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Mission
The Society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision
Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.

CONFERENCE TIME!!

THE COAST IS BEAUTIFUL!

CHINOOK WINDS IS READY!

LINCOLN CITY IS READY!

ARE YOU READY?

- **To enjoy**
- **To learn**
- **To meet friends and collegues**
- **To soak in the coast, the views, and the fun**
- **To take a break, refresh, and smile**

Step 1: Reserve a room at Chinook Winds

Step 2: Register to attend the Oregon State Organization 2026 Spring Conference

Step 3: Take a personal day for Friday, May 1, load up your DKG friends (or your family), pack essentials, and head for Lincoln City.

Step 4: Enjoy three days of friends, fun, beach-walking or watching, fine meals, things to learn, DKG support, tempting things to buy or bid on, and more.

2025-2027
Dr. Wendy Hacke, President
Oregon State Organization

Wendy Hacke, President (L)
Kate Kelleher, Vice President (C)
Judy Brimmer, Secretary (R)
Oregon State Organization

OUR COASTAL CONFERENCE IS CALLING YOU!

Join Us! Kate, Judy, and I will be at the Oregon State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma 2026 Conference in Lincoln City! We'd love to see every Oregon DKG member and their colleagues and friends at the meeting.

Attending the Oregon State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Conference offers valuable opportunities for professional growth and community building among educators. Through workshops and seminars, members can strengthen skills and stay updated on current research and trends.

Attendance also fosters collaboration and connection. Networking with fellow educators encourages an exchange of ideas and resources, while collective initiatives support and empower our members. These experiences help create a strong community dedicated to leadership, advocacy, and excellence.

Finally, conferences provide a space to celebrate achievements and recognize outstanding contributions. By engaging in these programs and discussions, members not only enhance their professional development, but they also contribute to a broader mission of advancing the purposes of DKG.

Kate, Judy, and I look forward to seeing many of our Oregon DKG sisters attending and enjoying the coast together.

Sincerely,
Wendy
President Dr. Wendy Hacke

Kate
Vice President Kate Kelleher

Judy
Secretary Judy Brimmer

TAKE A LOOK AT PAGE 13

In the article *Part III: Develop Leaders* on page 13 of this Trail, members can read about the International Strategic Plan for Leadership, but did you know Oregon also has *Strategic Plan for Leadership*? It can be found on the first page of the Oregon State DKG Website https://www.dkgoregon.com/. Like the *International Strategic Plan*, ours was developed in August 2025 to provide Oregon State a working framework that supports Oregon DKG's mission to reach new leaders and support those who currently serve.

Our *Strategic Plan* is an active and living document, and our Leadership Committee has been working toward achieving the goal of engaging more members in leadership roles at both chapter and state levels. Part of our plan is for the Leadership Committee to provide support and training at the conference at Chinook Winds. If you are a new or returning chapter officer or if you're just curious about what leadership in DKG looks like, please plan to attend the Sunday Morning Leadership Training (May 3).

Has your chapter invited Wendy and Kate to visit yet?

If not, call/email Wendy to schedule!

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UPCOMING DATES TO USE
OREGON
State Activities & Events

Check the state calendar on the home page of our website: dkgoregon.com

The Oregon Trail articles due
June 15 ~~ Sept. 15 ~~ Jan. 15

Scholarship applications due
August 1, December 1, March 1

General Award applications due
March 15

ARF Grant applications due
June 1, Oct. 1, Jan. 1, Mar. 1

May 1-2-3, 2026
OREGON STATE CONFERENCE
Lincoln City
Chinook Winds Casino Resort
WATCH FOR EMAIL ALERTS!
&
CHECK THE OREGON WEBSITE

DKG OREGON CONFERENCE INFO
dkgoregon.com

FOR UPDATES AND CURRENT INFORMATION.

Carpool, share a room, deepen friendships, and learn what makes a great educator.

DATES TO USE
INTERNATIONAL

2026 International Convention
Aurora, Colorado
(Gaylord Rockies)
June 30 – July 4, 2026

QR to all things for the International Convention

New Visionary Network groups will begin soon, as application ended Mar. 1.

