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A Message From OSO President Debby Canter

"We are all capable of living each day with a fiery passion and sense of purpose that radiates in our smile and voice." - Robert Cheeke

October was definitely a busy month for me as state president - well actually one certain week in October. Within an eight day period, I attended four chapter meetings and conducted the Fall Executive Board Meeting. I traveled almost 1200 miles in those eight days!

Saturday, October 15 - I drove to Loveland for the Greater Cincinnati Joint Chapter Luncheon with Beta Nu, Gamma Eta, Gamma Phi, Delta Chi (host chapter), and Delta Psi. I enjoyed the presentation "Eating from the Garden of Eden" by the guest speaker. I was amazed by the interesting facts about foods and herbs shared by Rita Heikenfeld. Thanks to Betsy Foreman and her committee for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Monday, October 17 - I went as far as my sister Kim's house for Delta Epsilon's chapter meeting (my chapter). I shared the information about my three initiatives with chapter members as I had previously only given them a quick introduction last year. I have learned so much more about the Imagination Library in the past year that I was able to give them a better understanding of how it works.

Wednesday, October 19 - I drove the four hours up and back that evening to the Tri County Dinner Meeting for Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties with seven chapters in attendance: Mu, Alpha Iota, Alpha Omega, Beta Pi, Beta Chi, Gamma Pi, and Delta Delta. The guest speaker, Dr. Gregory Boerio, the director of the RICH Center for Autism on the Youngstown State University Campus. I was very impressed with the services being offered to the students at the center which even includes health care.

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I also reconnected with some wonderful members that I met last year at this meeting and enjoyed the company of some new ones this year. Thanks to Debbie Van Arsdale and her committee for an enjoyable evening.

Thursday, October 20 - I had a beautiful drive out in the country close to Zanesville for Alpha Psi's annual auction and Thanksgiving dinner. I have so many friends in this chapter, and it was great to see them all. Beth Archer, Cindy Lawyer, Sue Loader, Molly Tharp, and Nancy Waters, thanks for the warm greetings as it was such a wonderful boost. Thanks to Chapter President Trudy Cultice for the invitation to this fun event.

Saturday, October 22 - the big one! I enjoyed the Fall Executive Board meeting this year as I was better prepared and knew what to expect. Thanks to all that helped set up, volunteered for a job, gave reports, helped clean up and participated in any way not mentioned. It takes a village, not just the state president to put on one of these meetings. A special thanks to Jackie Thase-Burch who is my "recycle soul sister" as she helped with the lunch materials. All committee reports should be on the OSO website as well as the Girls ROX video that you may use at your chapter meetings.

I believe it's important to share my travels with you. It's a great way for me to learn more about our chapters and make important connections while looking for future leaders of OSO.

I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with good food and precious time with family and friends.

Debby



OSO - DKG Membership Spotlight



Darnelle Clark, Beta Chi Chapter



Darnelle Clark, Beta Chi member and first-grade teacher, became known for her YouTube channel, Clark's Cozy Corner. During the pandemic it served as an entertaining way to encourage students to read. Darnelle, an alumna of Westminster College, was honored by her college with the 2022 Westminster College Alumni Citation Award at the Homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Clark was stricken with a severe case of COVID in August of 2021 - so severe she was paralyzed from the waist down - and finally returned to her Liberty classroom in August.

"When I was informed, I was enthralled and moved to tears; honestly, it came at a perfect time after my most recent surgeries and helped me find my place again," Clark said. "For my alma mater to deem me worthy of this recognition meant so much to me, knowing that in my lowest times, my value was recognized at Westminster, Liberty Schools, and the Liberty community.

"Seeing Darnelle as not only a member of our Liberty staff but a friend go through the highs and lows of the past two years gives me great pride to see someone of her wonderful character and spirit be honored with such a great award. I could not think of a more deserving individual to represent not only Liberty Schools but our community," said Liberty PK-2 Principal Jessica Kohler.

Ohio State Organization Wants **Needs** You!!! We Are Seeking **Leaders** for the Next Biennium

Stop for a minute and think about your DKG sisters and yourself. We are a unique mix of ages, ethnicities, abilities, talents, skill sets, and gifts brought together by our passion for education, educators, and students.

