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EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING THIS SPRING & SUMMER!

OREGON STATE CONVENTION
VIRTUAL! APRIL 23 & APRIL 24

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- **Workshops**
- **Election of State Officers**
- **Recognition of Chapter Presidents**
- **White Rose Ceremony**
- **Celebration of New Members**
- **Scholarship Awards**
- **Service Awards**
- **Chapter Awards**

2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
PORTLAND, OR, Downtown Marriott

July 6 - 10, 2021

6 Tours through private companies

7 **July 7 Workshops**
Rejuvenating Your Chapter
Parliamentary Procedure

8 -10 General Sessions
Workshops
Takeaways

9 US Forum Session

9-10 Marketplace &
Art Gallery

10 Banquet

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DKG OREGON!
MAY 22, 2021

- **How did the chapters begin?**
- **What attracted so many women?**
- **What does DKG offer to today's teachers and other eligible individuals?**
- **Learn the stories of Oregon's pioneering teachers.**
- **Brag about your chapter.**

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Darlene Cook
Alpha/2
2019 - 21 President
Oregon State Organization

We have set our clocks forward and Spring is in the air. After the snowstorm a month ago, I am enjoying the sun and warmer weather. It is hard to believe that we are well into March! It is almost a year to the day that our way of doing business changed overnight. Schools were closed, events and activities were canceled, and everyone was asked to stay at home.

DKG Oregon canceled the state conference scheduled for April 2020 at the Oregon Garden Resort. The Steering Committee, Chair Brenda Jensen, and many Beta Beta (& other) members had planned an outstanding event. With hopes of rescheduling, DKG reserved a weekend in October; however, with a surge in COVID cases, that too was cancelled. Surely April 2021 would allow us to meet? No! By January it was obvious that meeting at The Oregon Garden in April was off the books.

Despite those disappointments, the pandemic will not stop us from meeting to socialize while completing the work of the Oregon State Organization.

I am pleased to invite you all to our first virtual convention on Zoom April 23rd and 24th! Please join us.

We have a full schedule with a social Friday evening; Saturday includes a presentation by Candace Martin, our International guest from Arkansas, and a choice of eight great workshops. We will welcome our new officers for the 2021-2023 biennium, adopt the budget for 2021-22, and vote on proposed changes to the *By-laws and Standing Rules.*

Our Awards Committee will announce the recipients of our State Achievement Awards, and reward chapters who have completed requirements for the Order of the Rose and Rosette Awards. A White Rose Ceremony will honor members who have passed away since April 2019. Hats off to our Steering Committee, especially Beta Beta members who stayed with us throughout the 1.5-year planning process!

Soon we will welcome new state leaders for 2021-2023. As we move forward as a state organization, I encourage you to become a part of the work in this new biennium. Consider becoming a member of our state leadership team. As of March 15, we still need a Finance Committee member from District 3. State committees are welcoming new members. Step up! Accept a position. OUR STATE ORGANIZATION NEEDS **YOU**! Working together at the state level is rewarding and a lot of fun!

Two unique opportunities are coming. On May 22, DKG will celebrate the 80th birthday of the Oregon State Organization. On May 23, 1941, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton installed Oregon (then named Alpha Rho State) into our International Society. During this special virtual event, we will recognize our 19 chapters, remember the past, and look forward to our future with the installation of new state officers!

In July we will welcome DKG members from throughout the Society to our hybrid International Conference in Portland. Many Oregon members are working to plan this exciting event. Jump on this chance to experience an International Conference in our own state!

This past year has been a challenge for all. Changes were made in our standard operating procedures; and, for the most part, Zoom became that instrument of change. I am amazed at and deeply appreciate the creativity, resiliency, and caring of Oregon members. You found ways to support each other, to "virtually" embrace each other, and to carry on with chapter projects and activities. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your State President!

With warm regards, ***Darlene***

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2021 OREGON STATE VIRTUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 23 & 24 by Zoom

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

6:00-7:00 p.m.

1. Budget Hearing--Vickie Jackson: Vickie will explain the proposed budget and answer any questions you may have at this time. The budget will be adopted on Saturday at the Executive Board meeting.
2. *Bylaws/Standing Rules* Hearing --Jean Fairbairn: Jean will explain proposals to the *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. She will answer questions. Members will vote Saturday on the proposed changes.
3. Unique Boutique--Catie Thurber-Brown

7:00 p.m. GAMES: See the Registration form for details: ChatSCat, Rubber Bridge, Pinochle, Bunco

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker Candace Martin--What's Happening in DKG (International Guest from Arkansas)
Meet the Candidates: Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

10:30-11:15 Workshops:

- Highlighting the Benefits of Membership (Candace Martin--Arkansas International Guest)
- Cultivating Resilience Through Travel (Nancy Lewis--Beta Beta)
- Tai Chi Chih (Jo Ann Brinkman--Beta Beta)
- Virtual Education: Blessings and Challenges of the new Normal (Priscilla Ing-- Lambda-Moderator)

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- Just One More Thing (Melissa High--Alpha)
- From Exclusion to Inclusion, Special Education at Huruma in Tanzania (Bertha Haas--Psi)
- Cultivating Resiliency Through Yoga Mind, Body, and Soul (Kim Brown--Beta Beta)
- DKG Zoom Olympics (Amber Roberts--Tennessee)

12:45 p.m.