- Mar. 13: Doctoral Recognition

INSIDE INT'l (Zooms)

- Mar. 3: 10:30 a.m. PST
- Mar. 10: 3:30 PDT (Connections)
- Mar 19: 3:30 PDT (Leadership)
- Mar. 26: 3:30 PDT (Impact)
- Mar. 29, 3:30 PDT (Leadership)
- Apr. 18: 10:30 PDT (Treasurers Talk: Finance Committee)

- March 13: Doctoral Documentation due
- Apr. 28: Your Voice, Your Choice: A Meet the Canidates Session. 10:30 a.m. Zoom

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- May 1: DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD applications due.
- May 1: Request Int'l Speakers

ALL YEAR LONG

- EEC: Impact Spotlight
- Member Spotlight Nomination
- Quotes that Inspire US

2025-27
OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

- **Times and events may change** in case of illness or emergency.
- ***The Unique Boutique, Arts & Crafts,*** *and* ***Basket Ticket Sales*** *will be available throughout the day in the two main conference rooms.* Bring your "mad money."
- **Conference meals** are listed on your registration form. Select your choices and pay when you send your registration form to Heidi.

Friday, May 1, 2026		
Time	**Event(s)**	**Room**
8:00-noon	1. Set up, preparation and organization 2. Drop off your basket(s) in Takelma when you arrive. 3. Drop off your crafts and artwork in Takelma 4. Lunch is on your own.	Upstairs, above the casino in Takelma and Shasta. Yes, there is an elevator!
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	• Check into the hotel and get settled. • Basket ticket sales begin. (Shasta) • Unique Boutique opens. (Shasta) • Registration opens (Entryway to Shasta)	
1:00-3:00	**Session I: Workshops (Type & Presenters)**	
1:00-1:45	*Practical Applications for the Future of Personal Technology* (personal growth). Sharon Kabusreiter and Kim Brown, Beta Beta	Chetco
	*Chaos Theory: Why I Don't Leave Home Without It! (*leadership, growth) Barbara Mossberg, Clark Honors College, U of Oregon	Shasta
	15-minute break	
2:00-2:45	*Bivalves for Clean Water* (STEM)*:* Teri King, WA Iota & WSO president. NOAA Fisheries Regional Aquaculture Coordinator	Chetco
	LAPP Skills: Listening & Speaking Across Differences. (leadership, growth) Elizabeth Doll, Director, Braver Politics, Braver Angels	Shasta
	15-minute break	
3:00-4:00	Round Table Discussion with International Guest: Vianney Columbia Campos Reyes. *What's New and Upcoming at International.* Come to hear what is being done. Ask questions. **Everyone welcome!**	Shasta
4:15-5:00	Practice for White Rose Ceremony: Kate Kelleher, Beta Beta	Shasta or Chetco
5:00-5:30	Committee Meetings: Chairs: Let Heidi know if your group is meeting.	Shasta
5:30-7:00	Dinner on your own. Form groups to enjoy the local cuisine.	
7:30-9:30	Hospitality room-wine/snacks	TBD

Saturday, May 2, 2026		
Time	**Event(s)**	**Room**
6:55 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Ocean walk/Tide Pools–Bonus! Grace Pitzer, Elaine Harris, Kate Kelleher. **Meet at 1144 NW 15th Street in Lincoln City by 6:55 a.m.** Suggest carpooling. Weather permitting (room TBD if needed)	Drive to location (see left)
8:00-8:45	Registration/Breakfast: Sunrise Buffet (Reserve your meals on the registration form, due March 26)	Takelma
8:30-9:45	**General Session I--for all members** Welcome! President Dr. Wendy Hacke, Beta Beta • Introduction of special guests • Keynote Speaker I: Vianney Colombia Campos Reyes, International Guest	Takelma

