

The Voice

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



Focused on Leading A Salute to Our Chapter Officers

As chapters across Ohio begin the 2026-2028 biennium, the Focus Team expresses our sincere appreciation to all chapter officers, both newly elected and those continuing in leadership roles. Your willingness to serve strengthens your chapter, the Ohio State Organization, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Strong leadership blends fresh ideas with valuable experience. New officers bring enthusiasm and fresh perspectives, while returning officers provide continuity. Chapter members contribute their wisdom and shared memories of cherished traditions. A community of belonging is fostered where every member is seen, heard, and valued.

Chapter officers do much more than run meetings and manage business. They foster meaningful member engagement and help connect members to OHSO and DKG's broader work. Through their leadership, chapters become more relevant to today's educators, more responsive to member needs, and more effective in advancing DKG's mission to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

As the Focus Team strengthens connections among the 66 chapters, the state organization, and DKG, chapter leaders play an essential role. Chapter officers help bridge those connections by prioritizing tasks, delegating required work, sharing accurate information, mentoring emerging leaders, and promoting opportunities beyond the local chapter.

Leadership is most effective when it is shared. We encourage all members to support their officers by contributing ideas, volunteering their talents, and actively engaging in chapter life. Together, officers and members build vibrant chapters that enrich lives and strengthen the impact of OHSO and DKG.

A heartfelt salute and thank-you to all chapter officers for your dedication, leadership, and service. The Focus Team is committed to supporting you throughout the new biennium as we continue to learn, lead, and grow together.

Leadership is about making others better because of your presence and ensuring that impact lasts in your absence. - Sheryl Sandburg

Energetically,
Dr. Molly Helmlinger, Beta Kappa
OHSO State President




OHSO
 Chapter Spotlight
 Alpha Xi, Alpha Lambda
 Gamma Theta



Gamma Theta Chapter filled the Goodwill truck in Madison, Ohio, in three hours on a Saturday with the help of the Open Door Coffee shop, members of Gamma Theta and their many friends who want to support local women educators in Lake County. Thank you to Park Methodist Church for allowing us to use their parking lot and facility. Thank you to Esmond and Shawn from Goodwill who helped load the truck. We sincerely appreciate the many people who dropped off their wares. It was overwhelming and a great team effort!! We believe we have met our goal of \$1,500 and very well may exceed our goal.





White Roses

We are saddened by the loss of our treasured OHSO Sisters.
We appreciate and remember their service.



JoAnn Ingram
Omicron

Sheila Campbell
Alpha Nu

Dr. G. Kay Walla
Gamma Xi

Sonja Lee Corlew
Alpha Alpha

Virginia Gail Mingus
Alpha Xi

Judith Ortsey
Gamma Pi

Georgia Sue Farmer
Alpha Iota

Caribeth Legats
Alpha Psi

Sherry Kuehnle
Delta Mu

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 a 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 available, Ohio members will be notified via Constant Contact.

Upcoming Inside International Dates:
Tuesday, July 7 @ 1:30 p.m. Eastern
Tuesday, August 4 @ 6:30 p.m. Eastern



Membership Matters

On May 27, I was honored to give the *Kid Connector Award* to Jen Yoe, the building substitute at North Elementary School in Madison, OH. She was chosen by the school staff because of her ability to identify the needs of individual students, to give them needed care without being instructed to do so, and to rally other staff members to engage with students. Jen represents the type of educator we must support in our schools and society.

Being visible in schools provides the opportunity to become acquainted with future women educators for our chapters. Principal Theresa Solar, a Gamma Theta member, is currently encouraging Jen to complete her degree. This is a clear demonstration of the DKG mission "to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

Make it a practice to support the teachers in your local schools. You will find many individuals who are making positive differences in the lives of our students.

