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***Vision:*** *Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.*

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## THE OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION SPRING 22 CONFERENCE: CULTIVATING LEARNING & REVITALIZING OREGON DKG

### *REGISTER NOW FOR THE CONFERENCE!*

***There's still time!***

**Early registration** for the conference goes through **April 10.** (Save $10.) Forms are on the conference website and in the last Trail.

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### JOIN OREGON CHAPTERS & MEMBERS TO REVITALIZE OREGON DKG!

**Friday, April 29, 10 to 4 at the Oregon Garden Resort**

**REGISTRATION & DETAILS pp. 3 and 4.**

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**2021-23 PRESIDENT**
**Brenda Jensen / Alpha 2**

**Say a prayer and send good thoughts to Brenda.**

Her father, Taylor High, age 97, passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. She and her brother are working on funeral arrangements, so Brenda has family obligations for the next several days.

Happy Spring to my DKG Sisters!

Winter is winding down and a new season is about to "Spring" forward with longer days and the beauty of flowers popping through the ground.

This is the time to look forward to new opportunities for our chapters and state. We are sisters that are united to give to our communities through education and service. As we 'Spring forward" we will have the opportunity to move forward goals to bring the Oregon State Organization and chapters into the future to meet the current needs in our communities and for students and teachers alike.

I hope to see you all April 29 – May 1 at our 2022 Oregon DKG Spring Conference. It's been three years since we have been able to meet in person. I am looking forward to interacting with each one of you and with two international guests. Check out page 3 for how to register for the Friday session and page 4 for some details. Arrange your schedule so you can come Thursday evening (April 28), stay over (see the deal we have for chapters on page 3), have a breakfast that comes with your room, and arrive rested, bright-eyed, and comfortably dressed for a day of brainstorming and planning to strengthen Oregon DKG.

I will leave you with the following quote:

***For me, becoming isn't about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self. The journey doesn't end.***
~~ Michelle Obama

**Brenda Jensen**

# 2021 - 2023
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# Join us for a Day of Revitalization

## Oregon State Organization

is inviting Chapter Presidents to bring 2 or 3 members who are chapter leaders or younger members to explore ways to renew and energize our chapters.

**Guiding us will be Past International President Carolyn Pittman.**

**Date:** Friday, April 29, 2022

**Place:** Oregon Garden Resort

***Come early to the conference.***

**Time:** **10** a.m. to about 4 p.m.

**Lunch:** Soup and Salad will be provided.

**Thursday night:** State will pay 1/2 of the room rate for up to 2 rooms per chapter. You must voucher the room/s. Use DKG directions for reduced rate.

**Registration must be received by April 18th**

**Revitalization Registration**

**Chapter President:** _____

**Chapter:** _____

**1st Member:** _____

**2nd Member:** _____

**3rd Member:** _____

**Please book your own room/s.**

**Friday breakfast is included in the room rental.**

**Please send this registration to Bonita Fillmore, 1803 Lancaster Ave, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 or by email to bfillmore55@gmail.com**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29, AT THE CONFERENCE?

# REVITALIZING OREGON!!

Thanks to hard work by President Brenda and the Executive Committee and to the assistance and advice of International President Becky Sadowski, Oregon members have an opportunity to attend the Revitalizing Oregon session Friday, April 29, 10 a.m. to around 4 p.m. It's at the Oregon Garden Resort, so that's handy.

- What does that mean to you?
- Did you know that Oregon has lost a number of chapters in recent decades? We used to have 50. Now? 19.
- Did you know that another four chapters are seriously considering dissolution?

At the same time, an enthusiastic new chapter is being formed in Yamhill County--our first in 40 years!

Oregon needs to provide the opportunity that DKG offers to women in many areas of the state, but first we need to do some thinking. Your job is to come help us do that. Join us to learn from Carolyn Pittman, the International officer that will join us not only for Friday, but also for the whole conference. That gives you three days to share concerns with her, ask questions, make comments, and more.

