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From Diana's Desk

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Our 2021 Ohio Convention will be...



Ohio Convention 2021

An Opportunity Awaits You... and DKG/Ohio

Often in the midst of unusual circumstances, such as the current pandemic, new opportunities come to light. Your State Leadership Team is excited, grateful and yes, relieved, to be able to organize and bring the 2021 DKG/Ohio State Organization Convention to our state membership regardless of the avenue/platform or resolve needed to do so. Albert Einstein once stated, "In the midst of difficulties lie new opportunities," and this is so true for us, your State Leadership Team. Please know and remember we will continue to make the best with what we have been given and will embrace this unique opportunity to continue to learn and grow as an organization.

Indeed, our 2021 State Convention is an **opportunity** that awaits you all! Your State Leadership Team views the above invitation as the perfect **opportunity** to attend, plus regards it as the best possible solution or **opportunity** to attend a state convention totally free from COVID stress and anxiety. Simply come as you are...no traveling involved, no special apparel required, and for that matter no other expenses required either. The only expenditure will be the commitment of your time. Just "tune in" from the comfort of your own home, your own "easy chair," and "Zoom" in on your own personal computer, iPad or smartphone. Your attendance will be of immeasurable importance to us while being the perfect **opportunity** for you to discover and learn more about your Ohio organization. We truly need and value your voice and in order to succeed, we ask each of YOU to join us...to come rally around, lending us your hand of support as we gather **virtually** on April 9-10, 2021, to **believe, belong and build** Ohio's future!

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

The DKG/Ohio State Organization State Leadership Team

2021 Convention Schedule at a Glance

Convention Schedule at a Glance

Friday, April 9, 2021

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| 6:30 p.m. | Flag Procession and Welcome |
| 6:45 p.m. | Leila Kubesch, 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year |
| 7:00 p.m. | General Session (Society update from our International Representative, International Immediate Past President Cathy Daugherty) and the 2021 Spring Executive Board Meeting |
| 9:30 p.m. | Delta Kappa Gamma Song lead by Cheryl Quay |

Saturday, April 10, 2021

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| 9:00 a.m. | Executive Board Meeting (for voting members only) |
| 9:30 a.m. | Installation of the 2021-23 OSO State Officers |
| 9:45 a.m. | Recognition of Gold Key and the 2020-2021 Milestone Chapters |
| 10:00 a.m. | Rebecca Psigoda, Inspirational Keynote Speaker |
| 11:00 a.m. | * A Birthday Celebration with Sandy Royer, from ADSOEF, and an appeal for the Esther Strickland Student Teacher Grants |
| | * Introduction of the 2021 Esther H. Strickland Recipients, by Marilyn Slusser, plus an introduction of the A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Fellowship recipient, Gunel Alasgarova, from Azerbaijan studying at Kent State University |
| 11:25 a.m. | “Chapter COVID Happenings” video by Editor Cathy Tenney |
| 11:40 a.m. | The Celebration of Life Service 2020-2021 |

Times Subject to Change

OSO-DKG 2021 State Convention Update

A New Year, A New Way to Do the OSO Convention!

January was a busy month, and much planning has taken place in order to provide you with a meaningful and safe DKG/OSO State Convention which will allow for the business of our organization to be efficiently, effectively, and professionally completed. A virtual convention is planned for April 9-10, 2021, and the breakout sessions that were planned for 2020 are being offered to you via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout March and April. You will find the schedule for the virtual convention and the dates for the breakout sessions in this issue of The Voice.

Since the convention and breakout sessions are being brought to you using Zoom, it will be necessary for you to register using the links that are provided for each event. **Only those members who register will be able to login to the convention on April 9-10, 2021.** There is a Zoom Convention Preview scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. to share the schedules and protocol, as well as, to answer any questions members may have about the procedure for attending a virtual convention. **In order for you to attend the Convention Preview, it is important for you to register in advance by clicking on the link below. To stay abreast of the convention events, it is important for all members to read The Voice and E-Blasts that will be sent from Cathy Tenney, DKG Ohio State Editor.**

Thank you to all who attended the author series session with Carol Trembath. I'm sure you will agree the presentation of her book about fairies during a pandemic was interesting and time well spent. Carol will kick off our convention breakout sessions on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, with a Zoom event on the life of Harriett Tubman. Members can earn PDU credit by attending Carol's session, as well as two other events.