Now think about our state officers. They are a part of that unique mix, yet they have accepted the challenge of leading at the state level. Because of their passion, they have “put themselves out there” for a purpose—to lead and serve. **YOU** are capable as well! Examine yourself and all those unique qualities listed above. What can **YOU** offer the Ohio State Organization? Where could your interests and skill set be a benefit to the sisters of the Ohio State Organization?

So what should you do now? Download and complete the application for one of ten elected positions at the state level. Submit it by January 2, 2023. There IS a place for you! We welcome you with open arms, hearts and minds!

Elected State Positions

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Nominating Committee Representative, Area I Northeast
Nominating Committee Representative, Area II Southeast
Nominating Committee Representative, Area III Northwest
Nominating Committee Representative, Area IV Southwest
Nominating Committee Representative, Area V Central

All job descriptions for the offices listed above are found in our Constitution. You'll find the link to the Constitution on the Ohio State Organization website. The term of each office is two years (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025).

The Elected State Positions Application can be found at:

<https://www.dkgohio.org/state-nominations-information.html>

Remembering Our Lost Sisters

Dr. Evelyn Maroon
Tau
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Beta Alpha
Dr. Emily Schuh
Beta Lambda
Pat L Beck
Beta Rho

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

P L A N N I N G



November 1, 2022

Chapter Yearbooks Due Today!

November 14, 2022

Gold Key Zoom Meeting @ 8 p.m.

Link to Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84728647960?pwd=WFpPL2dCZXhIN1dIWdDdSK1FBbIV6dz09>

November 15, 2022

All Treasurers to file IRS 990-N

January 2, 2023

Elected OSO State Position Application Due

January 15, 2023

Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
will be accepted today through February 15, 2023
Application Form will be available on www.dkg.org

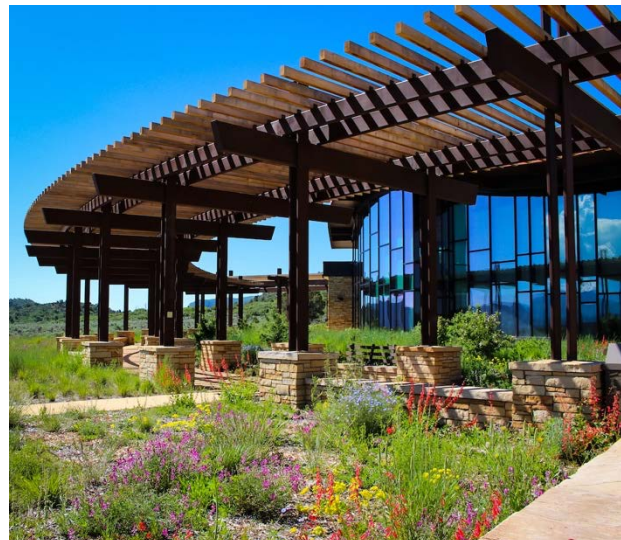
April 14-16, 2023 - OSO State Convention

Dublin Embassy Suites

Congratulations!

Photographs Selected for Fall 2022 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

Congratulations to Cathy Tenney, Beta Kappa member and editor of *The Voice* on having her photographs 'Spring Blossoms' and 'Mesa Verde Visitor Center' being accepted into the Fall 2022 DKG Fine Arts Gallery. Mid-November is the anticipated unveiling of the new DKG Fine Arts Gallery, an online gallery at www.dkg.org.



Give me a “G” for Girl Scouts of Ohio!

This is an opportunity for chapters to pair up with local Girl Scout Troops to teach leadership, do projects, serve the community, and have fun, all while illustrating what the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma are all about to a younger generation.

Zeta Beta Chapter in Texas collaborated with their local Girl Scout Council, and two local Girl Scout troops to put together a planned and methodical curriculum that includes joint activities, each with a theme that corresponds to one of the seven DKG purposes. Girls at different ages and scouting levels can complete different amounts of activities to earn the “The Delta Kappa Gamma Patch”.

