



# *The Voice*

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*From Diana's Desk*

**Believe :: Belong :: Build**

**2021 – A year of promise and hope?**

*It's our actions that define us-  
Our thoughts, our will, our ways.*

*We are all in this together.  
Soon there will be better days.*

*--Victoria Calleja*

We have just finished a very atypical year, leaving all to wonder what actually lies ahead for 2021. No one knows what 2021 will bring and nobody knows what our "new normal" will be or even look like. Although there are dire warnings of this pandemic "getting worse, before it gets better," in my mind, 2021 has to be better than 2020! I also yearn for our additional stress and anxiety to abate "sooner, rather than later."

The pandemic has brought massive changes to almost every aspect of our lives...how we live, where we live, where we go or cannot go, what we do or cannot do, where we work, how we go about our work, what it means to be a "kid" these days, what it means to be a student or a classroom teacher, what family and friends mean, what is actually important. I suspect that after many months of being placed on "hold", many of us have begun to ask what is my role in all of this, where do I fit in and how do I adopt/adapt a new way of thinking that takes everyone into account so *all* can look forward to the future with hope?

Our efforts to break the COVID-19 siege revealed both the best and unfortunately, the worst of the American character. Our journey from here on should be quite clear, yet very simple...resolve to be patient and steadfast and to collectively spend 2021 fighting for science, truthful facts and honesty, democracy and empathy and to repair, mend and heal, if we can, all that was lost in 2020.

With the newly approved vaccines, I am hopeful there will be better days ahead and certainly look forward to 2021 being a year of reawakening and recovery for us all. Life, without a doubt, will continue to be and feel different as we recalibrate and refocus our optimistic hopes on achieving the "new normal." Your Ohio State Organization Leadership Team continues to meet (on Zoom) regularly to plan and strategize as we lend our attention and efforts to the needs and the business, at hand, for DKG/Ohio. We too are looking forward to returning to normalcy. We encourage you all to "stay the course," remain vigilant and patient, and take to heart the following words of Victoria Calleja.

**"It's our actions that define us-  
Our thoughts, our will, our ways.  
We are all in this together.  
Soon there will be better days."**

Wishing you and yours a brighter and happier 2021!

*Diana*

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## Convention Update – Upcoming Connectivity Events

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

Well, the year 2020 was certainly one like no other! When the 2020 OSO State Convention was postponed two weeks before the scheduled event, we thought moving it to late August would give the virus enough time to move on, and we could have our convention as planned. Little did we know that around that time the coronavirus would begin ramping up for the fall. Then we thought, "Of course, the April 9-11, 2021, convention at the Embassy Suites in Dublin will take place as planned!" At this point, all we know is that there will be a convention in 2021, but we just don't know if it will be on-site or virtual. The February issue of The Voice will be an important communication for providing a clearer understanding of how the State Convention will be formatted.

In the meantime, the Connectivity Team will be bringing you two Zoom events in January. The kickoff to our author series will begin on **Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00 P.M. with Carol Trembath, who will be sharing her newest children's book, *Fairies and the Global Tree to the Rescue: A Tale of the Fairy Flu*.** The story is "a gentle framework for health conversations about the current viral infection." The second Zoom event will be **Zentangle with a Valentine's Day theme on Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 P.M.** According to what I found online, Zentangle is a type of art therapy to enhance relaxation and focus. Who among us couldn't use a little relaxation and focus as we begin 2021!! You will need paper and some type of writing tool (pen, pencil, markers, or colored pencils). As with our other Zoom events, **it is important for you to register in advance with the links provided below.** After registering, make sure you flag the emails from President Diana

Kirkpatrick. Put the dates on your calendar or do whatever you need to do to remember to join us on **Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00 P.M. and Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 P.M.** If you have an idea for a future Connectivity event, I would like to hear from you. Take care. Stay safe!

Linda Diltz, Beta Rho  
Convention Coordinator  
lindadiltz1@gmail.com

## **REGISTRATION LINKS FOR JANUARY CONNECTIVITY EVENTS**

### **Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

You are invited to attend an evening with author Carol A. Trembath, to discuss her new children's book, *Fairies and the Global Tree to the Rescue: A Tale of the Fairy Flu*.

When: Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121270>**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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### **Thursday, January 21, 2021**

You are cordially invited to attend a Valentine Theme **Zentangle** Event.

When: Thursday, January 21, 2021, 7:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121270>**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

# ADSOEF NEWS

## Happy New Year!

CLASSROOM TEACHERS! OSO members!! Do you need money to pay for that class you need to update your teaching skills or to upgrade your degree? ADSOEF has the funds you need. Just look at what we can do for you!