- General Meeting: Voting for officers, voting for *Bylaws and Standing Rules*
- Executive Board Meeting: Voting on budget, affirmation of treasurer and editor
- Awards Presentation
- White Rose Ceremony

Ending Remarks

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021--Yes, May!

Time TBA: Oregon's 80th Birthday Party
Installation of Elected Officers and Committee Members
Details later, as both are still being organized.

MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL GUEST

CANDACE MARTIN

Candace (Candi) Martin is a retired Health and Wellness teacher. The first seven years of her career, she was a girls' basketball and track and field coach. She and husband Edward have two daughters, both educators, one an elementary teacher and the other at the college level. Candi was inducted into Chi Chapter of DKG Arkansas in 2002.

She has served in various positions and offices at all three levels of the Society. These include: chapter committee chairs and president; state committee chairs, second vice-president, parliamentary advisor, and president; Southeast Regional Representative to the US Forum, International Membership Committee, and Southeast Regional Director. In 2012, Candi attended the International Leadership/Management Seminar. Candi says that she is honored to be a member of DKG and has met some of the most talented, intelligent, encouraging, inspiring, generous, and caring ladies through her DKG experiences.

In her retirement, Candi enjoys playing dinosaurs with four-year-old Greyson, her only grandchild. She is an avid golfer, baseball fan, and jigsaw puzzler. She and her husband like working together on woodworking projects. Candi also enjoys spending some of her time working to promote DKG and doing her work as regional director.

VIRTUAL = NO COST

BUT YOU MUST REGISTER

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: Games & Conversation

Activities for the Oregon State Organization's 2021 Spring Convention

Several options for socializing await you on Friday evening, April 23. **TO PARTICIPATE: You must register for the conference.** Please choose an activity when you register to give us time to set up the logistics. **Your email address is essential to receive info about how to get set up and connect to the activities.**

On the registration form **(see page 8)**, please indicate which of these options you would like to do:

- General **Zoom chat** for socializing
- Play **rubber bridge** on trickstercards.com (each table can be 4 people; but we will have as many tables as needed to accommodate all who wish to participate) Eloise Gibson will contact you to be sure you are set up to play on Trickster and explain how the process works.
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- Play **bunco** on-line; the leaders of this group will contact you with more information to set up.

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Cultivating Resiliency in Ourselves and Others
Virtual Oregon State Organization Convention
April 23-24, 2021

Dr. ____ First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____-_____-_____ Email address **(required):** _____

Please check all that apply:

____Current Chapter President ____State Exec. Officer (position)_____ ____became a member in 1970 /71
____Proxy for Chapter President ____State Committee (position)_____ ____became a member in 1995/96
____Past State President ____Convention First Timer ____ Currently working ____new member since 4/1/2019

By registering for this convention, you give your permission to have your name and picture appear in DKG promotional media.

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Catie will highlight her DKG items and explain what the profits go for and how to access them.

7:00 p.m. GAMES: Choose one activity.
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Awards
White Rose Ceremony
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Please email to Bonita Fillmore at bfillmore55@q.com

RED ROSES 2019 - 21

Inductees, Reinstatements, & Transfers-in

WELCOME TO DKG OREGON!

Beta Beta/5
Sheila Kleinheinz
Kelly J Mohr
Jerry Ann Pappelis
*Ginny Goddard
*Eileen MacPherson
*Carol Duncan
Ginny, Eileen and Carol: Inducted 4/12/21

Alpha/2
Bethany Osborn
Melissa High

Omicron/2
Laurel Santos
Kristine Stolz - Reinstated

Chi/6
Cindy O'Mealy

Psi/5
Sue Pass - Transfer from CA

Omega/2
Dianne Agricola -Transfer from Virginia
Carrie Simpson

Lambda/3
Ana Diaz Hansen
Linda Mooney
Nanci McChesney-Henry - Reinstated

Zeta/1
Kate Bottger
Audrey Cant
Mandi Parsons

Alpha Omicron/4
Chris Stewart
Barb Shriver (to be inducted April 1, 2021)

Alpha Epsilon/5
Marie Mueller—Transfer from Omega

2019 - 21

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Kathie Hill, Omega/2

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

2021 International Conference

July 7-10 • REGISTRATION FORM • Portland, Oregon

REGISTER by one of two methods below. **Online registration is recommended**. Please print or type one member's registration per form. Include guest information on member's form. Register online at www.dkg.org.