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10:00-10:45	**Session II: Workshops (Presenters)**	
	Learn How to Apply for State Scholarships, (personal growth) Lise Van Brunt, Omega, State Scholarship Chair.	Chetco
	A Love of Reading: Backed by Data. Insights from the Imagination Library Global.(ECE) Kaylee Chrystal, DPIL Representative	Shasta
	SAGE Parkrose Intergenerational Mentoring, (ECE, Growth). Marvin Kaiser, Co-chair Parkrose Intergenerational Mentoring Project.	Sixes
10:50-11:45	**Session III: Workshops (Presenters)**	
	*Mobility for Longevity (*personal growth) with Kim Brown, Beta Beta	Chetco
	EEC: #DKGImpact! Your EEC Committee at Work. (leadership, membership) Darlene Cook, Chi; Brenda Jensen, Alpha	Shasta
	Oregon Legislature & US Forum 2026 Updates (personal growth) Kate Kelleher, Beta Beta	Sixes
11:35-11:45	Break	
12:00-2:00	**Birthday Luncheon** (Deli board) • DKG Moment – Dr. Wendy Hacke • *Chapter Awards* (Order of the Rose & Rosettes) (Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon) • *Longevity Awards* (25-. 40-. 50-. and up) (Sandy Watts, Alpha Omicron) • *Scholarship and Grant Awards* (Lise VanBrunt, Omega) • *Unique Boutique Stipends* (Catie Thurber-Brown, Beta Beta) • Introduction of New Presidents and Red Roses (Wendy or Kate) • Keynote Speaker II: Barb Clausen, Washington State Organization Past President: *Are You Better Off With DKG in Your Life?*	Takelma
2:00-3:00	**General Session II--For all members** Everyone is welcome. Executive Board meeting: Executive Committee, Chapter Presidents, and Past State Presidents expected to be present.	
3:15	Last chance to buy basket tickets! Winners posted at 4:15. Pick up baskets by 5:40! (Brenda Jensen, Alpha, and Lynn Hughes, Omega)	Shasta
3:15-4:30	Hospitality Room Open	TBD
5:00-5:30	White Rose Ceremony	TBD
	Break. Dress up for the banquet! Put on a smile, too.	
6:00-8:00	**President's Banquet & Reception—For all members** (Salmon or chicken with rice pilaf, roasted red potatoes, salad, and soup) • Keynote Speaker III: Wendy Hacke, Beta Beta • DKG Moment – Kate Kelleher, Beta Beta • State Service Awards (Kathy Martell / Sandy Watts) • Presentation of Gifts • Closing Remarks	Bar: 5:30-6:30
8:30-10:00	Reception/light snacks desserts/wine –Hospitality Room	TBD
Sunday, May 3, 2026		
8:00 – 8:30	Beach walk if desired	
8:30 - 9:30	Breakfast	TBD
9:45 – 11:45	New Chapter Officer Training: • Presidents • Vice Presidents • Treasurers • Secretaries	TBD
Travel Safely as you return home. See you at the International Convention this July in Colorado!		

RESERVE YOUR ROOM!

HELP DKG OREGON "ROCK THE BLOCK"
(of registered rooms that assist in keeping prices low)

VENUE:
Chinook Winds Casino Resort and Hotel
Address: 1777 NW 44th St,
Lincoln City, OR 97367

Phone: (888) 244-6665
Hours: 24 hours a day

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ROOM INFORMATION

Double Queens: $189.00 **plus taxes**

DKG Conference-rate code: **050126DKG**

Option day before/extra day: **$209 + taxes**

Conference Rates end March 26, 2026, so register soon.

REGISTER **BY MARCH 26** to receive the conference discount.

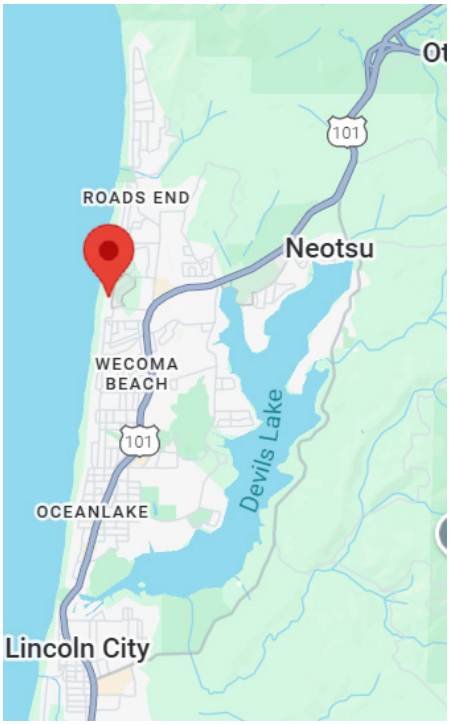
DIRECTIONS

From your location, take your choice of roads leading west from Interstate 5 to Hwy. 101, the Coast Highway. Your choices:

Portland area:	30--Astoria, South
	26--Canon Beach, South
McMinnville	99W then 18, South
Salem	22 then 18--Lincoln City,
Corvallis	20--Newport, North
Eugene	36--Florence, North
Cottage Grove	38--Reedsport, North
Roseburg	42--Coos Bay Reedsport, North
Grants Pass &	
Medford & Ashland	199--Crescent City, CA. North

Drive north or south to reach Lincoln City.