Join in to help Oregon re-evaluate its goals and re-focus our work.
- "Recruit, retain, and reinstate members." How do we do that?
- How can chapters evolve so that new members feel like this is their chapter, too, and that Oregon DKG meets the needs of current educators from all venues of education and training--not just K-12 classroom teachers?
- What changes are best for Oregon DKG in this century?

### DETAILS

**Every chapter president is urged to attend, along with two or three chapter leaders or younger chaapter members.**

1. **REGISTER by April 18.**
2. **The registration form is on p. 2.**
3. **Clip and mail to:**

**Bonita Fillmore**
**1803 Lancaster Ave.**
**Klamath Falls, OR 97601-2141**

**or**

**https://dkgoregonconvention.weebly.com/revitalization-info.html**

### BRING

**Ideas, questions, concerns, examples, members' grumbles, good ideas, and suggestions.**

If your chapter is having difficulty, what causes have you identified?
- What have you tried?
- How did that work?
- What does not work?
- What is your main problem?

Is your chapter thriving?

- What are you doing that attracts new members?
- What activities do they like best?
- What do you recommend?

### Carolyn Pittman
**2016-2018 International President**

A native of Texas, Pittman taught for 40 years (English & Social Studies) in Arkansas and worked in the Department of Ed. Carolyn joined DKG in 1981 and has held chapter, state, and international offices. She attended and later led the Leadership Management Seminar (now DKG Ignite!); supported DKGNext, worked to simplify activities, and helped structure the revitalization plan. Her goals include: inclusion, transparency, simplification, and asking members what they want--which is what she will be doing for Oregon.

**A RECAP OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

## WHITE ROSES

**Joining Chapter Eternal. . .**

**Omega/2**
Dr. Barbara (Bobbie) Nelson Middaugh

**Omicron/2**
Madaline Lapp

**Kappa/3**
Bobbie Holsberry
Margie Parker

**Lambda/3**
Sally Bethel

**Alpha Omicron/4**
Annette Louise McCoy

**Psi/5**
Marcelline MacDonald
Barbara Peck

**Chi/6**
Barbara Minnroth

**State**
Shirley Gintz

## RED ROSES

**WELCOME!**

**Oregon is thrilled to have you!**

**Alpha/2**
Breanna Apostol
Heather Crowder

**Omega/2**
Marlo Zeller

**Lambda/3**
Lacey Guest

**Sigma/3**
Diane Lindeleaf - reinstated

**Alpha Epsilon/5**
Lark Abrahamson

**Beta Beta/5**
Marlene Wallingford - reinstated

**Psi/5**
Jarnelle Robinson
Erin Sands - transfer from Texas

**Beta Gamma/6**
Kay Huston

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Dr. Cindy Ryan, Associate Professor at Western Oregon University (WOU) has recently been named the incoming Chair for the Division of Education and Leadership at WOU. Dr. Ryan's three-year term as Division Chair will begin July 2022.

Dr. Ryan, Oregon DKG 2015-2017 President, says "I am looking forward to leading this division as WOU moves forward to continue our work training teachers and other educators who will go out and change the world."

**DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .?**

Every month International President Becky Sadowski meets via Zoom with members recently inducted into our Society. Invitations to attend are sent by International Staff. Chapter Presidents, please encourage your new members to take advantage of this great opportunity to find out about DKG at the international level!

## MEET OUR NEW PANELIST!

**Charissa V. Jones** is the Outreach and Inclusion Coordinator for the Oregon State University Extension Service Outdoor School Program and a second-year doctoral student at OSU in the College of Education's STEM program. She is a cultural and community connector with over 15 years' experience in outdoor and environmental education. Originally from Suriname, South America, she is interested in (re)connecting folks to their environments by exploring the intersections of culture with EDIJA (equity, diversity, inclusion, justice, and accessibility). Charissa earned a M.Sc. in Environmental Studies from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in Environmental Studies from New College of Florida.

Charissa will join the panel at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

## EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE: SUPPORTING EARLY-CAREER EDUCATORS

Delta Kappa Gamma likes to help new teachers. A list of new teachers can usually be obtained from a school, district, or through member teachers. We want to keep teachers in the work force, so it is a win-win for everyone to help retain and strengthen new teachers.

