

# The Voice

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



An exuberant greeting to the 2,458 members and 66 chapters in Ohio. My name is Dr. Molly Helmlinger, and it is with gratitude that I have the privilege of leading the Ohio State Organization (OSO) as State President for the 2025-2027 Biennium. I am anticipating an exhilarating term from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

First, this biennium will involve taking an objective and realistic look at OSO as it is now in 2025. By teaming together, we will endeavor to recalibrate and make the necessary adjustments to align OSO to meet the relevant needs of our members, unify chapters across the five geographical areas, establish stronger connections between the state level and chapters, and with DKG International Society.

Second, FOCUS\* is the theme I created to assist us. It is an acronym that enables us to recalibrate. By focusing on the future, remaining open to opportunities, communicating to enhance connections, uplifting each other through united goals, and embracing the unique spirit we all bring, OSO will become stronger and more relevant.

Third, we must focus on three target areas: (1) increasing membership, (2) developing leaders through a leadership succession process, and (3) establishing and enhancing relevant connections among our members, chapters, state committees, state officers, and DKG International Society. This will create what I call the OSO synergy circle. We can honor our rich heritage and, at the same time, move with deliberate speed to an even brighter future.

*If we are to remain mission focused, as we must if we are to be relevant in uncertain age, then abandoning those things that do not further the mission is a leadership imperative.*

*~ Frances Hesselbein*

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

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OSO Past State Presidents

## OSO Executive Board Meeting

July 1, 2025  
6:00 p.m. via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/3dd6uvep>



## White Roses

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



**Dr. Gail Louise Ali**  
Nu Rho Chapter

**Joyce L. Miller**  
Beta Iota Chapter

**Jane Ellen Modon**  
Delta Phi Chapter

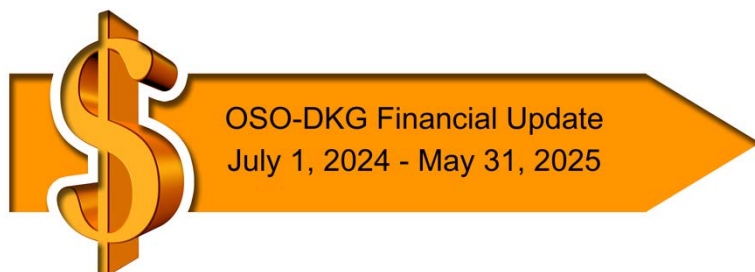


A huge thank you to Melodie McGee for her dedication during the 2023-2025 biennium. An energetic welcome to Dr. Molly Helmlinger as the OSO President for the 2025-2027 biennium.

## Dr. Molly Helmlinger's 2025 ~ 2027 President's State Initiative Mental Health & Wellness

## DKG Ohio Membership and Chapter Update July 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025

Active Members	2,161
Collegiate Members	5
Reserve Members	292
Total Membership	2,458
Ohio Chapters	66



### ***Statement of Financial Activity***

Revenue	\$54,820.00
Unrealized Revenue	\$15,465.00
Total Revenue	\$70,285.00
Expenses	\$31,793.00
Net Income	\$38,492.00

### **Statement of Financial Position**

Checking/Savings	\$ 33,970.00
Available Fund Reserve*	\$ 15,000.00
Investments	\$233,892.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 244.00
Total Assets	\$283,106.00
Credit Card Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Total Equity	\$283,106.00

\* 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.

Diana Haskell, Gamma Phi  
OSO Treasurer

## **Important Dates to Remember**

**July 1, 2025**  
OSO Executive Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. via Zoom

**July 23, 2025**  
Chapter President's Connections  
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**August 11, 2025**  
OSO Town Hall via Zoom  
6:30 p.m.