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., Libby French, School Counselor for Western-Reserve Middle/High School, will present, "Choose Hope: Trauma Informed Teaching." On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., Ann Todd and Libby French will reflect on the science of the brain and child trauma, based on the book, *The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog*, by Dr. Bruce Perry. **It is important for you to click on the links below to register for the four Zoom events (Convention Preview, Libby French, Ann Todd/Libby French, and Carol Trembath) described in this article.**

After registering for each Zoom event, mark the dates on your calendar, or do whatever you need to do to remember to attend the sessions. There will be many Zoom invitations coming your way for the next three months, all of which will require that you register in advance and remember to attend.

During the months of March and April, weekly E-Blast reminders will be sent for that week's breakout sessions. As we keep hearing, these are unprecedented times. Who would have thought we would be having a virtual DKG/OSO State Convention, but "forward moving ever," we will do what we must do!! Take care. Be safe.

Linda Diltz, Beta Rho
Convention Coordinator

DKG/Ohio State Organization 2021 Convention

Listing of Virtual Breakout Sessions
(All sessions will begin at 7:00 P.M., except 4/27/2021)

| Date | Presenter | Title of Breakout Session |
|------------|--|--|
| 2/25/2021 | Eileen McNally, Alice Harker, Linda Diltz | Virtual Convention Preview |
| 3/2/2021 | Carol Trembath | Who Was Harriett Tubman? (PDU Credit) |
| 3/4/2021 | Andrea Dunn | Girls ROX (Ruling Our eXperiences) (PDU Credit) |
| 3/9/2021 | Laurel Bieber | Youth Suicide Prevention (PDU Credit) |
| 3/11/2021 | Janet Hess | Expanded Borders: The Territories of the United States (PDU Credit) |
| 3/16/2021 | Eileen McNally and Cathy Tenney | Canva, a 2020 version of Print Shop (but it does so much more!) |
| 3/18/2021 | Lindsay Burns | Integrated STEM Education: What, How, and Why (PDU Credit) |
| 3/23/2021 | Shannon Jacobs | Make the Shift from Stress to Peace (PDU Credit) |
| 3/25/2021 | Melodie McGee | A Culturally Teaching Responsive Environment (PDU Credit) |
| 3/30/2021 | Sue Dion and Mary Stayner | Zentangle Encore |
| 4/6/2021 | Cathy Daugherty | Roundtable Discussion for All State Members... a must for all state officers and state committees, both chairs and members |
| 4/13/2021 | Rebecca Psigoda | How To Make Dreams and Goals Come True (PDU Credit) |
| 4/15/2021 | Melody Boyd | Creating Competence from Chaos (PDU Credit) |
| 4/20/2021 | Karen Dombrowski and Debby Canter | Prescription for Membership Recruitment |
| 4/22/2021 | Bev Babbert | How to Look Like a Million Bucks on a Thrift Store Budget |
| *4/27/2021 | ADSOEF | Building the Future with <u>A</u> lpha <u>D</u> elta <u>S</u> tate <u>O</u> hio <u>E</u> ducational <u>F</u> oundation |
| 4/29/2021 | Michele Koenig | Container Gardens for Butterflies and Other Pollinators (PDU Credit) |

*The session on April 27, 2021, will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Ohio Convention 2021 Breakout Sessions ...Descriptions

Feb. 16 **Choose Hope: Trauma Informed Teaching**

Many schools across America are seeing a greater number of students displaying behaviors of neglect and trauma, effecting their education. The developmentally-informed and biologically-respectful framework of Dr. Bruce Perry, the Neurosequential Model in Education, provides insight related to how the brain works, develops, and changes in response to trauma. Be introduced to the concepts Western Reserve Local Schools (Huron County) is putting into action in an effort to instill hope and to continue to create a culture at WR in which all of our students grow and thrive. Libby French, School Counselor, Western-Reserve Middle/High School (PDU Credit)

Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdOirrT0uHtewshfCzO9t4ickVux79WRK>

Feb. 23 **A DKG/OSO BOOK CLUB STUDY -- Discuss, reflect on the science of the brain and child trauma.**