Most applications are due a month from now, February 1, so complete that application now, girl! See chart below:

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Who is Eligible</b>	<b>Application Due Date</b>
<b>A. Margaret Boyd International Study (Ohio) Fellowship</b>	to promote cultural and educational exchange among women educators worldwide	OSO member doing graduate study in foreign country	1-Feb-21
<b>Margaret L. White Scholarship</b>	graduate degree study at The Ohio State University	OSO member	1-Feb-21
<b>Ruth Grimes Scholarship</b>	graduate degree study at Miami University	OSO member	1-Feb-21
<b>Florence L. Woodward Scholarship</b>	graduate degree study at Kent State University	OSO member	1-Feb-21
<b>Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship</b>	graduate degree study at any accredited university	OSO member	1-Feb-21
<b>Individual/Classroom /Community Projects</b>	financial support for educational projects that fund targeted learners in non-profit settings and community-based projects.	OSO member	Anytime
<b>Leadership</b>	for expenses specifically related to developing leadership knowledge, skills or experiences	OSO member	Anytime
<b>Lifelong Learning</b>	for expenses which encourage the ongoing, voluntary and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons.	OSO member	Anytime

**Applications forms and details** can be found at <https://adsoef.weebly.com/applications--forms.html>.

Our Scholarship Committee Chairman and ADSOEF Educational Services Committee Chairman welcome your questions and their Committees can hardly wait to review your application! ADSOEF is focused on *funding the future of excellence in education!*

We want to fund your excellent educational goal!

We've "got your back," see?



"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action.  
These actions shape and mold the  
present into a future of which we can all be proud."  
Helen Dyer

### **FOUNDATION DIRECTORS SHAPE THE FUTURE!**

Do you have a desire to shape the future for educators and students? If you are looking for something worthwhile to do that will influence the future, apply to be a Foundation Director. You can share your enthusiasm, skills, and knowledge to strengthen the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation.

Serving as a Foundation Director of ADSOEF, you will ---

**Be part of a team!**  
**Be a positive influence!**  
**Face new challenges!**  
**Learn & serve!**  
**Experience personal satisfaction!**  
**Join the excitement!**  
**Do your part!**  
**Keep active!**  
**Raise awareness!**  
**Influence the future!**

Send your completed application by January 15, 2021, to Dr. Norma Kirby at [nkkirby@roadrunner.com](mailto:nkkirby@roadrunner.com).

If you want more information or have questions, you can contact Dr. Norma Kirby or any of the current directors or members of the ADSOEF Nominating Committee. Contact information is on the Foundation website at [adsoef.weebly.com](http://adsoef.weebly.com).

Link to Director's Application: <https://adsoef.weebly.com/director-description--application.html>

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### **A Handful of Ways to Ring in the New Year of 2021**

As the New Year of 2021 has arrived, let's continue to ignite our minds and hearts with an eternal flame by empowering women educators in Delta Kappa Gamma Society to serve. We can do this with a handful of five concepts that uses five fingers on a hand to identify each one of them. We want to encourage each other to proceed "Forward, moving ever!" [*Phrase taken from The Delta Kappa Gamma Song written by Anne Webb Blanton and Cora M. Martin*]

1. The first finger reminds us to...Explore ways to continue your education opportunities/resources every day. For example: read books and magazines, watch YouTube, listen to audio books, attend virtual webinars, follow Facebook, investigate internet articles, watch television newscasts, interviews, etc. Even though we work every day in so many roles, be sure to take some time 'to keep up' on relevant issues, current events, trends and technology advances.
2. The second finger reminds us to...Encourage leadership opportunities by offering training sessions for new Delta Kappa Gamma sisters and give them 'a voice' that says "everyone is important and valued" in our local chapters along with the ability to receive responsibilities.
3. Next, the third finger reminds us that we, will continue to provide knowledge of how Delta Kappa Gamma sisters can apply for scholarships and awards for financial endeavors that they are pursuing in their education career process.
4. The fourth finger stands for how...The Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter Sisterhood can network and come together either virtually or hopefully one day soon in person in their chapters to be informed about and discuss issues that have 'up-to-date' information about economic, social, political and educational events in order for our DKG sisters to effectively continue to participate in our global community.
5. And the fifth finger stands for that...We always strive as Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters, to encourage each other to grow strong in our personal growth and excellence in education as women educators.

If we can begin this New Year of 2021 igniting/reflecting our OSO DKG Chapters on these handful of five items, we will be able to take that information, absorb and apply it, and then use 'our fingers on our hands' to develop those concepts to encourage our

communities. In closing, hold, clasp, and touch your hands as you read these words from an excerpt of the poem entitled "Hands" by Thalassa Brytaye which says...

Hands...

Hold – to grasp and gently so. To wrap around and not let go.

To stay, to guide, support, enfold; And all-in love – this is to hold.

Clasp – to take with firm, strong hand; To pledge to join the within the band of brotherhood. A friend's true grasp: A faithful promise – this is to clasp.

And...

Touch – to softly wipe a tear. To say, though wordless: "I am here."

To tell, and without saying much: "I care for you," – this is to touch.