1. *Internet:* www.dkg.org

2. *Mail* form and payment to: Delta Kappa Gamma c/o Bill Staples
416 W. 12th St., Austin, TX 78701-1817

Last Name: _____First: _____Middle: ____ Badge Name: _____

Email: _____Telephone: _____Mobile: _____

Chapter:_____ State Organization (Geographic): _____ Year of Initiation:_____

Name of Guest/s: _____

Member ID: _____❑ Diabetic ❑ Vegetarian ❑ Gluten-Free ❑ Vegan ❑ First International Conference

Position held as of July 2021: *(please specify)*

❑ State Organization _____

PHOTO RELEASE: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, audiotaped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Prices include tax/gratuity. No meal tickets sold after **June 23**.

International Conference Events	Cost (USD)	Number	Total
Registration Fee (paid by ALL) Postmarked on or before June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$160	_____	_____
Postmarked after June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$240	_____	_____
Non-Member Registration Fee Postmarked on or before June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$180	_____	_____
Postmarked after June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$270	_____	_____
Member one-day (specify day) ❑ Thu. 7/8 ❑ Fri. 7/9 ❑ Sat. 7/10	$80	_____	_____
Family/Medical Companion Registration Fee (no conference materials)	$25	_____	_____
Pre-conference: Parliamentary Procedures Made Easy with lunch, 40 max (Wed., July 7)	$62	_____	_____
Pre-conference: Rejuvenating Your DKG Chapter with lunch, 50 max (Wed., July 7)	$62	_____	_____
Luncheon Session with Speaker Wintz (Thurs., July 8)	$62	_____	_____
Taste of Oregon Experience Dinner (Thurs., July 8)	$88	_____	_____
Oregon Welcomes You! (Thurs., July 8)	Free	_____	_____
Riverfront Breakfast (Fri., July 9)	$48	_____	_____
Celebration Luncheon with speakers (Fri., July 9)	$57	_____	_____
Riverfront Breakfast (Sat., July 10)	$48	_____	_____
Grab/Go Lunch (Sat., July 10)	$63	_____	_____
Banquet with Speaker Sadowski (Sat., July 10)	$84	_____	_____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED (USD)		$_____

PAYMENT by check, money order or credit card information must accompany this form. **Those living outside the U.S. must pay by credit card.** For registration questions, call 512.478.5748 ext. 133 or e-mail bills@dkg.org.

❑ Check/Money Order (Payable to Delta Kappa Gamma) Credit Card: ❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard

Account #:_____Exp. Date:_____ 3-digit code (back of credit card)_____

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CANCELLATION: Requests must be in writing to Bill Staples at bills@dkg.org by June 23, 2021. After June 23, 2021 only the registration fee will be refunded. No fees refunded after July 6, 2021. All cancellations, no matter when received, will be charged a $40 US fee. Returned check fee is $35 US.

OREGON HAPPENINGS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: SPOTLIGHT SPECIAL

There's something special about Delta Kappa Gamma members. Maybe it's their educational background or professional development opportunities they provide for others. It could be that the community is a better place because they are involved in ways to enrich the lives of those around them.

Do you know a DKG member that you would like to place in the spotlight so all members could catch a glimpse of them? The 2020-2022 International Membership Committee developed guidelines to help you.

DKG International Membership Spotlight Guidelines (2021)
2020-2022 DKG International Membership Committee
An application form will be provided on the www.dkg.org website.

1. The information provided on the application will be used to determine the spotlight members as well as provide information for the spotlight article which will be written by the DKG International Membership Committee (IMC).
2. A headshot photo of the nominee will be sent separately at the time of the application and will not be provided to the committee. The IMC will not see this photo during the selection process.
3. A rubric will be used to score the nominees.
4. No more than three nominees will be selected at one time to allow for additional nominees to be submitted.
5. All nominees will be removed when a new biennium begins.
6. Prior to the end of the biennium, a member of the DKG IMC will notify nominee sponsors by July 1 to invite them to resubmit the member application.

OREGON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY COMMITTEE
MAY 22, 2021

Please research your chapter's history. When? Where? Founders? Unique things about your chapter? Who were the movers and shakers back then?

Send the info to Dana Murphy, Chair at **mudspud1@gmail.com** Save a copy in your chapter history files, too.
Watch for updates!

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee is eagerly waiting for your Chapter Award Forms, so we can figure out what Rose and Rosette Awards we will be giving out this year. After receiving the forms, we will be busy making the certificates and getting ready to announce the chapters getting awards at our virtual State Convention in April.

Medallions for the three state awards arrived this weekend: Service to Society, Service to Education, and Service to Community. They will be ready to give out in April. By the time The Trail is published, hopefully all the nominee forms will be in and we can begin our selections. Thanks to all of you who turned in your forms by the deadline!

