by making valentines for their shut-in members and residents of area nursing homes. Led by Marilyn Duvall, Tina Bryenton, Shirley Harbaugh and Becky Molnar who are art teachers, the group drew and painted cards, created valentine pins, and cut out snowflakes.

Gamma Sigma Chapter members Patricia Neader, Nancy Canniff, Melody Blake, Linda Geyer, Deb Adam, and Louann Henderson cut fabric for blankets which were tied off at their March meeting. The blankets will be donated to Perry County Children's Services for children in need.





Pictured is Marsha Graham, Gamma Alpha, purchasing a raffle ticket from Holly Morgan and Elizabeth Smith of Delta Upsilon at their recent joint chapters meeting. The raffle tickets are for a lottery tree and wreath. Money raised will be used to help the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter supported by Delta Upsilon.



Girl Scout Troop 1425 under the direction of Deb Hornyak, Beta Eta Treasurer, attended our March meeting. The group of seventh and eighth grade cadets created a poster board talking about Girl Scouts and another with pictures of their service projects and activities. They also created a display about DKG. The Cadets shared the history of the DKG founders and Girl Scout founder. They did a compare and contrast activity of DKG and Girl Scouts at the meeting.



The Alpha Nu Chapter of Lancaster Ohio recently awarded a \$750 scholarship to teacher intern Hannah Harrison. Shown is Hannah and Sally Persinger, scholarship chair. Scholarships are earned based on achievement, dedication, and financial need through The Veneta Thropp scholarship funds

OSO Members Photographs in the 2024 DKG Spring Fine Arts Gallery



Alter Ego
Melissa Hackett, Gamma Pi



Mt. Moran – Grand Tetons
Cathy Tenney, Beta Kappa



Pilsen Pals – Pilsen, Czech Republic
Cathy Tenney, Beta Kappa

Attention OSO Members Attending the April 6th Spring Event



Coffee, tea and light breakfast items will not be provided at the OSO April 6th Spring Event. Be sure to stop along the way if you need any of the above.



FORM FOR REPORTING 2024-2026 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Please send a copy to your state organization and a copy to Society Headquarters

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Please complete the form including all member ID#s to report change of officers and email or mail to your state organization president and to Society Headquarters at mem@dkg.org or Membership Services, 12710 Research Blvd., Ste 230, Austin, TX 78759-4395. The form may be downloaded as an interactive form from the Society website and forwarded as an email attachment. Remember to also send Form 87 for any change in chapter treasurer. These credentials will be updated on July 1, 2024.

Person Completing Form: _____

Chapter Name: _____

State Name: _____

	NAME	MEMBER I.D.#	MAILING ADDRESS	PREFERRED TELEPHONE (include area code)	CELL (Optional)	E-MAIL
President						
Treasurer						
First Vice-President						
Second Vice-President						
Recording Secretary						
Corresponding Secretary						
Parliamentarian						

Thank You!