Read "The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog" by Dr. Bruce Perry in preparation for a discussion on how trauma affects a child's mind and how they can recover. The book which takes readers through real-life stories, was described as tragically interesting. In this classic, Dr. Perry explains what happens inside the brains of children exposed to extreme stress and shares their lessons of courage, humanity, and hope. Only when we understand the science of the mind and power of love and nurturing can we hope to heal the spirit of even the most wounded child. Ann Todd, Recording Secretary, Zeta; Libby French, Western Reserve Middle/High School (PDU Credit)

Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsfu6gqD4uHtwvluhMxWYNG-KBBLXwksUz>

Feb. 25 **Virtual Convention Preview**

A conversation of important convention information...explanation of how to register, attending breakout sessions and registration, expected zoom etiquette and procedures, how to use the Zoom "chat" option to ask questions during the General session and Executive Board Meetings. Linda Diltz, Convention Coordinator, Eileen McNally, Communications Chair and Alice Harker, Assistant to the Convention Coordinator presenting.

Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuf-ysrDkqGtyjlzaTYHTxWALO7rMhJXoy>

March 2

Registration Link:

March 4

March 9

March 11

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrfuGsrDopEt2oSxMsQ1-bqPhZF0AA96k8>

March 16

Do you want a free, simplified graphic-design tool? Do you need to make posters, brochures, cards, newsletters, photo collages, social media graphics, and dozens of other projects? Learn about CANVA! It uses a web-based drag-and-drop format and provides access to photographs, images, graphics, templates, videos and fonts. Best of all, the learning curve is almost nonexistent! Eileen McNally, Beta Delta, Communications Chairman; Cathy Tenney, Beta Kappa, Editor of *The Voice* (PDU Credit)

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcO6orDgvHdITT9e-YBRslmekBrwxLvvs>

March 18

The presenter will present the what, how, and why of integrated STEM education and the role of STEM education today. The session will also give participants the opportunity to participate in a condensed integrated STEM lesson. Lindsay Burns, Alpha Delta, Chillicothe City Schools (PDU Credit)

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYudOGgpzkipHNXBKZXVB9Lfoac> MSNbZzfc

March 23

Everyone deserves peace (including teachers and students)! Peace within your body, mind and spirit. Claim your right to experiencing peace on a daily basis. Shannon will teach breathwork techniques and mindfulness practices to calm your central nervous system for teachers and students alike, and shift the perspective from Stress to Peace. Shannon Jacobs, RYT500CMI (PDU Credit)

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwvc-ugqjsuHdJPOD0sM0kDIImBrv9FDIMJf>

March 25

When your Students walk into your classroom, do they see themselves reflected in your environment? If not, learn how to create a classroom environment that is a reflection of all of your students. Come and learn about some 'promising practices' that will promote cooperative learning experiences that will engage students in your classroom too. Melodie McGee, OSO Second Vice-President, Educational Excellence Chairman, Gamma Nu (PDU Credit)

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?from=addon>

March 30

Zentangle Encore

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. We call these patterns, tangles. You create tangles with combinations of dots, lines, simple curves, S-curves and orbs. Sue Dion and Mary Stayner, DKG sisters from Illinois will be sharing their time and talent with us.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- white card stock (cut to 3.5" x 3.5" squares)
- a pencil
- a black sharpie or pen
- colored pencils
- a qtip

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvf-uggD8rGdYbkQBOKbIYn61QanFtNQSX>

April 6

A date with Cathy P. Daugherty, Immediate Past International President

A roundtable discussion for **all** State Members...a must for **all** state officers and **all** state committee chairs and members.

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcuqqpj4iH9FPDHw6lwiroPJAqWx6mUH>

April 13

How to Make Dreams and Goals Come True

One of life's most enjoyable rewards is seeing our dreams and goals come true. In this presentation, we will look at what gets in the way of fulfilling those dreams and goals, and how to create a successful outcome. Rebecca Psigoda, Therapist (PDU Credit)

Registration Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf-ygqDsoG9KD0AsO_2S7SBLyMFQJPRPM

April 15

Creating Competence from Chaos

After an introduction to an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) questionnaire, I realized that it is time for a professional conversation about the reality of teaching students who have an ACE score that is impacting their educational success. This session is designed to take a look at what students bring with them and some examples of how a change in the perspective of a teacher can help students find themselves on the path toward competence academically. Melody Boyd, Alpha Eta (PDU Credit)