Maps from Google Maps online: google.com/maps



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REGISTER TODAY!

OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION of DKG INTERNATIONAL

2026 SPRING CONFERENCE

May 1-3, 2026, in Lincoln City, Oregon

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REGISTRATION FORM

CONVENTION WEBSITE: https://dkgoregonconvention.weebly.com/

1. Fill out this form and **mail it with your payment to** Heidi Gorka, 630 S. Ivy St., Canby, OR 97013
Or 2. Click here for the electronic version of this form and Venmo your payment to Heidi Gorka

Last Name ____ Dr. ____ First Name ____ Middle Initial ____ **Name as you want it to appear on your badge.** ____

Street Address ____ City ____ State ____ Zip ____ Year of Induction ____

Chapter ____ Chapter Office, if any (2024-2026) ____ State Office, if any (2025-2027) ____

Email ____ Area Code and Phone Number ____

New Address, Email or Phone # Since 2025? Yes ___ No ___ First Time DKG Conference/Convention Attendee? Yes___ No___
Working Educator? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what grade level? ____ Retired? Yes ___ No ___

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event, you are granting your permission to be filmed or photographed and are granting full use of your likeness, name, voice, and words without compensation. Your name and photo may be used in printed or online materials.

Registration Fee –choose one	$65.00	$_____
Late Registration begins March 27, 2026.	$75.00	$_____
Meals:		
Saturday Morning Breakfast	$24.00	$_____
Saturday Birthday Luncheon Buffet	$27.00	$_____
Saturday Evening Dinner Buffet	$65.00	$_____
Sunday Morning Breakfast	$ 25.00	$_____
	Total Enclosed	**$_____**

REGISTER **BY MARCH 26** to receive the conference discount.

Dietary requirements: _____

Other health concerns: _____

Meals: Sat. 5/2 Breakfast (bacon, sausage, potatoes, scrambled eggs and biscuits and gravy); Sat 5/2 lunch (Deli meats, cheeses, breads, greens and tomatoes, chips and potato salad); Sat 5/2 Dinner (Salmon and chicken, rice pilaf, clam chowder, garden salad, rolls, vegetables, garlic red potatoes and dessert); Sun 5/3 Breakfast (Huevos Rancheros Buffet).

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

2026 INTERNATIONAL GUEST

Vianney Colombia Campos Reyes

Vianney Colombia Campos Reyes is a biochemical food engineer who graduated from the Instituto Tecnológico de Durango, México, with a solid background in education and institutional leadership. She holds a master's degree in mathematics education, as well as several diplomas in didactics, educational innovation, and meaningful learning supported by technology. In addition, she is certified in senior executive management.

She has worked as a specialized teacher in mathematics and science in both English and Spanish, as well as in administrative and leadership positions at educational institutions in Durango and Baja California, including serving as Academic Director and Primary School Director. Her educational work has been characterized by a comprehensive, innovative approach and a strong commitment to high-quality academic training.

She began her trajectory in DKG on October 4, 2013, in Tijuana, Baja California. Within the organization, she has held various leadership positions, including Treasurer and President of the Alpha Tijuana Chapter, State Chair of the Membership Committee, and State President of Delta State, Baja California. She currently serves as Latin America Area Representative (2024–2026) and is also a member of the International Speakers Fund Committee and the Unity and Belonging Task Force.

Vianney has actively participated in international conventions, state conferences, and Latin American forums, as well as leadership training programs at various locations throughout the United States. She complements her professional work as an active member with the Asociación de Scouts de México, A.C., and as an affiliated member of the Astronomical Society of the Faculty of Engineering at UNAM (SAFIR), México.

WASHINGTON STATE FRIEND

Barbara (Barb) Clausen

In the past, Barb Clausen served as Northwest Regional Director. She was also on the Leadership Development Centre, the International Leadership Development/Golden Gift (Ignite) Committee that created the International Leadership Discovery Centre.

Currently, Barb serves as Washington State parliamentarian. She is a member of Chi Chapter in Cowlitz County. Barb served as a chapter president and held many state offices, including state president, leadership development chair, and parliamentarian. She received the Washington State Achievement Award in 2006 and led the state strategic planning process twice.