Kathy Martell & Sandy Watts, Co-Chairs

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Lise Van Brunt, Yvonne Fasold, Kathie Hill

2021 SLATE OF CANDIDATES
STATE OFICERS

PRESIDENT: Brenda Jensen/Alpha/2

I have been a Speech Pathologist in the public schools for 46 years. Three years in Malheur County, Oregon 42 years in Klamath County, Oregon. My career has been very enjoyable working with school age children for 30 years and 15 years with 3- to 5-year-old preschool children. I did spend one year as a special education teacher in Chiloquin, Oregon. I live on my property that has been in my family for over 100 years with horses, a donkey, goats, chickens, cats, and dogs. In addition to teaching, I have held many positions in Alpha Chapter and have been active in Oregon DKG for years. I am looking forward to serving the DKG Oregon State Organization during the 2021-23 biennium.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bonita Fillmore, Alpha/2

Bonita is a retired educator who served students for 23 years. She was a Media Specialist, District Media Coordinator, Reading Teacher, and Art Teacher for the Klamath County School District. Bonita is a member of the Oregon Education Association Retired and the Oregon Retired Educators Association where she has served as a Unit President and is currently State Vice President. She may be State President for this group in the near future.

Bonita is a dedicated DKG member. She has been a Chapter President more than once and is currently serving again as President of Alpha Chapter. She has been Oregon State Organization Administrative Secretary since 2017 and served on the State Finance Committee in the past. Bonita is involved in the Parish Council as Vice President and President, CCD and assists with a Youth group. Her special interests include photography, stamp collecting, art and traveling.

SECRETARY: Kate Kelleher, Beta Beta/5

Kate has years of experience in DKG. Currently serving in the state secretary position, Kate wishes to continue. In Beta Beta, she served as co-president, co-vice president, and secretary, as well as supporting BB projects. In her professional career, Kate taught upper elementary grades for 18 years, spent 15 years as a school counselor, and she also ran a private counseling business. After initial retirement, she worked 9 years as counselor, liaison, and tutor. She is conscientious and follows through on her work.

Kate is the mother of two, is happily divorced, and has family on the East Coast, which gives her a good excuse to travel.

STATE STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

DISTRICT 1: Laurie Graves, Zeta/1

Laurie was a dedicated Elementary teacher for grades 2 through 4 for 32 years. After retirement she continued to sub for 6 more years. Laurie has been a member of Zeta Chapter since 2004. She served as Secretary for Zeta from 2016 to 2020.

Laurie has served the youth of her community as a 4-H leader/volunteer since 1997. She also served as the 4-H Superintendent of Food for Union County. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church where she has been an Elder and a Deacon. Laurie was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for Union County 4-H in 2016.

DISTRICT 2: Carolyn (Cari) Hinesly, Omega/2

Cari was a teacher for the Eagle Point School District from 1968 to 1998. She also worked as a Media Specialist for there from 1985-1998. She is now retired.

Cari became involved in DKG in 1975 as a member of the former Epsilon Chapter in Medford. She remained with them through 2016 until the Chapter dissolved. She then became a member of Omega. Cari was a leader in Epsilon, serving as Treasurer 1980-1992 and then again 2008-2012. She was Chapter President 2012-14, Co-President 2014-16. She became a Co-Secretary this year for Omega.

Cari serves her community as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Community Water District. She has very interesting hobbies: Cari loves sportscar and sled dog racing.

DISTRICT 3: FINANCE COMMITTEE: OPEN!

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STATE STANDING COMMITTEES NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

DISTRICT 1: Sandra (Sandy) Rysdam, Zeta/1

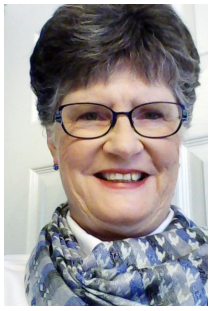
Sandy has served in Education since 1986. She was an Associate Director of Financial Aid at Eastern Oregon University, Director of Leadership in La Grande, and an elementary teacher for Elgin School District. In 2010, Sandy received the Elgin School District Service Award. She currently is a substitute teacher.

Sandy is a member of Zeta Chapter and has served Zeta as a Vice President and President. Sandy is also a member and past chapter president of Beta Sigma Phi, which she joined in 1978.

DISTRICT 2: Kathleen (Kathie) Hill, Omega/ 2

Kathie retired after serving students for 39 years. She was a teacher for 24 years grades 4 through 8. She then became an administrator at K-5 level for 15 years. Kathie worked in North Carolina as well as in Oregon. She currently volunteers at a local elementary school when allowed by COVID rules.

