THE NEW OREGON TRAIL

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

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Both visuals were on the DKG website on May 29, 2020.

Hello from Society Headquarters in Austin, TX!

This message addresses decisions related to the 2020 DKG International Convention.

- Members who registered for the convention will receive REFUND information via email within the next day or so. They have till June 5th to complete the refund request form and return it. Details are on the form. (Refunds for the pre-convention Museum of the Constitution event are included in the convention refund procedure, too.)
- The Marriott Downtown Philadelphia is working with us to cancel automatically all room reservations for members who had made reservations through the block of rooms we had set up for the convention. Members will receive an email from the hotel to verify the room cancellation.
- Information regarding virtual events to be shared in lieu of a face-to-face convention will be made available as plans are finalized.

Thank you for your support and resilience as we move forward with new plans.

Video message link: https://youtu.be/flrJ5Gefld4

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Cathy P Daugherty
International President

BREAKING NEWS!
Oregon educator published on the DKG Galley of Arts!

Alpha Phi member Marguerite Fitzpatrick submitted two poems and both were published. See page 4 to "meet" Marguerite and enjoy her poems.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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

June is here, so summer is just around the corner! It is hard to believe that we are beginning the fourth month of what has become our "new normal" with stay-at-home orders, social distancing and wearing masks! Who could have predicted how much our world would change in a few short months!

If it were not for COVID-19, DKG members from 17 countries would be heading to Philadelphia for our 2020 International Convention. Our Oregon State Conference would be in our rear-view mirror with pleasant memories of keynote speakers, informative workshops, amazing baskets and auction items, a fun-filled evening of fellowship and games, and more. Memories of special moments with dear friends would be as sweet as the beautiful flowers surrounding the Oregon Garden Resort! It was a difficult decision to cancel the conference, as our steering committee and Beta Beta members worked hard to plan an outstanding event. The conference was rescheduled for October with the hope that all the organizing and planning would not have been in vain. However, with the uncertainty of what this fall might bring, our conference has again been cancelled, once more a victim of the coronavirus. We will make another attempt next spring.

Yes, mark your calendar one more time: April 23-25, 2021, for our Oregon State Convention at The Oregon Garden Resort!! Hopefully this third time will be the charm!

An important part of a state conference is welcoming our new chapter officers! Unfortunately, we cannot welcome you in person. **Thank you all for stepping up to serve your chapter!** You and the work that you do at the chapter level are the backbones of our Society! To help you better understand your responsibilities, the Executive and Communication Committees have scheduled a Zoom training for June 30. An Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for June 23. Please check the Oregon website and this issue of the newsletter for more information and the registration form. All Oregon members are invited.

During these past few months, the word "cancelled" has appeared much too frequently. Cancelled school year. Cancelled meetings. Cancelled conferences. Cancelled events. The many cancellations and closures have brought a great degree of turmoil into our daily lives, adding to our stress and uncertainty.

Despite the challenges, there are also positive outcomes. Educators stepped up to provide distance learning. Families are reconnecting and discovering the benefits of shared activities. Most are driving less with a positive impact on the environment, we are discovering just how much we appreciate our family and friends, and we empathize with those who are isolated.

As an organization, DKG is adapting. We were propelled into the virtual realm. Chapters are holding meetings, presenting programs, gathering socially, electing officers, and voting electronically. At a recent Zoom meeting, Omega Chapter installed officers and inducted Carrie Simpson, our newest Oregon member. Chapters are thinking outside of the box. Chi Chapter planned a drive-by birthday celebration for Elia Harmon who is 100 years young! A goal for the Oregon organization was to "Zoom" our Executive Board meeting so more members could attend virtually. That will happen this month.

This year I had the opportunity to visit several Oregon chapters. I enjoyed meeting members for the first time and renewing acquaintance with others. Now that I am still confined to quarters, I miss seeing everyone, especially the smiles and hugs! Let's think about ways we can stay connected while we are "quarantined" at home. Touch base with your chapter members, especially ones who may be home alone.