Sally Jo Rogus, Gamma Theta
OHSO Membership Committee



Chi Chapter awarded Hannah Malamisuro, a student at Fairfield High School the 2026 Chi Scholarship for Female Butler County High School Seniors entering the field of education in college next fall. She was presented with a check for \$1,000 to help pay some of her college expenses. Hannah will be majoring in Integrated Social Studies Education at Miami University and plans to become a high School social studies teacher after graduation.



Beta Nu Chapter Co-Presidents Bunny Doebling and Sandy Lingo of Beta Nu (celebrating 85 years in 2026) help Gamma Phi celebrate their 60th. Gamma Phi was sponsored by Beta Nu on their 25th.



Gamma Phi Chapter celebrated on May 21, 2026, a historic day. Beta Nu Chapter sponsored the formation of Gamma Phi exactly sixty years ago on date by inviting 16 educators to charter a chapter.

They gathered to mingle, reminisce about past years, honor members, laugh together in the photo booth, and look forward to the bright future of the chapter. During the program, six members celebrating a milestone membership anniversary received a DKG anniversary pin and were recognized. Members celebrating milestone years were Judy Rosen, 60 years; Sue Eades, 40 years; Nancy Cavanaugh, 35 years; Artis Martin, 25 years; Linda Ausman, 20 years; and Julie Schmidt, 15 years.



Welcome New & Reinstated Members



Gamma Upsilon
Emma Capulto
Brynn L. Baskin

Delta Delta
Beverly A. Kolena



Alpha Psi Chapter installed officers for 2026-2028 biennium at their May meeting. Pictured from left to right are Trudy Cultive, membership chair, Dawna Young, Co-Vice President, Kristie Baldwin, Co-Vice President, Barb Wolfe, President, and Jere Kay Gardner, Past President.

Delta Delta Chapter recently held their induction ceremony and celebrated their 55th anniversary. Pictured are Helene Jordan, Co-President; Bev Kolena, new member; Mary Alice Rodgers and Maria Bayuk, Co-Second Vice Presidents.



Membership Data for 2026 - 20267

Based upon data from the DKG Ohio Dues Portal May 15, 2026

Active Paid Members	Collegiate Paid Members	Reserve Paid Members	Life Members	Honorary Members	Total	Ohio Chapters
2091	6	255	2	37	2391	66

DKG Ohio Financial Update for July 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Statement of Financial Activity

Dues Revenue	\$28,715.00
Non-dues Revenue	\$ 6,626.00
Investment Revenue	\$45,826.00 (unrealized)
Total Revenue	\$81,167.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,650.00
Administrative	\$ 6,221.00
Committee	\$ 2,311.00
Contributions	\$ 750.00
DKG Conferences	\$14,706.00
Ex Bd Meetings	\$ 5,516.00
Member Engagement	\$ 517.00
Total Expenses	\$33,671.00
Net Income	\$47,496.00

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Statement of Financial Position

Checking/Savings	\$ 30,833.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 371.00
Available Fund Reserve*	\$ 15,000.00
Investments	\$286,680.00
Total Assets	\$333,024.00
Credit Card Liabilities	\$ (1,961.00)
Total Equity	\$331,063.00

*Available Fund Reserve is an Executive Board Directed fund for technology-related upgrades and licenses. Constitution Article IV, Section F, 2, f, (3). p. C-5.

Suggestions for a Smooth Internal Financial Review

As a former chapter treasurer and current chapter president, I have several years of experience with Internal Financial Reviews of chapter treasurer records. The following suggestions can help make the process smoother and more efficient for everyone involved.

Organizing Treasurer Records

Our chapter treasurer keeps records in a notebook and uses plastic sleeves to organize materials. This system makes it easier for reviewers to locate documents quickly and verify information consistently.