At the international level, Barbara served a term on and then chaired the Int'l World Fellowship Committee; she was on the Int'l Revision Team and the Int'l Constitution Committee. Barb has a passion for all things DKG, to its forward movement, and enjoyment of the wonderful fellowship with others as she meets members. She was awarded the coveted International Achievement Award in 2021.

Ms. Clausen taught high school English for 13 years and served as a building principal, curriculum director, and assistant superintendent in Washington districts for 18 years. She coordinated a second-level teacher certification program at Washington State University Vancouver. After 41 years in education, Barbara has found a full life (besides DKG) in her love of quilting, growing flowers, traveling, and writing grants to feed hungry children in Kelso-Longview. She looks forward to meeting you!

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OREGON STATE PRESIDENT
Dr. Wendy Hacke

Welcome to DKG Oregon President Dr. Wendy Hacke!

Wendy is working toward her third and possibly final retirement! She is a supervising teacher at George Fox University and a substitute for Willamette Preschool Promise. Her career covers 39 years and counting. Her doctorate is an EdD from the University of San Francisco in Learning and Instruction, with a minor in Special Ed. Her experience includes teaching PK-Grade 12, plus university work (1995-present). More than half of her teaching experience has been in special education, with the majority revolving around children diagnosed with emotional disturbances. She has also been a K-8 and a university administrator in 2 states.

Wendy is NBCT certified with Early Childhood Generalist certification: SPED, NBCE, Reading, Curriculum Development, and more. She has been a frequent presenter and writer in California and Oregon, designing curriculum and focusing on creating equity, fairness, and diversity for students and staff. She has also had several articles published in the *DKG Collegiate Exchange*.

Dr. Hacke has received many honors and awards, including her selection as an officer in Beta Beta Chapter of Oregon and the state organization as well as attendance at the 2024 DKG Ignite. She is a member of several administrative and leadership associations, of Gamma Psi Chapter of California, of Beta Beta of Oregon, ACSA of California and of COSA of Oregon. Wendy has numerous books and chapters to her credit, as well as procedural and "how to" manuals on various subjects. Ask her about the details sometime!

BUILD & BRING A BEAUTIFUL BASKET

District 2: Alpha & Omega Chapters—Lise Van Brunt, Omega

1. Consider making one or two smaller baskets. .
2. Popular **basket themes** are food, kitchen, home, chocolate, wine, garden, and baskets with gift cards that can be used anywhere. Baskets with specialty items from your town or region of Oregon. Unique handmade items.
3. While **the container** you use to hold your raffle items is important, it does not have to be a basket!
4. **New items** are best, but a collection of favorite books along with a few other goodies can also be enjoyed!
5. Carefully **label** your chapter's donation(s) to the raffle with your chapter name, location, and a list that identifies the contents and the value of each.

Get your chapter started on this soon, so you aren't scrambling in late April! You can even go online and look for raffle baskets ideas.

Timing: Our raffle committee needs a little help at the conference from you.

- Please make sure you get your raffle items to the raffle area (Takelma) before the raffle begins. Friday morning is planned for set up time. Our committee needs to number, display, and attach a bag to hold the raffle tickets for each entry.
- Our committee will announce and post the winning tickets by 4:15 on Saturday.
- If you are a lucky winner, please pick up your winning items promptly by the deadline of 5:30 on Saturday.

Be creative! Bring things you would love to have! Enjoy making your chapter's donation! The money always goes to important needs in our state!

WORKSHOPS

WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS TO WHET YOUR WHISTLES!

Friday 1:00-1:45

1. *Practical Applications for the Future of Personal Technology: Google Drive for You* (Personal Growth)

   Sharon Kabusreiter and Kim Brown, Beta Beta, Digital History Chair and Membership Co-Chair

Summary: Navigate the future using the practical features of Google Drive. Google Drive is an ideal, free tool to securely store, organize and share documents, photos, and files in the "cloud," using a Gmail account with 15GB of free storage. It allows for easy access to files from any device (computer, tablet, phone) without needing to carry a physical USB. In this workshop, you will see practical applications on how to use Google Drive's functions to simplify your life. Bring a personal computer if you have one to practice on while you are there. Several members will be able to help you access it.