States and chapters are encouraged to help in appropriate and practical ways. They may choose to help with monetary gifts, personal contacts, or classroom supplies. A member can mentor by sharing ideas for classroom management, lessons, bulletin boards, and parent-teacher relations. These can be accomplished by phone calls, visits, or digitally. Just listening while sipping a cup of tea can help.

Supporting Early-Career Educators is located under Projects and Programs on the International website - dkg.org. The Educational Excellence Committee established this support project in 2012 at the New York City International Convention. With a pandemic still haunting us and a war in Ukraine, new teachers need our support.

Let's keep up the challenge of this project to strengthen and retain quality educators! Teachers supporting teachers! Support your local beginning teachers today! Perhaps one of these new teachers will become a Key Woman Educator and join DKG.

# YOU ARE INVITED!

**PLEASE JOIN BETA BETA FOR A SPRING TEA**

Beta Beta Chapter invites you to a tea to raise funds for our Foundation. You'll enjoy a lovely afternoon tea with two kinds of scones, three types of savories, three tea sandwiches, four desserts, and your choice of several teas.

Since 2014, our chapter has done its giving through our Beta Beta Education Foundation. The BBEF supports grants for women finishing their preparation for teaching; since 2014, more than $50,000 has been given to future educators. Locally, we give dictionaries to our third graders, Oregon Battle of the Books book sets to our middle schools, Music and Arts Grants to elementary teachers, and Teacher Mini-Grants to middle school and high school teachers.

To buy a ticket, see the details below.

**Saturday, May 7, 1-3 PM**
**Living Savior Lutheran Church**
**8740 SW Sagert St, Tualatin**

**Proof of vaccination required**

**$35 per person**
**Make checks payable to: BBEF**
**If you'd like to pay by credit card, call Pam at 971-409-6875 and leave a message.**

**To purchase tickets please contact:**
**Eloise Gibson (503-635-5026, elog16@comcast.net)**

**Wear a fancy hat, just for fun?**

## VISIT THE TECH STATION and ACCEPT INT'L PRESIDENT BECKY'S CHALLENGE

The Membership/Expansion Committee will be hosting a tech station at our conference in April. Come check out the International and state websites! Be sure to update your personal profile on the international site; and complete the Oregon Media Permission Form and New Chapter Officer Report Form as well.

Did you know that International President Becky Sadowski has offered a challenge to all local DKG chapters? Any chapter that is successful in updating **all** their member profiles on the international website, will be invited to a zoom meeting with the International President and one other member of the Administrative Board. What an opportunity! Let's take President Becky up on her challenge.

## CHAPTER CHATTER (2021-22)

### District 1

**Zeta (Union County):** After a quiet winter , Zeta is gearing up for spring. The January meeting was an introspective meeting where we shared feelings that make us who we are and many also shared childhood memories.

With spring come new beginnings: we have a slate of officers to be voted on; a scholarship will be presented to a woman education student at Eastern Oregon University; The Oregon State Organization Conference will be taking place at the end of April; DKG dues need to be paid; the Chapter continues to work on recruitment of new members; the snow will be gone, and flowers will pop up.

**Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): SNOWED IN!** Snow is no longer an unknown entity to our World Fellowship recipient, Jarnelle Robinson, from Pretoria, South Africa, who is completing her Master in Communication degree at the University of Portland.

Iota members Nikii Murtaugh and Brenda Kirk invited Jarnelle to their homes for Christmas. She flew into Pendleton and the three spent Christmas day together, enjoying a traditional turkey dinner. The following day, they toured the Whitman Mission and enjoyed authentic Mexican fare at a restaurant in Walla Walla. Jarnelle planned to return to Portland on December 27, but after a morning of touring Pendleton, she discovered her flight had been cancelled and there were no available seats for several days. Plans were made to leave out of Pasco on Amtrak, but winter storms, high winds, and horrible road conditions delayed her departure until January 3.

In the meantime, the 10-day vacation was spent sledding, making snow angels, putting together jigsaw puzzles, reading the latest book on the Whitmans, *Murder at the Mission,* and watching all the old classic holiday movies.