I would love to "attend" any of your virtual meetings or activities. I am getting better at "zooming around" and will gladly accept any "invites" that come my way.

I look forward to seeing everyone again,

Darlene

YOUR 2020 CALENDAR

June 30, 2020
LAST DAY TO PAY YOUR 2020 - 21 DUES!
Send to your Chapter Treasurer

July 7 - 11, 2020
International Convention
VIRTUAL
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, PA

July 15, 2020
Treasurers' Form 15 Annual Report due

July 19 - 26, 2020
DKG Ignite
POSTPONED
Austin, TX

August 1
Oregon Scholarship Applications Due: Fishwood, Henkle, Founders' and Presidents,' Huston, Personal Enrichment

August 25 - 29
International Leaders' Orientation
Marriott Renaissance
Austin, TX

October 7 - 9
Oregon Fall Conference
CANCELLED
The Oregon Garden Resort
Silverton, OR

October 31
Website compliance renewal

November 15, 2020
Treasurers: File Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service

December 1
Oregon Scholarship Applications Due: Fishwood, Henkle, Founders' and Presidents', Huston; Personal Enrichment

December 15
Nominations for Oregon State Organization Officers.

March 1, 2021
Scholarship Applications Due
Fishwood, Henkle, Founders' and Presidents,' Huston; Personal Enrichment

April 23 - 25, 2021
Oregon Spring Convention
The Oregon Garden Resort
Silverton, OR

*Go to www.dkg.org for information on due dates for scholarships and grants from International

ALERT!!

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee for the Oregon State Organization (OSO) will consider any new proposed standing rules this year. If you or your chapter has a proposal to submit, it must be in the hands of the ByLaws and Standing Rules Committee by Oct. 15, 2020. It is time to be thinking of changes now so that we will not miss the due date.

All proposals should be sent to Jean Fairbairn, Chair at 15206 S.E. Duckey Lane, Milwaukie, OR 97267, or by e-mail at jj7fair@msn.com. Accepted proposals will be reviewed and voted on at the 2021 state convention.

Mark your calendars for this one: Close to home for us!

MARGUERITE FITZPATRICK
Featured on the current DKG Gallery of Arts

I am deeply honored that my poems, "The Lilac Tree" and "Moon Moments," have been accepted into the 2020 DKG Fine Arts Gallery! As a retired elementary school teacher, I spend a great deal of time pursuing my writing passion with a special emphasis on poetry. I am inspired by nature and my beautiful surroundings in Oregon.

Growing up, I attended an elementary school on a college campus and remember rich language arts lessons and activities. They inspired me to write while using visual images along with images in my mind. This approach influenced and contributed to the development of my early writing skills and love for writing.

With a life-long love of nature, I make frequent references in my poems. I have always been in awe of the forests, trees, rivers, mountains, stars, moon, and also seasons in their glorious splendor. Many years ago, the trees became my "guardians," my shelter, and also places of solitude. During my childhood, there really *was* a lilac tree that "affectionately caressed our old worn garage," and it has been forever imprinted in my mind as a special memory. As a special gesture, my dear childhood friend (also friend for past 68 years) painted (see below, left) the lovely lilac tree and old worn garage…a favorite childhood memory for both of us!

Throughout the years, my poetry has evolved, however the mention of elements of nature still seems to be a common thread in each of my poems. It is my desire that when people read my poetry, they will be drawn into it and will use their minds to visualize what the words speak and feel to them as well as to the poet. According to Robert Frost, "Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought, and the thought has found words." I'd like my poems to elicit emotions, thoughts, and words in the minds of my readers!

Marguerite Fitzpatrick, Alpha Phi

Marguerite's poems are on the following page.