2. *Chaos (Theory): Why I don't Leave Home Without It.* (Leadership, Personal Growth)

   Dr. Barbara Mossberg, Professor of Practice at Clark Honors College, University of Oregon. Author of *Here for the Present: A Grammar of Happiness in the Present Imperfect, Live from the Poet's Perch.*

Summary: This workshop will discuss scenarios in which women find themselves. You will learn how this vibrant intellectual and spiritual tool can help propel leadership to new directions and stages, both for oneself and for one's community. It is based on a paper she developed as the Senior Fellow at the American Council on Education Office of Women titled *Ancient Wisdom and Emergent Science: Chaos Theory for Women Leaders.* It offers practical advice on dealing with strategy, long-term vision, conflict resolution, problem solving, and resilience.

Friday 2:00-2:45 pm

1. *Bivalves for Clean Water* (STEM)

   Teri King, Iota Chapter of WA, Washington State Organization President, Regional Aquaculture Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries

Summary: Bivalve shellfish are the canaries in the coal mine, grazers of the sea. Shellfish play an important role in the food web, cycling nutrients and providing delectable food for humans. We will explore the variety of shellfish in Oregon, their role in the ecosystem and what activities you can do to support their health.

2. *LAPP Skills- Listening and Speaking Across Differences (Leadership and Personal Growth)*

   Elizabeth Doll Director of Braver Politics

Summary: Elizabeth Doll is Director of the Braver Politics program at Braver Angels, the largest grassroots non-profit dedicated to bridging the partisan divide. She will use storytelling and paired exercises to share helpful and interactive tips for building trust and maintaining relationships across stark differences of opinion.

Saturday 10:00-10:45

1. *Learn How to Apply for Oregon State DKG Scholarships* (Personal Growth)

   Lise Van Brunt, Omega/2, Co-President, Retired School Principal

Summary: The presenter will walk participants through the new forms for applying for scholarship awards and will explain how to fill out the information. Participants will learn which scholarships are available and what makes a qualified applicant. Q & A will help listeners fine-tune their applications.

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Saturday 10:00-10:45, continued

2. *A Love of Reading, Backed By Data: Insights from the Imagination Library Global Study* (Early Childhood)
   Kaylee Chrystal, Community Engagement Coordinator-DPIL

Summary: Learn about a recent Australian study that explored the effect of books being available to children ages 0 – 5—and their later successes at kindergarten and grade school. It confirms what we theorized: Children who are read too and who read to others are better learners.

3. *SAGE/Senior Advocates for Generational Equity* (Early Childhood, Personal Growth)

   Marvin Kaiser, Co-Chair, Parkrose Intergenerational Mentoring Project

Summary: The description of the SAGE Intergenerational mentoring program will present the 7-year history of the program as a unique but replicable partnership between Parkrose Middle and Prescott School mentees and SAGE's older adult volunteer mentors. It focuses on enhancing reading/literacy and mathematics.

Saturday 10:55-11:40 a.m.

1. *Mobility for Longevity* (Personal Growth)

   Kim Brown, Beta Beta/5 Membership and Financial Awards Co-Chair

Summary: Join this gentle yoga workout that focuses on functional movement enhancement, also known as mobility training. We will move through combinations of seated and standing poses that focus on mobility, strength and stretching. Mobility training is a form of exercise that improves joint range of motion, strength, and neuromuscular control simultaneously. It specifically targets joint health, balance, and coordination, with the goal of counteracting age-related stiffening and muscle loss.

2. *#DKGImpact! Your EEC Committee at Work!* (Leadership, Membership)

   Darlene Cook, Chi/6, Oregon Educational Excellence/Leadership Development Committee Chair & Brenda Jensen, Alpha/2, International Educational Excellence Committee, NW Representative

Summary: The work of the Educational Excellence/Leadership Development Committee supports the *Seven Purposes* of our society and excellence in education through many programs of action. These programs encourage leadership, personal and professional growth, global involvement, community engagement, chapter projects and the arts. Check out the many opportunities available to Oregon members and chapters.

3. *Oregon Legislature Short Session Update & An Update on the US Forum 2026* (Personal Growth)

   Kate Kelleher, Beta Beta/5, OSO Vice President

Summary: This combination session will update membership on the Oregon Legislature's 2026 short session (Feb. 2, 2026 for up to 35 days). Kate will also discuss decisions presented at the US Forum's National Legislative Seminar held in March 2026.