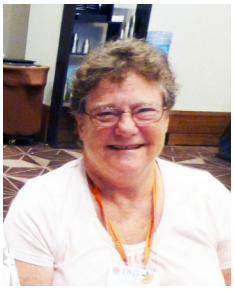
Kathie served as President of Omega Chapter. At the state level she is currently serving as a *New Oregon Trail* proofreader. In earlier years, she served as photographer when needed and on several committees. Kathie was honored for her Service to Education by the Oregon State Organization in 2007.



Kathie served as the treasurer and secretary of the Administrators of Three Rivers Association (ATRA) at different times. She is a dog lover and enjoys golfing and travel whenever she can!

DISTRICT 3: Kaye Jones, Kappa/3

Kaye began working with students in 1980. She taught in Klamath Falls City Schools, Klamath County Schools, and Greater Albany Public Schools. She was a special education teacher, GAPS resource teacher, tutor/teacher at the Juvenile Detention Center and substitute teacher.



As a member of Kappa Chapter, Kaye was chapter president several times, co-president, treasurer, and immediate past president several times. She served on Kappa's scholarship and hostess committees. At the state level, Kaye was Secretary 2015-2017 and 2007-2008; Communications Chair; and World Fellowship Committee, 1993-1996. She assisted at many state meetings. Regionally, Kaye attended membership training in 2011, was a shuttle driver at Spokane (International Convention in 2010) and in 2009, was Hostess Committee Chair at NW Regional in Portland.

Kaye's professional organization roles varied: she has been on the Jefferson School District Board since 2011. She served on the AWANA Missionary Ministry Board 2005-2011 and was a short-term missionary to Senegal and Sierra Leone, Africa, in 2003 and 2008. She served on the Basin Transit Service Board of Directors from 1990-1997.

Kaye was honored by being elected to the Jefferson School Board, and she was given the Citation Award for *Bible* Memorization from AWANA Clubs International. Kaye's other activities include being Red Cross Lifeguard Trainer, Water Safety Instructor, and Women's Ministries at JBC.

Kaye's pix is from 2018 the convention folder.

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PRESIDENT-TO-PRESIDENT SHARING

Thank you for joining us in January & March. Your support of state meetings and activities is appreciated! In January, 34 attended: 33 Oregon members representing 14 of 19 chapters, and Barbara Clausen, NW Regional Director, from Washington. On March 6, we had 26 Oregon members representing 12 chapters. A round- table discussion with SE Regional Director Candace (Candi) Martin, our 2021 International guest, was the highlight of our March President-to-President session.

Candi answered questions from chapter presidents, such as how we can reach out to working educators and ideas for making leadership roles more attractive to members. As co-chair of the San Antonio International Conference, she provided insights into the planning of a large international event.

Also joining us was Daphne Cagle, chair of the California State Expansion Committee. She invited members to the pre-conference workshop, "A Team Approach to Revitalize Your Chapter." Daphne, along with Past Washington State President Sherri Wagemann, will lead participants in developing plans to strengthen their chapters. A second pre-conference workshop, "Robert's Rules Made Easy" will be offered by International Parliamentarian Dr. Helen Popovich.

Brenda Jensen updated us on our virtual state convention, and Jean Fairbairn discussed plans for the Portland International Conference. Vickie Jackson explained the process for applying for a $100 conference stipend. Information on our 80th Birthday Celebration was shared by Dana Murphy.

Please share comments and suggestions on topics, materials, discussion groups, frequency of meetings, etc., for future president meetings. Thank you for your continuing support and dedication to your chapter and to our state organization.

With much gratitude, Darlene

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Why Do International & State Want My Email Address?

The better to communicate with you, my dear! In today's world, email opens the door to the vast resources available on the DKG and Oregon websites.

It provides a means for you to receive important announcements, to ask questions, to chat with like-minded members on a blog, to view deadlines for opportunities, to maintain your own information on MyDKG, and to participate in the many virtual and online activities that keep DKG members current in this vibrant and ever-changing Society.

OREGON GAME NIGHT February 18, 2021

We had fun! Laughs and some brain-stimulating games made for a great evening--and 23 members from 10 chapters joined Alpha Epsilon hostesses Dr. Cindy Ryan and Jill Snyder. ***Scattergories*** and ***Truth or Lies*** turned out to be highly entertaining!.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE: OREGON LEGISLATURE

Kate Kelleher—OSO Legislative Liaison

The Capitol is silent these days, with Legislators attending House and Senate Committee meetings virtually. Some are feeling the same "Zoom Fatigue" that many educators and students are dealing with as we move into Year 2 of this Pandemic.

Democrats dominate both chambers; however, even with their 3/5 super majority to approve tax measures, they do not have a quorum majority to sweep in new policy. A main goal of this session is to approve a biennial budget. Due to diminished income tax and reduced collections from Oregon State Lottery, spending issues will be tight, even though marijuana sales have skyrocketed!