**August 15, 2025**  
DKG Fall Fine Arts Gallery  
Opens for Submissions

**August 21, 2025**  
Chapter President's Connections  
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**September 15, 2025**  
DKG Fall Fine Arts Gallery  
Last Day to Submit

**September 17, 2025**  
Chapter President's Connections  
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**September 27, 2025**  
OSO Fall Executive Board Meeting  
Time & Place TBA

**October 23, 2025**  
Chapter President's Connections  
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**November 19, 2025**  
Chapter President's Connections  
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**December 18, 2025**  
Chapter President's Connections  
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom



**Gamma Pi Chapter** members celebrating milestone years are Sonia Tsvetkoff, 20 years; Rosemary McLaughlin, 50 years; Betsey White, 25 years; Barbara Ade, 35 years; and Pat Schultz, 35 years.

**Beta Nu Chapter** Co-President Bunny Dobelng recognized Sharon Rose Tyahur pictured on the left for her 50 years as a member of DKG. Sharon explained how she became a member, "When a teacher that I had respected since high school asked me about joining Delta Kappa Gamma, I was truly flattered." Bunny presented Jane Pittman pictured on the right with a pin for her 40 years of membership. Jane says she is so grateful that Delta Kappa Gamma gives her an opportunity to interact with teachers even though she is retired.



## **LEARN PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE Parliamentary Fundamentals 101 VIA FOUR 1.5 HOUR VIRTUAL SESSIONS**

The next session of *We Want You! Parliamentary Fundamentals 101* will be in July for anyone that wants expert instruction on parliamentary procedure basics. It teaches the essentials using Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief (3rd Edition) to prepare participants for the NAP membership exam, **though the exam itself is not a requirement to complete the course.**

This four-session course runs July 17-31, 2025, from 8:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. ET. We know schedules can be tricky, so registrants can attend live or watch recordings of each class after they are posted on [\*\*NAP University\*\*](#).

Registration runs through July 31 – if you miss a class you can catch up watching recordings. The registration fee is \$70.00 which can be applied toward initial NAP national membership dues if the participant passes the membership exam by September 30, 2025. Y

The training schedule is as follows: Thursday, July 17; Monday, July 21; Thursday, July 24; and Thursday, July 31. All sessions begin at 8:00 p.m. ET.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ywzuh7nt>

## 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 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 1st @ 1:30pm Eastern  
Tuesday, August 5th @ 6:30pm Eastern  
Tuesday, September 2nd @ 1:30pm Eastern

## OSO Second Town Hall Meeting

All OSO-DKG Members

Topic: Gold Key

August 11, 2025

6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2vptajch>



**Gamma Nu Chapter** held their May meeting at the Laurels of Gahanna to have a treasured sister in attendance, Dr. Brooks. It was lovely to see her and to have her wisdom shared with our chapter, once again.



**Beta Alpha Chapter** installed new members at their May meeting. Pictured new members are Carrie Roberts, Donna Null, Mindy Foster, Cheryl Jarvis and Ashton Saunders. New members unable to attend were Lori Billings and Deyanira Miller. Current Beta Alpha members who nominated them for membership are pictured in the back row.



**Gamma Nu Chapter** welcomed new member Tiffany Williams. Pictured with Tiffany on her left is Heidi Baxter, Gamma Nu President, and to her right Melodie McGee, OSO President and Gamma Nu member.



**Gamma Pi Chapter** reinstated several members and welcomed transfer members from Mu Chapter. Pictured is Cynthia Ricci, Rita Herchik, Teresa Knopp, Diane Vrable and Cathy Campana.

 **Welcome New & Reinstated Members** 

**Zeta Chapter**  
Theresa M. Gearheart

**Beta Alpha Chapter**  
Lori K. Billings  
Mindy E. Foster  
Cheryl L. Jarvis  
Deyanira M. Miller  
Donna P. Null  
Cary C. Roberts

**Beta Zeta Chapter**  
Tracy Robinson  
Julie Weber

**Gamma Phi Chapter**  
Jacqui Dinwoodle  
Shannon Fisher  
Slyvia St. Cyr

**Attention OSO Members**  
**DKG Fall Fine Arts Gallery**  
**Opens for Submissions**  
**August 15, 2025**

Categories include visual arts, video, music and writing

Submission procedures and guidelines are at  
<https://gallery.dkg.org>

**Mark Your Calendars**  
**for the**  
**OSO Fall Executive Board Meeting**  
**September 27, 2025**  
**Time & Place TBA**