The Lilac Tree

Marguerite Fitzpatrick, Alpha Phi

I remember the lilac tree
that affectionately caressed
the old worn garage
and its gray-splintered sides

Perfumed fragrances wafted
and permeated the air,
my space and surroundings
while sending smiles to the
hollyhocks and red velvet roses

Bountiful bunches of blossoms
danced and frolicked
in the warm summer breezes…
gently leaning their heads,
bowing to the soft, brown earth
while sending sweet scents of
summer

As I stood on my tiptoes
and pressed my face closely to
these clusters of lavender charms,
wind chimes from the weathered
house next door
rang in a melodious concerto
and perfect harmony
with the dancing lilacs

In the early evening hours,
these bounteous blooms
nodded their approval of this
summer symphony of sweetness,
stilling themselves in silence
and in resting repose;
waiting for another day,
another dance...
sprinkling lavender sweetness
in my world

http://gallery.dkg.org/poem---lilac-tree.html

Magic Moon Moments

Marguerite Fitzpatrick, Alpha Phi

Halo of light,
eerily shimmering above
and playing hide n' seek
while hovering
in a star-studded sky…
dancing behind
a lone silver fir
with outstretched arms

I gaze at this crystal delight
that teases with each modest move;
telling my fortune,
lighting my darkness,
cancelling the shadows
for a trace in time;
then slipping into hiding.
taking repose,
leaving behind
its heavenly aura…
reminding me of
Magic Moon Moments
on this evening so still

http://gallery.dkg.org/poem---magic-moon-moments.html

ALPHA PHI NEWS

For our May Alpha Phi "meeting," as a member of our Creative Arts Committee, I suggested that our chapter read Kim Stafford's "Pandemic Poems" that were featured in *The Oregonian* in April, decide on a word, phrase or sentence that was meaningful to them, and then email their comments to share in a group email. Most members participated, and it was really a successful and timely writing activity. See page 6.

Marguerite Fitzpatrick

SPAM ALERT FROM INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

You may be among the many DKG members who have received spam from state or international leaders in recent months. These have ranged from simple, crude email spam to sophisticated versions that looked very close to authentic email from the International President. The technology team at Headquarters has been able to detect that some of the info came from chapter websites where emails are not secured.

To combat the growing issue of spam, Headquarters is asking you, the state and chapter webmasters, to:

(1) Review your site to see if you have email addresses for international leaders in a public area and, if so,

(2) Remove them and r**efer readers to the international website (www.dkg.org) for that information where it is secured.** These addresses are commonly found in leadership directories or handbooks, so check yours carefully.

(3) Thank you for your support in combating this growing issue of spam from international leaders.

If you have other thoughts on how to combat the spam, please send them to me at monique.dkgwa@outlook.com.

ALPHA PHI CHAPTER

ARTS AND CREATIVITY COMMITTEE: PANDEMIC EMAIL PROGRAM FOR MAY

Inspiration provided by poets Kim Stafford and his father, William Stafford, supplied the foundation for Alpha Phi Chapter's Pandemic Email Program for May. Members read and reflected on six poems, chose one, and selected part that especially resonated. Then, members replied to all with impressions, reactions, and personal connections. The following conclusion was then created using each member's response and sent to all from the Arts and Creativity Committee.

Poetics from Alpha Phi Chapter Members

Storms come. Storms pass. I am countless droplets of hope floating in the silent air.
The river surrounds our existence as do all the creatures that frequent it.
I've even been known to open a window just to listen to the rain.

We have had great moon moments too. A great distraction.
… the moon was sitting on the horizon, and it felt like I could reach out and touch it.
…and the trees were my 'guardians' and also a place of refuge… I cannot imagine our earth without its trees which release oxygen into the air that we breathe.

In a world of turmoil, such as it is now, it is the blessings of nature that is one source I go to for inspiration and hope.
I truly feel a part of our world. I very much want to keep it safe.
I think we all are hoping for some tranquility soon!