"Hot" topics for this session:

- COVID response: effects as well as vaccine rollout.
- Wildfire recovery: Many are still homeless.
- Redistricting--This only occurs once a decade and could create change.
- Campaign finance reform, following up on an initiative that Oregon voters approved in November 2020.
- Advancing Racial Equity across the state. Currently, the Legislature's Black, Indigenous and People of Color Caucus (BIPOC) has 12 members. Lew Frederick, long time member, said, "Never before has the conversation in this state been so focused on the legacies of racial inequality and the continuing impact of systemic racism of our society."

Here are three key player's quotes from the beginning of the session a month ago:

- **Governor Brown,** *"The reality is, the challenging times we have faced in the last year have really created the legislative agenda."*
- **Tina Kotek, House Speaker, Democrat, Portland** *"This session is about responding to crisis and helping people,"*
- **House Minority Leader Christine Drazan, Republican—Canby** *said the session must address, "the challenges and problems that Oregonians feel in real time."*

Will we see consensus in the coming weeks left in this session? Please tap the link to the Oregon Legislature

here, OLIS to find your Representative and Senator. Read their notes on legislation and email them your thoughts. **Connections from constituents are the most important thing we can do to ensure our voices are heard in this democracy.**

WHITE ROSES 2019 – 2021

Omega/2
- Dr. Patricia Hayes: March 21,1922 - October 29, 2019

Alpha/2
- Judy Smith-Clifton : January 1, 1946 - July 22, 2019

Lambda/3
- Jule Crume: June 29, 1919 -- August 28, 2019

Beta Beta/5
- Jean Haldorson: July 10, 1931- May 22, 2019
- Susan Eve Herron: April 4, 1938 – June 3, 2018
- Edith Evelyn Knouff: October 13, 1919 – April 25, 2017
- Carolyn Saxe: June 24, 2019 – August 29, 2020
- Darline Sverid: October 31, 1938 – July 26, 2017
- Karen Wedeking: August 25, 1943 – October 2, 2018
- Norma Wetzell: July 16, 1933 – July 25, 2020
- Margaret "Peg" Hewlett: August 7, 1949 - March 16, 2021

Alpha Nu/5
- Helen Fohl --1921 – May 6, 2020

Alpha Epsilon/5
- Betty McChesney Haus --February 16, 1939 -February 11, 2021

Eta/6
- Helen Kappler: October 13, 1928 - May 1, 2018
- Jeurine Marshall: April 17, 1928 - December 1, 2019
- Betty Jean Dawkins: February 17, 1943 -February 18, 2020

Chi/6
- Patricia Maple: August 23, 1937 - May 2, 2019

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE: CURRICULUM OF HOPE

Have you read the ***Curriculum of Hope*** newsletter that offers suggestions to stay positive and hopeful in our world? As we continue to struggle with the pandemic and experience uncertainty, this is a newsletter full of hope and useful ideas. *Curriculum of Hope* is a Standing Committee of Connecticut State Organization, DKG.

The Winter 2021 edition includes interesting and diverse articles such as:
- **DESSA:** A standardized, strength-based SEL assessment that measures the **social and emotional**
- competence of youth in kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **A Little Spots Books:** Author Diane Alber became inspired to start writing and illustrating books because she saw a need for a book that inspired art and creativity in children.
- **Just for Fun Feel- Good Reads**: A list of 12 books to help you feel better.
- **Free Online Courses:** A link for some free online classes regarding Emotional Intelligence.

You can subscribe for free. I encourage you to check it out! In closing, here are words from their Founder, **Jeanne Morascini:** "Just remember to love each other, to help each other and to share your abundance of goodness. Go forth and spread your message of peace through kindness, empathy, and love. Our very ill world population needs the support of every peacemaker right now. Blessings for your good health, peace and joy in a more normal world in 2021."

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BONDED BY FIRE

Omega of Oregon
&
Epsilon Omicron of California

SISTER CHAPTERS RULE!

January 2021

We have some wonderful news to share. Our sister Chapter, **Epsilon Omicron from Huntington Beach, California,** has donated another $500 to our mutual efforts to support a local family. At Omega's February Zoom meeting, a number (13) of Epsilon Omicron members joined us from Orange County, CA: **Cynthia Blackwell, Ginger Longwell, Frazer, Joan Copp, Becky Cameron, Karen, Kathy Elles, Sheila Nelson, Lynn Records, Lissa Pestolesi, Susan Selman, Teri, Cathy Ryder.** It was an inspiring and friendship-making session.

This is the story of the family that received the $1,000 donated by Epsilon Omicron. At the recommendation of a local principal in the Three Rivers School District (Josephine County, Oregon), this family was selected by Omega to receive assistance. The family takes the children to a mobile hot spot where a Three Rivers District-provided van comes periodically. Staff set up warming tents, portable heaters, and tables so kids can work on laptops.