The key idea is to start with a troop that has roots in your organization. The more connections or “roots” to your chapter, the more buy-in you are likely to get. The original curriculum, found online, has 18 activities already written. You can use it, as-is, or just use it as a framework to write your own. Once you are committed and have your plans ready to go, contact Trisha Woodley (TrishW@dkg.org) at DKG International to help you along with your local Girl Scout Council.

Information on how to begin your chapter’s journey can be found from the following sources:

[Empowering Girl Scouts Through the DKG Patch Program --Video](#)

[Delta Kappa Gamma International Project Spotlight](#)

Michele Maniskas, Alpha Xi
Educational Excellence Committee Chair
OSO Second Vice President

Alpha Phi Chapter Honors Members With 40+ Years



Alpha Phi Secretary, Linda Parker presented our ladies with a rose, a special gift and gave a history of what it used to be to become a member of DKG. Ladies honored (L to R): Joyce Palmer (48 Years), Bryanne Peck (47 years), Carolyn Matthews (44 years), Maxine McClellan (60 years), seated Urcelle Willis (48 years)

Other members who were honored but were unable to attend were: Linda Blanton (51 years), JoAnne Earley (50 years), Shirley McKamey (46 years), Sharon Smith (46 years). A member will be visiting each one of these ladies.



Come and Orbit Around Ohio . . .Exploring The Delta Kappa Gamma Society OSO Chapters' Galaxies

Let's discover and find new crew members to travel and journey with us aboard the Delta Kappa Gamma OSO 'Member' SHIP Shuttle! During 2022-2023, OSO is on a mission searching the Ohio galaxies, launching into new territories, seeking to gain new members who have not been introduced to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Membership Committees from each chapter received a Delta Kappa Gamma Society OSO 'Member' SHIP Shuttle Replica handbook to record the names of new members to their Shuttle Chapter along with a Shuttle Campaign Instructions sheet at the

Fall Executive Board Meeting in Grove City, Ohio. The 2022-23 Delta Kappa Gamma Society OSO 'Member' SHIP Shuttle will continue orbiting from Nov. 1, 2022 – April 28, 2023. Membership Shuttle Chairs will email their information about their chapters totals to the OSO website beginning on May 1, 2023, through May 15, 2023.

All Chapters will be recognized for the total 'members' who board and participate on their Delta Kappa Gamma Society OSO Shuttle. The Chapter(s) who have the most OSO 'Members' who launch into this chapter overall from all categories will receive a "Surprise" Recognition.

Soar high and explore new OSO galaxies!

Melodie McGee, Gamma Nu
OSO Membership Chair

Ohio State Organization Related Links

OSO Website: <https://www.dkgohio.org>

OSO Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DKGOSO/>

OSO YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/mt9ueh4>

ADSOEF Website: <https://www.adsoef.org>

ADSOEF Grants & Scholarship Applications
<https://www.adsoef.org/educational-opportunities.html>

ADSOEF Brochure: <https://tinyurl.com/yju8svmk>

DKG International: <https://www.dkg.org>

Chapter Rules: Wording Changes Needed

This summer at the DKG International Convention changes were made to the International Constitution and Standing Rules. The changes now need to be reflected in each chapter's Chapter Rules. A motion is not needed to make the changes to Chapter Rules since they were voted on and changed in the Constitution. You simply need to inform your members.