As each of us looks out from our confinement it is a natural desire to reach out to friends and family…
Walking in a natural environment is very calming and reminds us of the wonderful power of nature which endures.
I am rewarded with the beauty of birds singing, the flowers and trees in full bloom, and the sounds of children laughing in the adjacent yard.

It seems to me that either the birds are singing more and louder, or I'm taking time to listen!
So many of us seek the same refuge to calm our being: sounds of water, chirping of the birds , fragrances of nature...
…I can still live within all of the aspects of the gift of sensory memories from a time of great serenity.

Hoping you are finding
the peace of 'a stream moving in place'
during this challenging time.

SIGMA SAYS "HI"

Sigma has been healing this year due to surgeries and COVID-19. We haven't done many chapter meetings, but we have called each other to ask how things are going. Sigma is a group of women who are dedicated to the vision and purposes of DKG and the friendships it creates. Our past projects have centered around preschool and kindergarten students' needs by making warm winter hats; art supplies, and lap blankets. We hope to do more in 2021!

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Dr. Kelly McIntyre
Doctor of Education -- EdD

On behalf of the Oregon State Organization of DKG, it is our honor to congratulate Past President Kelly McIntyre who received her Doctor of Education degree from George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon, in May. Kelly's dissertation title was *The Relationship Between Social Science Majors Quantitative-Course Experience and Their Quantitative Anxiety*. Her research examined conflicting data on the relationship between quantitative anxiety (mathematics anxiety and statistics anxiety), gender, and quantitative-course experience (the number of mathematics and statistics courses taken).

After many hours of research and years of course work, Kelly participated in a virtual dissertation symposium with other EdD graduates on April 27, 2020. They shared highlights of their research and received a response to that work from a professional colleague.

Read the whole story of Kelly's journey to finish this degree at the link posted on the Oregon website: https://dkgoregon.weebly.com/uploads/8/4/3/3/84337872/kelly_mcintyre_road_to_doctorate.pdf

Miss Emily Hickman
Bachelor of Science -- Education

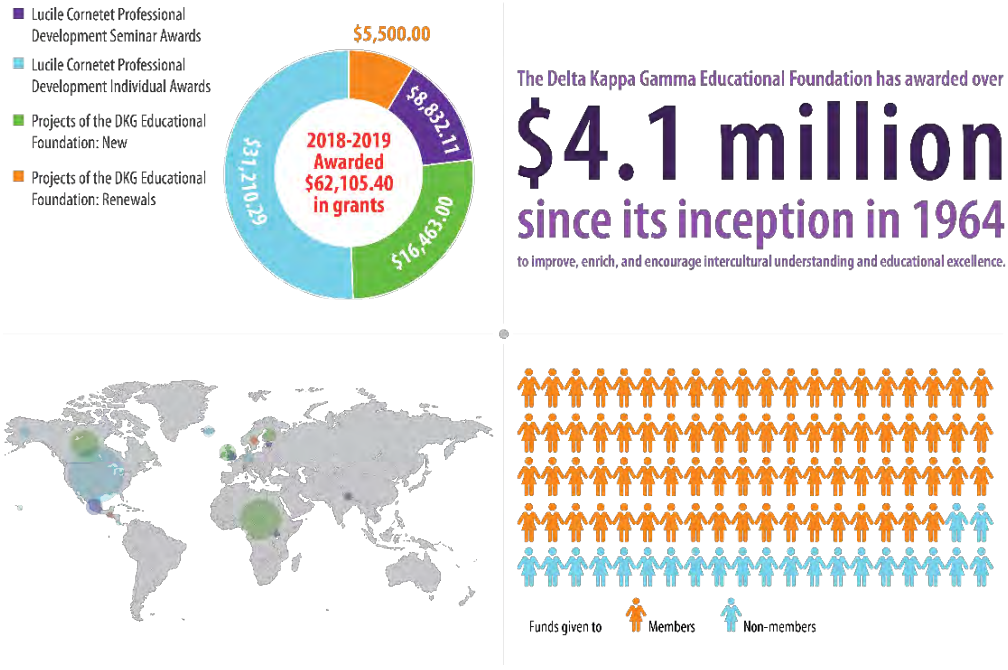
Alpha Epsilon is proud to announce that the state's first collegiate member, **Emily Hickman,** is graduating *Summa Cum Laude* from Western Oregon University this spring with a BS in Education with a focus in Science. She will be part of the graduating class that will have a virtual graduation.