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZltd--uqjsvH9cKOBMsUjux7F6frfCiN1ov>

April 20 Prescription for Membership Recruitment

Is your chapter strong, active and healthy or suffering from membership deficiency? Attend our clinic for your testing, diagnosis and prescription. Karen Dombrowski, Alpha Nu, Expansion Chairman; Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon, Membership Committee

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztvde2oqiltHNQ0zVbSOtyj-zH7tDFs6lUx>

April 22 How to Look Like a Million Bucks on a Thrift Store Budget

Learn the art of thrift/consignment store shopping and how to dress for the shape of your body and face. We'll talk about some fashion/style tips that will have you looking and feeling your best with very little monetary investment. Bev Babbert, Delta Theta

Registration Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZMtdOGsrT8jHdZGBf_9Y1Tc0fwRLRbSZXMz

April 27 Building the Future with ADSOEF ****This session begins at 7:30 p.m.**

Who should definitely be there?

All those wondering how to support the Foundation beyond monetary donations

All Chapter Representatives

All ADSOEF Committee members

All newly elected Directors

What you will learn:

A brief history of your Educational Foundation

All the ways to be involved in the Foundation

How the Foundation operates to fulfill its mission*

What individuals and Chapters can do to support that mission

*The mission of ADSOEF is to procure funding to serve charitable purposes relating to professional and personal growth of educators and educational excellence.

Registration Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwpduugrzkvGdQzmgOFhJZ4beJ9cgsCf5_X

April 29 Container Gardens for Butterflies and Other Pollinators

This workshop will show how to create container gardens for use at school or home. Educators who want to create outdoor lab settings with little space will discover how they can use some simple supplies to create areas that are friendly to butterflies using host plants. * I have been working with schools raising Monarch caterpillars for the past 5 years.

I have expanded my work to include container gardens as some schools did not have access to areas to plant gardens. Michele Koenig, Gamma (PDU Credit)

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsdOqppjovH9LjZ2RVjQBwkeDP1kLuyawZ>

**Cathy P Daugherty
2021 DKG International Society Representative**

Cathy Daugherty, the 2021 International Representative to Ohio, currently serves DKG as its Immediate Past International President and as a Director on the DKG International Educators Foundation. Daugherty has been a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter in Virginia since 1988 and was the 2016 recipient of the Achievement Award, the Society's highest honor. At the international level Daugherty chaired the Constitution, Educational Excellence and Professional Affairs Committees and served as SE Regional Director and International First Vice President. She was point-person for the Schools for Africa project from its official adoption at the 2010 International Convention through July 2014, authoring all issues of the *SFA Newsette*.

Daugherty retired in 2016 following a 35-year public school career and a nine-year position as a Latin instructor and supervisor of Latin student teachers at Randolph-Macon College. During her virtual visit to the Ohio State Organization, she will share information from the 2020-2022 DKG Administrative Board and lead a roundtable discussion for all state members on April 6.

**Leila Kubesch, 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year
Friday Keynote Speaker**

"Leila Kubesch taps into her students' interests and passions and enables them to reach their full potential. She fundamentally believes that every child can succeed – and she holds herself and her students to high expectations to achieve that success."

She helps students develop their own leadership skills, become global and civic-minded, and break away from limiting beliefs by guiding them in rising above challenges and advocating for community change.

Leila teaches Spanish and English to speakers of other languages at Norwood Middle School. Having committed to teaching in high-need schools, she became resourceful in securing unique opportunities for her students. With the goal of empowering all youth in the same manner as those in affluent communities, she fosters community partnerships, writes grants for innovative learning and instills a mindset of dreaming big through large-scale, service-learning projects that stem from youth initiatives. The work of her students has landed in museums around the country and won national recognition.

One particular lesson brings to light how Kubesch connects student learning to the Norwood community. Her students have collaborated with a local cable television station and other partners to create a talk show involving community experts on topics that interest youth. Her students developed connections and resources as they engaged in all aspects of publicity and production. The project was a tremendous success, earning Kubesch and her students the Ohio Education Association Media for Public Service Award for excellent educational programming. Kubesch also received a Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant to expand the studio and broaden the program.