### District 2

**Alpha (Klamath Co.):** Alpha Chapter played in February! Our Saturday fun "family-included" meeting was at Epicenter, a local bowling alley. Although attendance was low, those who came had a great time! Some of us discovered that it is much harder to get the ball down the alley to the pins than it used to be 30 years ago. The younger players laughed with us and racked up points. Gutter balls aside, we all enjoyed the pizza, drinks, and comradery!

**Omega (Josephine Co.):** Omega has been busy this last month. We are excited to welcome a new member into our chapter, Marlo Zeller. Marlo has been teaching for 20+ years in the Three Rivers School District. She is excited about being our newest member. She will be retiring from teaching in June and has already volunteered her technological skills to our chapter! We are thankful for her engagement and eagerness to be an Omega member!

Our chapter is meeting this week to begin preparing a basket or two for the convention. We are meeting in April with a highly engaging and dedicated Spanish teacher from Illinois Valley High School, Jaime Szjjarto. Jaime will be presenting on the topic of bilingual education and books. In May we will finish our year with a social meeting at President Lise Van Brunt's house. We will celebrate our Founders, remember our White Roses, enjoy a fun craft, and have a tasty potluck together. June brings a fundraising garage sale to benefit our scholarship program.

Omega members have enjoyed the fun of having a sister chapter in Southern California. Epsilon Omicron has blessed our chapter with funds to revitalize our chapter and the opportunity to share a few chapter meetings with each other. Omega has invited Epsilon Omicron to two meetings this year and Epsilon Omicron has invited Omega to two meetings as well. With their help, we made ten baskets filled with snacks, encouraging notes, classroom supplies, and love for four of our working members and six past members we wish to re-engage with. Their loving support has been instrumental in keeping us feeling positive and working hard to remain a vital, growing chapter! Thank you to Epsilon Omicron for caring about our success! We look forward to years of fun together!

### District 3

**Lambda (Lane Co.):** Guest presenters have provided Lambda members with interesting, educational programs to move us into 2022.

In January, Dr. Brooke Wagner shared information regarding Eugene School District's efforts to meet the academic and personal needs of students after months of distance learning and currently practicing COVID protocols in the classroom.

Trauma-Informed Teaching was the focus of February's meeting. Jeff Crapper, a high school teacher, school board member, and Oregon Education Association instructor, talked about his experience as a teacher and parent.

He shared the evaluation process—ACES—and a variety of responses when faced with students suffering trauma.

March featured Lisa Abbia Smith, Director of Education at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, who spoke about how Art Heals. She shared a PowerPoint that showed many programs and activities available through the museum that aid in healing emotional and psychological problems.

The twentieth, and perhaps final, chapter yard sale took place March 12, bringing in $972.50 for the June Crume Memorial Grant fund. This activity has taken place at the home of Yvonne and Dennis Fasold every year, but they have moved, so that location is no longer available.

### District 5

**Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.):** March 7 brought home the difficulties experienced by educators and cities in 2021-22. First we learned about Salem for Refugees, then we were given a fascinating look into what the Salem-Keizer School District must do to help these new-to-America students.

Did you know that there are 82.4 million people displaced by "war, violence, or persecution"? And that was before the chaos in Ukraine!

Those are the official refugees, and 50 percent of them are under 18. Salem-Keizer has many students whose home languages are not English; 96 languages!

Learning English is only one issue to be addressed. Where can we live? Who will hire us? Did you ever think about the cafeteria food? A refugee may not recognize anything familiar. Nurses need to check vision and general health. How do you ride a school bus when you've never seen one? It was a great lesson.

Alpha Epsilon is thrilled to discover that Dr. Cindy Ryan has been appointed as a division chair in the WOU Department of Education!

**Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):** Psi held a Zoom business meeting in February. We are excited to announce that Judy Forsberg and Sue Pass will be Co-Presidents of Psi Chapter this coming biennium. We have a full slate of officers for the next two years, with some ladies continuing in the same position. We are blessed.