What exciting adventures await her as she starts the next phase of her life. We wish her the best and hope that she will get a job in the Salem-Keizer School District. We will be excited to welcome Emily into the chapter as an active member.

Become a Founding Luminary

Giving to Educate the World

Contribute $1,000 or more before June 1, 2020*, to DKG International Educators Foundation to be designated as a "DKG Founding Luminary." Help educators and education, members and non-members, worldwide with your donation. Founding Luminaries will be recognized during the Philadelphia Convention. ***(*Even if you missed the June 1 deadline, this is still a very worthy cause and is tax deductible, too. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the date might have changed--but I have no info on that. Marie)***



CHI CHAPTER'S HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE

In August 2019, Chi member Elia Harmon asked that her Chi sisters be the hostesses for her May 100th birthday party. Her son would furnish the place and the food, but could her DKG sisters be there for her? Of course! That is what DKG is all about: support, caring, sharing, and working together.

However, as the May date got closer and the pandemic was prevalent, Chi chapter began to wonder about their ability to host this very important event and make it successful. Wel-l-l-l, when you give a group of teachers an insurmountable challenge, watch out. Experience shows that they will solve it and in a most extraordinary manner. E-mails flew by, telephone calls increased, and a plan was formed. What better than a surprise drive-by with family, friends, and neighbors. Working with Elia's family, Chi made signs, bought balloons, gathered cards, and bought flowers for the ever-so-worthy and surprised birthday girl. And so, on May 16, at 2:30, 19 cars formed a line, neighbors took to their lawns, and horns began to honk. It was truly a fun event and Elia was very surprised.

Elia, your Chi sisters thank you for providing us the challenge to help celebrate your 100th birthday. As you served students, teachers, and parents for close to sixty years, we felt pleased to honor you in your special hour.

Happy Birthday, Elia!!!

A parade, signs, gifts, flowers, friends--Happy Birthday, Elia!

ALPHA NU NEWS

On March 9, Alpha Nu members were informed about all of the Washington County Library Services. Alpha Nu's April meeting was canceled due to the pandemic.

Our May meeting was a Zoom videoconference meeting. Twelve members joined our host, Grace Pitzer to share a book and to talk about our stay-at-home experiences. Common activities were taking walks, gardening, reading, cleaning and organizing our homes, and pursuing favorite hobbies. Grace then shared a video interview that she and Jo Rossman had done with Helen Fohl in 2013.

We are grieving the loss of our beloved Helen Fohl who passed away May 6 at age 99. Her active 57 years of membership, 38 years as our treasurer, was an inspiration to us all. Helen joined Alpha Nu chapter in 1963, one year after it was founded. Through her wonderful wit she communicated such wise insight. Most of her teaching career was serving as a librarian in Beaverton Schools. We were blessed to have her for so many years and she will be so missed.

OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP

Sara Kinstler, a second grade teacher at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction, recently received the Omega spring scholarship. Mrs. Kinstler is doing post-graduate work at Southern Oregon University to add the Elementary Multiple Subjects endorsement to her teaching license so she can continue teaching second grade at Evergreen Elementary.

Sara said: "I am honored to receive a scholarship from the Omega Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Key Women Educators. I am very grateful to have the support of fellow women educators as I complete this step forward in my teaching career." In photo, she and her son Orlando are out for a walk.