Her passion for equity and social justice extends beyond the classroom. She served as an advocate for emancipated foster youth in Ohio by raising awareness of the plight of these youth. She has presented to large audiences, including TEDx Cincinnati, where she won the Audience Choice Award for her talk. She spoke with politicians and dedicated her effort until House Bill 50 passed, enabling foster youth in Ohio to have homes until age 21.

She places a high value on learning and has studied in eight countries. She is a National Board Certified Educator, earned a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Purdue University and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from Ball State University. She is a certified yoga instructor, and her fellowships include Fund for Teachers, Christa McAuliffe, and Fulbright Hays.

Rebecca Psigoda

Saturday Inspirational Speaker

“I created I Believe in ME! to work with ‘at-risk’ youth. I soon discovered that ALL young people are at risk without the right tools to manage their own mind.” – Rebecca Psigoda

In addition to being a truly happy person, Rebecca considers herself a lifelong student with a passion for knowledge that has enticed her to study everything from art to dance, engineering and etiology. Until 2015, she operated her own private holistic therapy practice in Columbus, Ohio, where she combined counseling with a variety of additional modalities that include: deep-relaxation techniques, guided meditation, NLP, hypnosis, gentle massage, Reiki, healing touch, life coaching, and The Infinite Possibilities Program for a mind, body, spirit approach to therapy.

In 2015, she modified the adult Infinite Possibilities Program and created a youth version, Infinite Possibilities: I Believe in ME! She continues to facilitate the program through the Homeless Families Foundation of Columbus, Ohio, and marvels at the shifts that this program is bringing young people. While developing the program, she wanted to make it available to other trainers throughout the world. With a goal and dream of reaching as many young people as possible with the truth about their own power, Rebecca has distributed the I Believe in ME program into the hands of over 100 trainers, teachers, counselors, and non-profit organizations in 15 countries worldwide.

In 2016, Rebecca became a first-time author with 2 books created to share the concepts of Infinite Possibilities: I Believe in ME! She has published a children’s book, *I Believe in ME! School, Where All Students Have Superpowers*, and a coloring book, *I Believe in ME! The Adventure Begins*, both available on amazon.com. The books emphasize the same empowerment concepts as the educational program and are available to the public.

Rebecca will also be presenting a break-out session on Saturday, March 21, 2020. She lives with the fully-supportive and handsome father of their two grown children Mark Psigoda in Hilliard, Ohio.



You are cordially invited to attend the
**Fourth Annual Meeting of
Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation**

In your virtual Zoom meeting room on
Thursday, April 8, 2021, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

- Vote to elect Directors for the next biennium!
- Hear and see reports about the health of your Foundation Funds -- how you are impacting educational excellence!
- Review the ADSOEF proposed Budget for 2021-2022!
- Learn about recent updates to ADSOEF Bylaws and their impact on Foundation governance!
- Communicate with your Foundation Board of Directors!
Ask Questions! Get Answers!

All OSO members (ADSOEF members) are welcomed, so invite chapter members who don't have connectivity to join you in your home or meeting place!



PS:

Join us at the OSO/DKG Virtual Convention, too!

4.10.21 - Party with sisters at the "A Heart for All" DKG Birthday Luncheon Celebration!

4.27.21 - Zoom into the future at "Building the Future with ADSOEF" - a Breakout session presented by ADSOEF Directors!

2021

a brighter future

**For student teachers, for OSO members, for students
Will you change their world in 2021?**

We all want a brighter future for education in 2021.

Will you THINK BIG with us?

**The time is now - please GIVE TODAY to give them a
brighter future tomorrow. Donate by going to
www.adsoef.weebly.com.**

**Your philanthropic heart can give educators a brighter
future.**

Ohio Heart-meter A Heart for All



Goal \$8000

Let's fill Ohio with
\$100 hearts

As of January 18, you
contributed \$7455

We can do this!

REMEMBERING OUR LOST SISTERS



Dr. Helen R Brumfield ~ Alpha Eta
Dr. Nancy Hamant ~ Beta Nu
Sara Herfel ~ Gamma
Miranda Starrett Moritz ~ Delta
Dr. Marilyn Murphree ~ Alpha Psi

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

March 1, 2021 – **Buckeye Cherry Challenge Form** Due
<https://www.dkgohio.org>

April 9-10, 2021 - OSO Virtual State Convention