The annual fund raising for Huruma School for children with disabilities in Tanzania took place the week of March 6th. Each day that week, a new flyer was sent out sharing pictures of instruction, stating the needs of the school, but most importantly, highlighting the growth and accomplishments of the children being taught at the school. Thank you to everyone who has helped support the "Taste of Tanzania."

Several in our chapter will be attending the Spring Conference. A special joy is being able to support Jarnelle Robinson as one of the workshop speakers. Jarnelle will soon be finishing her studies at the University of Portland. We cherish her time with our chapter as she will be returning to Africa later this spring.

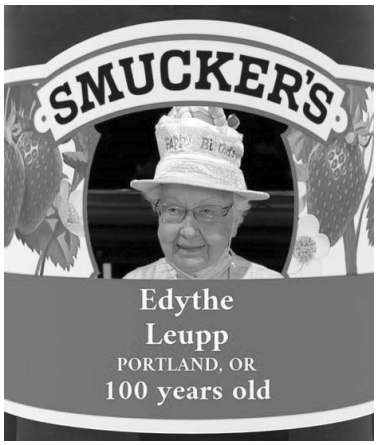
In June we will have our end of the year wrap-up to look at the coming year, recognize new officers, and spend time to just enjoy being together.

**Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):** Beta Beta Checking In! Our service project, **Food Pantry Workers**: Beta Beta members worked at the Bethlehem House of Bread in Tigard on March 9, checking canned foods for expiration dates, and helping stock the food pantry shelves. The House of Bread Coordinator Linda Dove was delighted to welcome BB members Jayne Ichikawa, Pam Kenyon, Donna Rhinevault, Nancy Lewis, Kim Brown, Barb Fuson, JoAnn Brinkman, Sheila Kleinheinz, Marleen Wallingford, Eloise Gibson, and her husband, Scott. The team helped serve over 600 families. Way to go, BB Team!

Our April speaker will be *The Music of Bees* author Eileen Garvin. She will be speaking remotely, as BB eases its way back into in-person meetings. April also brings an inductions for three new members, dynamic additions to the chapter.

# CELEBRATING DR. EDYTHE LEUPP

On Saturday, November 27, 2021, a small group of DKG OSO sisters, threw a little celebration for **Dr. Edythe Leupp**. What's the big deal? She turned 100 that day!