MS. CARRIE SIMPSON

Omega Chapter welcomed our newest inductee at a virtual cermony on May 30. Carrie Simpson, a teacher at Madrona Elementary in the Three Rivers School District, represents the talents and goals embodied in the Seven Principles of DKG. (Photo at left.)

OREGON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RETIRED

2021-22 TRIPS

Nancy Jo Lewis, Beta Beta, chair of the OEA-Retired travel committee.
OEA-R gets the commissions which help us to stay well-funded. Watch for more trips at the 2021 Convention.

Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains
April 22-30, 2021. 9 days – 12 meals. $2,999. Deposit due: Oct. 2020

Take a delightful trip through the heart of Appalachia, discovering the equestrian culture of Kentucky, the pioneer spirit of Tennessee, and the mountainous beauty of North Carolina. Get a taste of bourbon, baseball, and thoroughbreds in Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky. Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest on your way to Gatlinburg, TN. From Gatlinburg, explore the natural wonders of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After a day of exploring, relax and tap your toes during Dolly Parton's Stampede and Dinner Show. Travel on to Asheville, North Carolina, and enjoy the historic architecture, engaging neighborhoods, and robust arts districts. Tour the Biltmore Estate, George Vanderbilt's "little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains. When you leave, you'll have the warmth and charm of southern Appalachia still in your heart. Activity level *2.

Mackinac Island
July 2021. 8 days – 11 meals. $3,599 (price may change). Deposit due: Jan. 2021.

This classic Midwestern tour features Illinois and Michigan. Explore Chicago with a local guide. See quaint Charlevoix's unique stone "mushroom houses." Savor two incredible nights of luxury at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Enjoy a horse and buggy tour of Mackinac Island. Spend a night in the Bavarian-influenced town of Frankenmuth. In Dearborn, experience the inspirational Henry Ford Museum and view historic homes at Greenfield Village, including the famous American workshops of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, and Robert Frost. Activity level *1.

Southern Italy and Sicily
October 22-November 3, 2021. 12 days – 16 meals, $4,399. Deposit due: April 16, 2021.

This journey takes you through a crossroads of civilizations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy. Begin your travels in Sicily. Uncover Moorish and Norman influences that entwine with Greek and Roman ruins. Explore Agrigento's Valley of the Temples. Travel to the historic town of Taormina. Continue to fascinating Southern Italy. Make a stop at a local winery for an agriturismo experience, complete with wine tasting and a dinner featuring regional specialties. Explore the ancient town of Sassi di Matera, known for its cave dwellings. Spend time in Alberobello with its unusual cone-shaped roofed homes known as "trulli." Discover spectacular Mt. Etna Volcano National Park. Explore the stunning Amalfi Coast and Sorrento. In evocative Pompeii, walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans who perished in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Activity level *3.

Journey though South America
January 2022. 16 days – 21 meals. $6,249 (price may change). Deposit due: July 2021.
Thundering waterfalls, lost cities, snowcapped volcanos, and world-renowned cuisine – all this and more awaits you in three dynamic South American countries. Experience the natural beauty of Chile's Patagonia and the Andean Lakes District. Feel the rhythm of the tango in Buenos Aires at a stunning dance performance. Stand in awe before Iguazu Falls, visiting from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides. Admire the viewpoint from the statue of Christ the Redeemer. As you journey through Chile, Argentina, and Brazil, learn what makes each nation unique. Trip can be extended for a 3-night Brazilian Amazon Extension at additional cost. Activity level *3.

For information, or brochures, for Bluegrass or Mackinac, contact Susie Garrison at 541-620-0387 or susieq8170@gmail.com, For Italy/Sicily or South America contact Nancy Lewis at 503-639-7050 or nancyjolewis@gmail.com

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***Activity ratings**: 1 is for leisure traveler that involves normal walking and activities; 2 is increased walking over a variety of terrains or several city blocks; 3 is on-the-go walking for more than 90 minutes with increased activities.*

Notes:

- All trips are organized by Collette, the oldest travel agency in the U.S.
- Total cost is per person, double occupancy, and includes airfare from Portland, rooms, guides, transfers, and most meals.
- Cancellation with refund, less insurance cost, is allowed up to 24 hours prior to departure,
- Each trip allows time for exploring on your own.
- For each trip, extra days can be added, either at the beginning or at the end.
- If you are interested in a different trip from the ones that OEA-Retired sponsors, but Collette offers, book that trip, but be sure to let us know so that we get credit for your traveling with them.