This Illinois Valley family lost everything in the September fires. They have a truck, and someone donated a small camper trailer that all five share. They are living far out in the county, almost to the Oregon/California border. They have three kids: two at Evergreen Elementary and one who is a senior at Illinois Valley High School in Cave Junction.

High school staff provided a warm blanket for each family member and gas cards to run the family's generator and truck. The generator is the only way they can cook and have light and heat. They run the heat about two hours at night before they sleep. Omega has donated a new Chrome Book (laptop) to assist the family with online education and more recently has added $250 for gas for their generator..

As you can well envision, this generous $1,000 donation will go far toward a new beginning and a better chance at success.

Update: March 7, 2021

The family is sometimes able to get WIFI at home now. Two of the kids are at Evergreen. We talked to the office manager and the principal at the high-school who were in close contact with the family. The family desperately needed a washer and dryer, but supplies of appliances are low in our area due to fires and COVID. We were able to work with a local appliance store. The store found an older set that they refurbished for the family and then even knocked off $100 for us after I told them the family story.

The family was so grateful. They drove in to Grants Pass where I (Lise Van Brunt) got to meet them all. The kids said they had been especially delighted to get the laptop, as sharing just the school laptop is very hard among three of them.

The high school daughter is on track to graduate, despite everything that has happened in the last year. In talking directly with them, I discovered that the trailer they live in was purchased from funds they received through a Go Fund Me account set up by family.

They are hardworking , humble people who are working hard to re-establish themselves for the sake of their kids. They are living on their land despite the challenges of no power yet and deep mud because the fire was so hot it burnt underground roots so soil sinks deeply. Snow and rain produce high humidity in their house, causing wet muddy clothes and towels all the time. Despite that, they arrived clean with only muddy boots to show the story!

Thank you, Epsilon Omicron, for beginning this journey of funding for a local family. We are inspired by your generosity and kindness.

Lise Van Brunt
Omega President
Grants Pass, Oregon

And here is the sad part: A similar scenario was repeated over and over as fires raged in southern Oregon in Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Counties; in the north Willamette Valley, in the Santiam Canyon fires, in Lane County, in Clackamas Couny; and on the Oregon Coast in Lincoln County. So many homes and lives were burned to a crisp.

CHAPTER CHATTER

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): ALPHA'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Thanks to Melissa High, we were able to set up a Little Library in the Midland Store. **Melissa, Judy Brimmer, Bonita Fillmore, Joanne Skinner, and Brenda Jensen** were able to put DKG stickers in each book donated. Bonita donated a bookshelf and helped to set up a library. Books for various ages were placed on the shelves. It is pretty exciting and hopefully residents in the area are taking advantage of the Midland Little Free Library

Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.): Omega has been doing well with Zoom and /or hybrid meetings this year, although not all members are comfortable with either one! Our March speaker, Co-Secretary **Sara Kinstler**, discussed challenges of classroom management during a pandemic, when the "classroom" is a computer screen--a different issue entirely.

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Eight of Lambda's active classroom teachers and two guests presented a panel discussion about "Teaching Online During the Pandemic: Problems and Positives" for our February Zoom meeting. They were praised for their resilience and determination to provide the best education for their students.

To help children gain an understanding of diversity, five book bags each containing five children's books are being circulated among our members in the schools. Literacy Chair **Dr. Karren Timmermans** shared a list of children's picture books that help increase understanding of diversity.

State President **Darlene Cook** was present at both the February and March Zoom meetings. She provided updated information about the upcoming State Convention and the International Conference.

The focus for our March meeting was White Bird Clinic's CAHOOTS (Crisis and Helping Out on The Streets) and HOOTS (Helping Out Our Teens in School) programs. Ashley Barnhill-Hubbard informed us about this community-based public safety system to provide mental health first-response.

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): Our March meeting was followed by a trip to the past. A presenter from the Columbia County Historical Society spoke on some history of Columbia County's earliest schools and educators. Many members recognized buildings that they had taught in before those buildings had been either re-vamped or replaced. A few of the members even remembered the presenter from his elementary school years!

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.): Alpha Epsilon's past three programs have been outstanding. In January, Salem-Keizer Superintendent, Christy Perry shared with us about her strong commitment to anti-racism as she works with SKPS staff and the board of directors. In February, soon-to-be-installed Oregon's 2021 Kid Governor, Taneesh Garg, joined us virtually to share about his community issue for the year: Racism. Also presenting was Mary Beth Herkert, State Coordinator of the 5th Grade Civics Program, sharing information about the "Oregon Kid Governor Program."