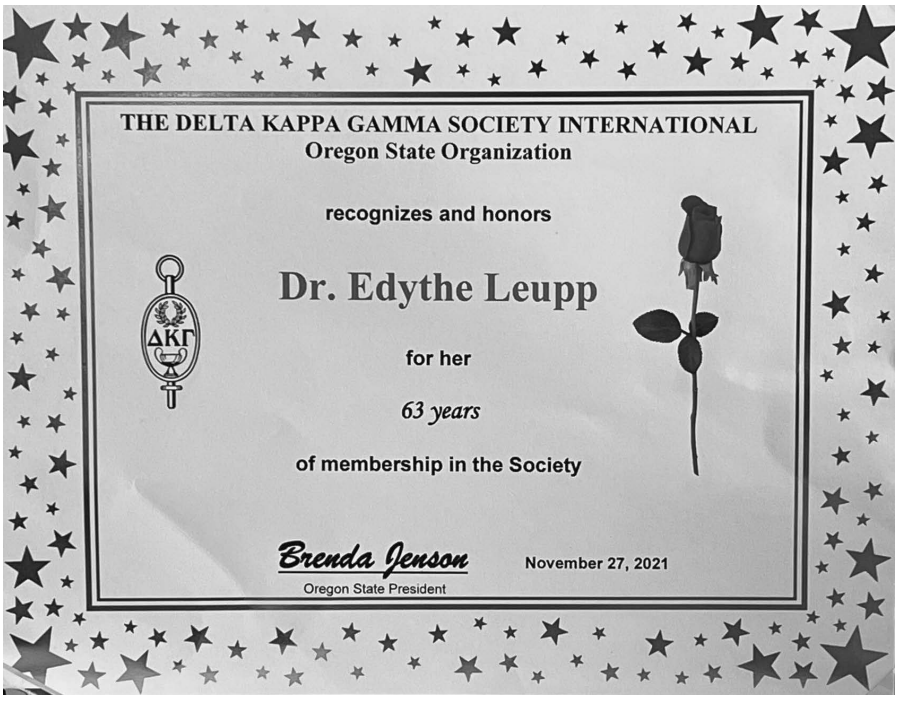


***Co-President Kim Brown (L) and Edythe, garbed in crown and sash.***

Joining the party were two former mentees and co-workers Jean Fairbairn and Delores O'Connell. Edythe's Beta Beta sisters brought red roses, a darling teddy bear, a special ***"100 & Fabulous"*** tiara-sash and a delicious cake. We serenaded the birthday girl with a resounding rendition of *Happy Birthday*. Then she was presented her 60-year DKG pin, as well as her 63-year DKG Membership Certificate, having been inducted in 1958!

Many thanks to OSO President Brenda Jensen, OSO Membership Chair Darlene Cook, and Sandy Watts for ordering the pin and certificate for Edythe. They got the word out to DKG chapters across the state, so many birthday cards flowed in. Thanks for sending all those cards. Edythe received over 100 cards! Edythe has enjoyed a bit of celebrity status of late. KATU news did a brief story on our very own centenarian. She was featured on the Smucker's jam jar label on the *Today Show*. Thanks to Kim Brown, you can view Edythe's KATU interview on Beta Beta's YouTube™ page.

She was very touched, calling us her "precious Beta Beta sisters." She told us she NEVER had a birthday party growing up, as they were poor and had a big family. This was the biggest birthday event she ever had. Her family will throw a bigger party this spring when more people can attend the festivities. We were glad to be there on her BIG day!



### *A bit of history from Meri Putzler*

I found this poem, submitted by a former member, when I was setting up my desk again in Montana. There is no date, as this was cut out of, I assume, an old *Oregon Trail*, and laminated. On the back are partial notes that read "Three outstanding women educators were initiated into Alpha Sigma Chapter in November: Linda Myers..., Eugenia de Rower..., and Amber Patterson..." It also mentions Janet Shaver.**

**GUIDE FOR A TEACHER**

May I meet the unique challenges of being a teacher with patience, perseverance and wit.

May I treat my students as individuals, remembering that each has talents and gifts to offer, and is special in a different way.

May I give close guidance to those who need it--and more room to those who grow better on their own.

May I stay committed to what I do always continuing to grow as a teacher and a person.

May I be humble enough to learn from my students or they have much to teach me--and I still have so much to learn.

***Submitted by Louise Jorgensen, Xi Chapter***

****Comment from Chris Luehring, formerly an Alpha Sigma member**:
*Linda Myers, Amber Patterson, and Janet Shaver were initiated into Alpha Sigma in 1996; I don't know who Eugenia de Rower is, as she wasn't with us. Chris remembers the poem as coming from another state's newsletter.*

## THE DKG BULLETIN: COLLEGIAL EXCHANGE

**Are you an author? Check this out.**

The *Collegial Exchange* is looking forward to publishing your next article. The *Collegial Exchange* is a print publication which focuses on articles based on practice and experience as it relates to education and DKG Society International, as well as to women and children. The *Collegial Exchange* also includes personal reflections and creative works. It is printed and distributed twice each calendar year.

Submit articles electronically, and carefully adhere to the guidelines for review and consideration for publishing. The DKG website has a tab on the black banner across the top which gives details about all the Society's publications. Follow these two steps: First, an author should submit an interactive cover sheet form which is found at the Apply/Submit tab on the DKG website. The second step involves the actual submission of the manuscript in Microsoft Word® format. No PDF files will be accepted.

### WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY KEY PIN?

### WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY CHAPTER OR STATE PRESIDENT BAR PIN?

This form will help you and your family know what to do. Place a copy with your documents and share with your family.

**TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

This is a picture of my Delta Kappa Gamma membership key pin (left) and a Chapter President's bar pin. (right) I have worn them with pride.