ETA HAPPENINGS

ETA chapter had planned a book share at Midland Library April 20th. Due to Stay Home, Stay Safe measures we held the book share on Zoom. Some members tried it for the first time. It was nice to see faces of friends.

One member**, Lynda Bell,** had been making face masks and offered to mail them to members who needed one. Janet Kurkoski has been part of a church team that has made over 300 masks.

Emails and cards have been sent to members who have had health issues not related to Covid-19, or who live in Senior Communities and can not have company. While calling members to remind them of dues we sadly learned that long time member Betty Jean Dawkins passed away February 18, 2020, of cancer.

We have newly elected officers but we were not able to install them at our scheduled meeting May 18.

It is a challenging time, but through Zoom, FaceTime, Facebook, phone calls, cards, and emails, we are connected.

Trudy Orth and Janet Kurkoski
Co-Presidents

BETA BETA'S NEW NORMAL BEGINS

Donna Rhinevault, 2nd VP

Like everyone, our chapter is having to do things differently while meeting social distancing guidelines. We just held our chapter board meeting via Zoom led by Presidents **Pam Kenyon and Mary Bell.** We hope to do the same for our virtual Officer Retreat later in the summer. We elected our new board for the 2020-22 biennium and approved three new Beta Beta members. We were sad to have to postpone our hostessing duties of the DKG OSO conference this spring, but are delighted to pick up our tasks when once again it is safe to do so. We must respect a pandemic, but the Beta Beta Chapter spirit of helping is always alive and well.

ALPHA OMICRON

Alpha Omicron has been unable to meet face to face, but we still conducted chapter officer elections for the next biennium. The chapter will experience an early June "Chapter Check-in" using Zoom. If all goes well, we will use Zoom to conduct meetings through the COVID outbreak. Our two largest fundraisers had to be cancelled, yet we are looking forward to hosting Kid's Night Out (a community swim pool event) and Cinco de Bunco (buffet, fun, and games) in the future. The Pandemic has brought this biennium to a difficult conclusion, yet Alpha Omicron continues to keep our chapter informed and connected!

PSI CHAPTER

Psi has kept in touch the last three months with phone calls, emails, and a Zoom visit. As a chapter, we are truly honored to recognize our past president who earned her doctorate and title Dr. Kelly McIntyre, EdD, at George Fox University in April. Our annual Excellence in Action, cancelled in April, will take on a new look this June 22. As a chapter we plan to meet at the home of one of our members in Forest Grove, where we will honor Anne and Vern Beeson, our recipients for 2020.

2020 OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION

AWARDS

Presented by the Awards Committee: Co-Chairs Sandy Watts and Kathy Martell

Longevity Awards

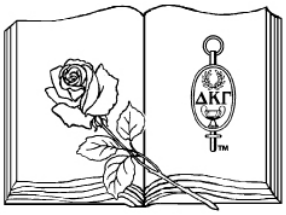
Congratulations to our sisters who are celebrating milestone years in Delta Kappa Gamma!

25 Years

Bonita Fillmore – Alpha
Madaline Lapp – Omicron
Lynn Hughes – Omega
Margaret Jeans – Beta Beta
Vreneli Farber – Kappa
Christine Knab – Alpha Pi
Sharon Stewart – Pi

50 Years in 2019

Rebecca Duffy – Alpha Omicron



Chapter Awards

We are proud of the chapters in Oregon State Organization. All of you are doing great work and your communities are benefitting from it! Those who receive awards for 2020 are listed below.