CHANGES TO STATE CHAPTER RULES TO COINCIDE WITH CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND STANDING RULES

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>WORDING</u>
Membership joining	Membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be by invitation. At the time she joins the Society, a member becomes a member of the international Society, a state organization and a chapter. <i>(preferred wording)</i>
Membership reserve membership	Reserve membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of medical disability, geographic location, and/or no technological connection/skill. <i>(slight change of definition of reserve member)</i>
Membership honorary	A chapter or state organization honorary member shall be a woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women and is elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service. <i>(specific wording to be used)</i>
Membership collegiate	Collegiate members shall be undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria: a. Bachelor student collegiate members shall be 1. enrolled in an institution offering coursework leading to a career in education; and have the intention to continue academically and professionally in the field of education; and 2. be enrolled within the last two years of their bachelor's/education degree. b. Graduate/Masters/Doctoral student collegiate members shall have Graduate/Masters/Doctoral standing in an institution offering coursework in the field of education; and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education. When a collegiate member starts her career as a paid educator, she will pay active member dues and become an active member. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career as an educator, her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the education degree program. <i>(change of designation of collegiate students to agree with international designations [which do not use the words graduate and undergraduate], slight change of wording concerning coursework)</i>
Induction Fee	Induction fee is eliminated, no longer collecting it.
New Members dues	New members shall become members when dues are paid. New members who join between July 1 and Dec. 31 shall pay full international dues for current fiscal year. New members who join between January 1 and March 31 shall pay half dues. New members joining between April 1 and June 30 shall pay full international dues for the ensuing year. Reinstated members shall pay full annual dues whenever reinstated. Chapter and state organization dues may be pro-rated as the chapter/state organization determines. Immediately thereafter, the state organization portion of the dues shall be sent to the state organization treasurer and the international portion to the International Headquarters. <i>(structure of international dues collection)</i>

Ohio Chapters Donate to Help Others!

Beta Gamma Chapter Donates 250 Meals to Second Harvest Food Bank



Beta Gamma Chapter was recently given a tour of Second Harvest Food Bank in Lorain. Second Harvest serves four counties (Lorain, Erie, Huron, Crawford) in Ohio and will provide eleven million pounds of food this year with very low administrative costs (1.4%) and utilizing 21,000 volunteer hours. Beta Gamma donated 250 meals. Pictured from left to right are: Kathy Wainwright, Carol Stomieroski, Cathy Papuga, Sarida Volante, Second Harvest Volunteer Coordinator Jenny Rivera, Diane Schlegel, Marilyn Bauer, Mary Lou Sampson, Barb Schneider, and Ellen Andrews.

Alpha Xi Creates Birthday Bags for Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission



The Hocking County Alpha Xi chapter recently assembled birthday bags to donate to the Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission. The chapter created 25 bags containing a disposable cake pan, cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, party horns, birthday banner, and birthday card.

Gamma Theta Chapter



Gamma Theta inducted our newest executive board members, Pat Hall-Miller, Vice President; and Diana Misich as Corresponding Secretary. Members enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and dessert while listening to Dr. Kate Delevan, one of our own, speak about Lake County's history in the Women's Equal Rights Movement.

Beta Alpha Chapter



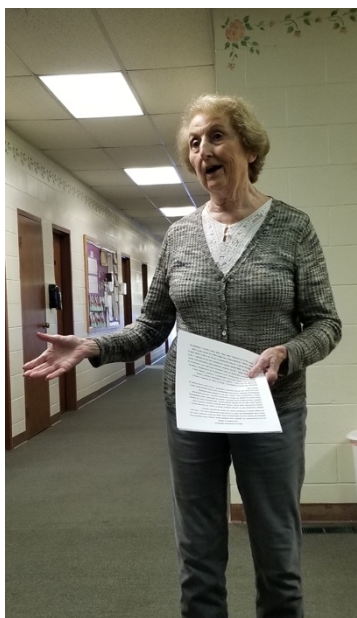
Beta Alpha officers for the upcoming biennium are Vickie Powell, Co-President; Donna DeWitt, First Vice President; and Cathy Greenleaf, Co-President. Guest speaker for the meeting was Ashley Durst, Square One director which serves victims of domestic violence.

Tau Chapter



Tau Chapter was pleased to welcome Cleveland Family Center For Abducted Women and Children to our October meeting. It was founded by Gina DeJesus and Sylvia Calone and is the only organization of its kind in the Country. Gina was abducted and held captive for 9 years along with 2 other girls in a house in Cleveland. Sylvia Calone and Gina's sister Mayra DeJesus (sitting) are pictured in the second picture.

Alpha Sigma Chapter



Marilyn Slusser during her recent visit to Alpha Sigma Chapter talked about how to attract new members, set up programs and scholarship opportunities with DKG. Members Janelle Busdeker and Kay Hoane are all smiles after winning the top bid for their choice baskets during Alpha Sigma's annual basket auction which is held each fall to raise money to fund the chapter's service projects for the year.