When I can no longer wear them, please return them to my chapter

_____ or to the Oregon State Organization.

To get the name and address of my chapter's current president, please contact the DKG staff at

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International:
www.dkg.org
12710 Research Blvd., Suite 230
Austin, TX 78759
(512) 478-3961 or 1 (888) 762-4685

_____
Signature of Member Date

***Thanks to the Montana State Organization for reminding me to do a form nearly identical to theirs!***

## 2022 STATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED

Susan Scharf, Beta Beta, was awarded a $1,500 Personal Enrichment Commemorative Scholarship earlier this month. She will apply the money toward a summer session class at Boston University, "Certificate in Genealogical Research." She explained that the focus of the class is to increase the professionalism of a person's research, get information and records faster, and deliver more accurate findings. Her interest began after watching her father do family research in the 1960's, starting by tracing people who had the same last name in the phone books when they would travel.

This 15-week online class begins on May 10. The time commitment is 20-30 hours a week, at a minimum. Susan took an earlier 7-week course, "Genealogical Principles" from BU in 2016. This class introduced her to best genealogical practices and a more organized approach to research. Upon completion of the new course, she will be awarded a certificate which will be a springboard to become a certified Genealogist.

She said she has used her knowledge to help friends and offers her services each year in the Beta Beta fund-raising auction. She would be willing to offer a workshop at a future State convention or conference. Susan has been a member of Beta Beta since April 2017. She is the chapter's second vice-president and editor of their newsletter.

## MOVING AHEAD TO ESTABLISH NEW CHAPTER

Over 25 names have already been put forward as potential key women educators in the McMinnville – Yamhill County area as the OSO Chartering Committee continues its preliminary work to establish a new chapter in Oregon, the first new chapter in over 40 years.

What kind of women is DKG looking for? What kind of woman would be attracted to DKG? It turns out, both answers are the same. Experienced educators, women passionate about education, enthusiastic, energetic women with vision and the will to make a difference are the type of women who seek out DKG, and they are the women we hope to find. There is a process, of course, in establishing a new chapter. Several stages are required to work our way through to get a new chapter up and running. Darlene Cook, Nancy Lewis, and Wendy Hacke are heading up the committee.

At a time when some chapters are folding or shrinking, DKG is changing, adapting to the times, and meeting the challenging culture in today's educational venues. The new chapter, yet unnamed, with the help of other chapters and OSO input, will determine what its mission and purpose will be. That is a promising idea for all of the 'old' chapters: to re-visit our mission, to reacquaint ourselves with the reason we exist, to consider what we can do to support one another and to inspire new teachers, as we work to further the cause of excellent education in a variety of settings.

## WORKING TO GIVE

Beta Beta Chapter established an Education FoundationIN 2012. The Foundation's mission is to give financial assistance to educational endeavors in the Tigard-Tualatin and Sherwood school districts, as well as to future women educators in Oregon colleges and universities: it's the "giving arm" of the chapter. The foundation celebrates a 10-year milestone of giving over $110,000 in grants and awards by the end of this fiscal year. The grants and awards encompass projects supporting music and art in elementary schools and a dictionary distribution, Oregon Battle of the Books in middle schools, high school educational excellence projects and financial awards to prospective women educators.

Members have raised money through garage sales, teas, auctions, donations, and various fund-raising efforts. Beta Beta Foundation Treasurer Pam Damm says, "While the projects we support are such satisfying goals, there are 'hidden gems' that amaze me. "They are the personal growth one experiences while working on these projects, the personal caring and connections we naturally glide into with one another, and the pride in each other of a job well done."

"There is a joy in the work we put into Beta Beta, and I thank our members for the part they play in each of our endeavors. It is such a benefit in belonging to this organization."

**RETURN ADDRESS**

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# Oregon State Organization

## BRENDA'S JOURNEYS

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| 3/28 | NW Presidents Meet | Zoom |
| 4/9 | Alpha Chapter | Klamath Falls |
| 4/25 | NW Presidents Meet | Zoom |
| **4/29 - 5/1** | **Oregon State Organization 2022 Conference** | **Silverton** |
| 6/11 | Alpha Chapter Year-end Celebration | Klamath Falls |
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