Melodie A. McGee, Gamma Nu Chapter  
Educational Excellence Committee Chairman

## **LEGISLATIVE LIASON BLOG**

Ohio's property tax financing of schools, deemed unconstitutional in 1994 by the Ohio Supreme Court, is finally being addressed in the Statehouse for the first time with a plan to implement a new financing plan in FY2022. House Bill 305 is currently before the Senate Finance Committee, having passed the House on December 3, 2020. Previously, according to the State School Board, only 18% of the state's school systems have been funded properly. HB 305, dubbed the Fair School Funding Plan, does have the support of the Ohio School Board, according to a Cincinnati WLWT report December 8, 2020.

With specific provisions made to collect specific reportable information (without use of SSI or personal identification information, the funding will be calculated per individual student and help create a district profile under the new plan. Each individual district's local share would be based 60% on property taxes and 40% on family income – with a total state cost estimated at \$2 billion. However, some political pundits foresee challenges in the Ohio Senate, with some senators putting the estimate at \$4 billion in an already faltering economy, with current and continued school funding cuts, and an international pandemic. Preschool expansion and funding, as well as funding for economically disadvantages could add to the challenges in the Senate.

At the time of this blog writing, the Senate Finance committee was set to meet on December 15 to discuss primary and secondary education. Political watchers contend an Ohio Senate vote on the bill may be a challenge at the year end. HB 305's progress can be found in the Ohio Legislature status report (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-status?id=GA133-HB-305>)

## MEMBERSHIP

### Forms, Forms, Forms!

I would like to reiterate the importance of completing forms and sending them in a timely manner. It's even more vital now that we are meeting virtually after the Pandemic hurled us into uncharted waters.

- **Form 6 – Report of the Death of a Member** - It is imperative that copies of this form be sent in a timely manner to DKG Membership Services; the OSO state treasurer, Diana Haskell; and me, the OSO state membership chair. We want to make sure that condolences are sent to the members' families right away.
- **Form 2 – Chapter Necrology Report** will be completed with the names and ID numbers of deceased members from your chapter since last year's report. This is due every year by February 1 (coming up soon) in order to prepare for the state necrology service and to verify our state list with International every biennium. Please verify all Form 6 submissions with your immediate past chapter president to complete this form. ***Very Important:*** If there are none, write NONE of the report and send it anyway.
- **The Buckeye-Cherry Challenge** is our current membership challenge and will end February 28, 2021. The form needs to be sent to me, electronically or regular mail, no later than March 1, 2021. I am hopeful that you will be able to click on the "bucket" on the form to bring up the submission form by January 15, 2021.

All three forms are available on the state website and can be sent to me by mail (309 N Bingham Street, Oak Hill OH 45656) or electronically ([membership@dkgohio.org](mailto:membership@dkgohio.org)). All this information will be used at state convention whether it's held in-person or virtually. Thank you so much for the time you put in to honor our members and celebrate membership at the chapter, state and International levels.

Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon  
First Vice President/Membership Chair

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## REMEMBERING OUR LOST SISTERS



Marilyn Combs – Omicron  
Leah Marlene Moody – Beta Rho  
Patricia Lee Napier – Alpha Xi



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 13, 2021** - Author Series featuring Carol Trembath  
*Fairies and the Global Tree to the Rescue: A Tale of the Fairy Flu*  
Zoom Event @ 7:00 p.m.

**January 15, 2021** - [ADSOEF Director Application Form](#) Due  
Director Application Form on Next Page

**January 15, 2021** - First Day to Submit  
Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery  
DKG International

**January 21, 2021** - Zentangle, A Connectivity Activity  
Zoom Event @ 7:30 p.m.

**February 1, 2021** - [OSO/ADSOEF Scholarship Applications](https://adsoef.weebly.com/applications--forms.html) 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  
(Submission Form Available on/after January 15, 2021)

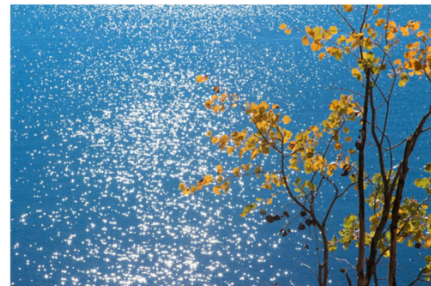
**April 9-11, 2021** - OSO State Convention  
**Embassy Suites - Dublin, Ohio**

### Holiday Treasures



Cheryl Quay, Debby Canter, Deborah Mihalik, Karen Estridge

### DKG Winter Gallery of Fine Arts



Early Fall Morning - Yellowstone Lake

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International announced the publication of photographs 'Early Fall Morning-Yellowstone Lake' and 'Fallen Autumn Leaves' by Cathy Tenney, editor of *The Voice*, in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Cathy's work will be displayed on the gallery for six months.



Fallen Autumn Leaves



Delta Delta past co-presidents, Brenda Ceplecci and Mary Ann Augustyn, visited Trumbull County Children's Services offices on Wednesday, December 2 to drop off clothing donations to complete the chapter's 2018-2020 Biennium Fostering Project. A "Thank You" banner was presented to them in appreciation of the contributions made by Delta Delta.