The following documents are kept in their own individual sleeves:

- Completed chapter IRS 990-N form
- Approved chapter budget
- List of financial institution(s) used by the chapter
- List of certificates of deposit, bonds, securities, and other investments, including maturity dates for each institution

Each month of the fiscal year, beginning with July, also has its own sleeve. Each monthly sleeve contains:

- Monthly deposit records
- Monthly expenditure records
- Monthly treasurer report
- Monthly statement(s) from the chapter's financial institution(s)

Conducting the Review

A two-person review team can make the process more efficient. The treasurer should provide the records to the review team and remain nearby to answer questions but should not be present in the room during the review.

During the review, the contents of each monthly plastic sleeve may be removed as needed to make the materials easier to examine.

With two reviewers, one person can examine the chapter treasurer's report while the second verifies the information against the bank statement. This division of work helps the review move smoothly and reduces the chance of missing details.

Using a Review Grid

Our chapter uses a grid with a box for each month. Reviewers can initial the appropriate box when the records for that month are complete and correct. The specific columns may vary depending on chapter needs, but possible columns might include

Transaction receipts present	Expense Vouchers completed	Checking Register accurate	Monthly report matches statement	Business Savings Register accurate	Scholarship Register accurate	Grant-in-Aid Register accurate
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Documenting Follow-Up Items

Any missing or incorrect information should be noted clearly and shared with the treasurer, president, and finance committee. These notes provide a record of items that need attention and help ensure that follow-up is handled consistently.

After the review is complete, any concerns should be discussed so the chapter can correct procedures that do not align with approved practices.

Final Note

This process reflects how our chapter conducts its Internal Financial Review. Other chapters may use different methods, but these suggestions may offer useful ideas for making the review process smooth, organized, and effective for everyone involved.

Michele Koenig
Gamma Chapter



Ohio State Organization

President
Dr. Molly Helmlinger, Beta Kappa

First Vice President - Open

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Meier Bauer, Gamma Phi

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Melodie McGee, Gamma Nu

Editor of *The Voice*
Cathy Tenney, Beta Kappa

Interim Web Administrator
Sue Datish, Beta Chi

Registered Statutory Agent
Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon



Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

July 7, 2026

1:30 p.m. Eastern
Inside International
dkg.org → Events → Virtual Events Around DKG → Inside Connections

July 19, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chapter Connections

July 31, 2026

Form 15 Chapter Treasurer Annual Report due

August 1, 2026

Submit Form 72 Society Website Compliance Assurance

August 4, 2026

6:30 p.m. Eastern
Inside International

August 15, 2026

Arts & Humanities submissions open for Fall Gallery

August 16, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chapter Connections

September 1, 2026

International Speakers Fund applications due

September 1, 2026

1:30 p.m. Eastern
Inside International

September 15, 2026

Arts & Humanities submissions due for Fall Gallery

September 27, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chapter Connections

October 6, 2026

6:30 p.m. Eastern
Inside International

October 18, 2026

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chapter Connections

October 31, 2026

Form 72 Society Website Compliance Assurance Forms Due

November 1, 2026

Chapter Yearbooks Due

November 1, 2026

Cornetet Individual Professional Development Applications
Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Applications
Due

DKG VISIONARY NETWORK

VIRTUAL GROUPS

The **DKG Visionary Network** aims to establish a long-term, organized system for creating, implementing, and nurturing affinity groups throughout the entire Society. An affinity group consists of regular gatherings of individuals who focus on a specific professional or personal topic.

These groups are designed to provide **support**, strengthen **connections**, and promote **growth** among their members.



HAVE AN AREA OF EXPERTISE TO SHARE WITH DKG MEMBERS? NEED A PLATFORM TO SHARE THIS EXPERTISE?

Proposals for the **DKG Visionary Network** are open and being accepted again!

Members interested in facilitating a DKG Visionary Network group should complete the [topic proposal application](#) by **July 20, 2026**.

Group topics and facilitators announced by **July 30, 2026**.

Projected start date for groups is **mid-September**.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2026

Visit www.dkg.org/VisionaryNetwork for more information
(must be signed in to access)