In March, Ashley Hamilton, Project Program Director for ARCHES, shared with us how a data-driven examination of homelessness works in Marion and Polk County. More housing for the homeless was exciting to hear about. She also shared critical information regarding trends in homelessness and COVID.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): In February, Alpha Nu members joined Beta Beta Chapter in their Zoom meeting to hear about the remarkable women featured in the book, *Notable Women of Portland.* President **Melanie Morris** delivered members' donated books to **Kathy Martell** for her Little Library.

Members shared personal stories at the March meeting. We had an introduction to a new precious granddaughter; tales of extraordinary teaching experiences; travel stories to favorite countries; important teaching advice from a member's student; remote teaching challenges and rewards; delivering services to students in a motorhome; the joy of going through old family photos; and an explanation of how a member makes beautifully decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs.

Helen Fohl passed away on May 6, 2020, at 99. Her 57 years of active membership in Alpha Nu Chapter, 38 of those years as treasurer, were an inspiration.

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Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): On February 11, Psi held a Zoom meeting hosting special guest speaker: Amy Richter, founder of *Music Workshop.* Amy saw a need for relevant music education in the classroom. Her program started with an idea for increasing student love of music with CDs and teacher instruction and then grew to an online program reaching 800,000 to 2,100,000 students, in all 50 states and 77 countries. Her program is being used by teachers in public schools, international schools, private schools, as well as reaching out to homeschoolers. Take a look at *Music Workshop* by visiting the website: https://www.musicworkshopedu.org.

As a chapter we are looking forward to the Oregon DKG Convention, where member **Bertha Hass** will be a presenter, sharing information about Huruma School in Tanzania. If we are able to meet in person for the International Conference in Portland, **Meri Putzler** will be the committee chair for the properties room. Hope to see you all there!

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):

Notable Portland Women

February's History Committee Program featured Zadie Schaffer presenting a talk about Notable Women of Portland, the book which she co-wrote with her mother, Dr. Tracy Prince. The project began as Zadie's Mitzvah part of her Bat Mitzvah project. Zadie is a senior at Lincoln High School in Portland and has been admitted to Stanford University next year. This lively presentation highlighted a group of Portland's prominent women over the years from first people and pioneers to the present, including names we recognized and many we did not. Notable Women of Portland can be purchased from Amazon or Powell's.

Bunco Alert: Who knew a fundraiser could be so much fun? At our fall auction, one of the big moneymakers was an online Bunco game. **Sharon Kabusreiter and Kim Brown** spent long hours learning how to put Bunco online. The idea was to meet new people, have fun, and win some big bucks. It worked perfectly! Almost 40 people (on Zoom!) moved from table to table, throwing dice and accumulating points as they went. **Wendy Hacke's** eight-year- old granddaughter, Ava, almost stole the show with her enthusiasm and skill. The big winner was **Sherrie James,** who won $100 for throwing the most buncos. Sherrie graciously donated her prize back to the Foundation. A great time was had by all. Stay tuned for our next game!

District 6

Chi (Clackamas): Would you like to become a Book Fairy? Once a week, a Book Fairy delivers a book to a child who could use extra reading support and also becomes the child's pen pal. Gently used books and printed books from Raz-kids.com are provided as another resource for Book Fairies. A stamped, self-addressed envelope and Book Fairy Stationery are also part of this packet. Interested? We are gathering names of Book Fairies now.Sign up at www.teachersbrigade.org to get started! or call
Cindy O'Mealy, 503-830-5077
Teachers Brigade Director

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla): At our January Zoom meeting, we had a wonderful sharing of special teacher moments and winter snow stories. Due to the ice storm and power outages, our February meeting was canceled. Our agenda was to finalize our Beta Gamma scholarship winners, so we did it by email. Four projects from four different schools were awarded around $150 each.

COMING UP

July 31 to August 1, 2021
Int'l Leadership Training
Atlanta, Georgia

1. State Organization President
2. State Organization Treasurer
3. State Organization Executive/ Administrative Secretary (first term)
4. State Organization Membership Chair
5. State Organization Educational Excellence Chair

Sessions will be recorded for on-demand viewing and use for participants unable to attend the training in-person.

As our NW Representative on the International Leadership Development Committee, **Dr. Kelly McIntyre** will be a member of the leadership training team.

2022 July 12 - 16, 2022
Int'l Convention
New Orleans, LA

RETURN ADDRESS

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DARLENE'S SCHEDULE

3/16, 6/15
Alpha Rho Foundation Board Meeting

3/17, 4/14, 5/19, 6/23 7/6- 7/10
Int'l Conference Steering Committee Meetings

3/29 Executive Committee meeting
4/5 Sigma Chapter meeting
4/7 Chi Chapter meeting
4/12 Beta Beta meeting
4/15 Alpha Phi meeting

April 23-25 - Oregon State Organization Convention – **VIRTUAL**
5/12 Alpha's Educaational Excellence Celebration
5/22 Oregon State Organization's 80th Birthday
7/ 7-10 Int'l Conference, Portland Downtown Marriott