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR
AT THE 2026 OREGON DKG CONFERENCE

If you craft, paint, sew, sculpt, carve, design jewelry, do pottery, quilt, knit, crochet, do macrame, design . . . . or more, this is for you. If you are interested, call or email Darlene Cook: 541- 331-3282 or dcook.dkg@gmail.com

Tell Darlene what you are bringing to display or sell and what you need to display it. Label each item clearly with your name, chapter, how it was made, a name (if appropriate), and a price (if you hope to sell the item).

Sponsored by Your Oregon EEC Committee

MEMBERSHIP

SINCE June 30, 2025

RED ROSES

To be listed here, inductees must be listed on the latest Oregon roster from International.

Vickie L. Schmall, Beta Beta
2/9/2026
Diane Phelps, Beta Beta
2/9/2026
Lauren M. Lovitte, Alpha Omicron
2/5/2026
Rainah N. Crissup, Omega
1/30/2026
Barbara Mossberg, Beta Beta
1/24/2026
Janet K. Nelson, Beta Beta
1/12/2026
Ivy Jean Cabarles Eslao, Alpha
11/29/25
Molly Divine, Beta Beta
10/15/2025
Maria Rosa Fabian Alviso, Lambda
6/30/25
Carol Yahner, Lambda
6/30/25
Randi L. Robertson, Alpha
5/28/25

WHITE ROSES

Margaret "Peggy" Joanne Jeans,
Beta Beta
January 1, 1940 - September 4, 2025

Arlene Dagmar Genevieve Ydstie, Alpha Omega
April 28, 1928 - August 26, 2025

Sally Eva McBride, Kappa
August 30, 1930 - July 17, 2025

HELP WANTED!!

DKG of Oregon needs a photographer for the upcoming 2026 Spring Conference.

If you have an eye for good photos and would be willing to take pictures that help us show the fun & fellowship, please contact President Wendy Hacke.

- People participating
- Speakers & presenters
- Workshops
- Of our conference facility
- Social events, table groups, etc.

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PART III: DEVELOP LEADERS

DKG Strategic Plan 2025-2029

This article was suggested for the Trail by Past President Darlene Cook. It is quoted from the International DKG publication, with a few twitches by Marie.

Overview

The *DKG Strategic Plan* articulates the Society mission, vision, and purposes to address the opportunities and challenges for future growth. The Plan also implements many of the recommendations provided by the *Avenue M Report.* Goals are designed to strengthen the Society by improving the DKG experience for all members and ensuring a sustainable future for the Society into the next century. The Strategic Plan provides a working framework that supports the DKG Society International mission to be more visionary, stable, focused, and prosperous. The Strategic Plan is an active and living document that will guide our work for the next four years.

Structure of the DKG Strategic Plan

The framework of the Strategic Plan represents a hierarchy from broad to specific:

- Goals (broad focus areas addressing current challenges/issues)
- Initiatives (possibilities)
- Objectives (measurable results not currently existing)
- Actions (specific decisions or activities designed to support an objective)

Goals of the DKG Strategic Plan

The plan's four broad goals are:

1. Support Members
2. Provide Global Opportunities
3. **Develop Leaders**
4. Build Human, Financial, and Professional resources

GOAL 3. DEVELOP LEADERS

The DKG Society International's vision statement, "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide," emphasizes the Society's commitment to encouraging and promoting leadership in various settings. Leadership development will be a continuous focus at every level of the Society. Additionally, DKG aims to leverage social media to offer educational leadership opportunities.

What happens if DKG doesn't have leaders? Easy answer: We won't know where we are going. We won't know what we are doing. We won't know who is to do what. We won't have anyone to help us decide how to accomplish goals because we won't have any goals.

3.A. Create leadership opportunities for all members

3.A.1. Recognize and honor the varied forms of leadership roles represented around the globe.

3.A. 2. Utilize the talents of members to foster development of leadership in others.

3.A.3. Empower members to take leadership roles.

3.A.4. Provide networking opportunities for both established leaders and emerging leaders.

3.B. Establish and enhance leadership training for all members

3.B.1. Provide leadership training through a variety of media and mentoring opportunities.

3.B.2. Train members to advocate for educational law and policy.

3.B.3. Promote the Leadership Discovery Centre for leadership resources and training.

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