Rosette Award - Chapters completed a Chapter Brochure, Yearbook, listed at least three quality programs they had, sent out four chapter newsletters and filled out the new Awards Form and sent it to their District Coordinator by March 15, 2020.

Alpha Omicron – Co-Presidents, Sandy Watts and Annette McCoy

Order of the Rose Awards – Chapters who have completed all the Rosette requirements, inducted, reinstated, or transferred at least one additional member, filled out the Awards Form and sent it to their District Coordinator by March 15, 2020 and scored at least 10 points from a list of activities.

Alpha – Co-Presidents: Brenda Jensen and Jennifer Cole
Lambda – Co-Presidents: Priscilla Ing and Jane Landrum
Omega – President: Tawnya Campbell
Psi – Co-Presidents: Meridith Putzler and Janet Schultz
Alpha Epsilon – President: Kathy Martell
Alpha Nu – Co-Presidents: Lynetta Weswig and Melanie Morris
Beta Beta – Co-Presidents: Pam Kenyon and Mary Bell

State Awards

(Service to Society, Service to Education, to Community)

Stay tuned for the winners of the three state awards. Announcements about them will be in the next Trail **AFTER** the awards are presented to the individuals receiving them.

LAMBDA (Eugene)

Thank heavens for phones, email, USPS, and ZOOM!

These have been Lambda Chapter 's forms of communication beginning with the last minute cancellation of our March 13 meeting – the day Oregon began to 'Shut Down.' We held our spring planning meeting for 2020-21 year via Zoom. Our chapter is blessed with knowledgeable technology people who hosted and assisted those new to Zoom, while still busy conducting distance learning and personal business of their own. Thank you, **V.P. Julie Voelker-Morris, Cecelia Brands,** and **Clair Wiles!**

Lambda managed a spring edition of our *Lambda Ladies* newsletter via email just before 'sheltering.' We continued with business (election of officers) and three emailed *Lambda Update* editions sent to both current and past members. Each member received an Easter card with a personal note and an updated page of 'Lambda Contacts.' It's important to connect in this time of separation!

The US Postal Service was our method of acknowledging our 12 active Lambda educators with notes of encouragement and $5 Dutch Bros. beverage cards. These members will have much to share regarding experiences with 'distance learning' when we return to regular meetings.

At our May Zoom meeting, a potential member joined in and has since submitted her 'new member' information. Also in May, electronic voting allowed us to accept Linda Mooney into our chapter. A formal Induction Ceremony will be held in the fall.

New officers were not installed with the traditional ceremony, but received a personal note regarding their office and a red rose hung/dropped at their front doors. We are happy to announce the election of **Darby Tracy & Priscilla Ing** as co-presidents, **Julie Voelker-Morris** as vice president, **Yvonne Fasold** and new member **Ana Diaz Hansen** as co-secretaries, **Cecelia Brands** as chair of the nominating committee, and **Nancy Schaal-McHarry and Mary Jo Huisman** as members of the nominating committee. Mary Jo was also reappointed as treasurer.

Lambda completed 20-21 planning, with a Google Survey compiled from ideas brainstormed at the May Zoom meeting. The survey allowed all members to provide input.

Our biggest concern this spring has been the cancellation of our annual yard sale that supports the Jule Crume Memorial Grant-in-Aid for a woman in an education program. We are planning to advertise this fundraiser as an 'Un-Yard Sale' with the hope that members and past patrons will donate monetarily without bringing home more 'stuff.' We are also proud to announce this year's recipient of the $1500 Jule Crume Memorial Grant-in-aid is Anessa Jones, a Pacific University student on the Eugene campus.

ALPHA CHAPTER:

Klamath Falls area

Alpha is excited to announce a new member—**Bethany Osborn**, whose passion is working with at-risk youth. She is currently the Lead McKinney-Vento Caseworker for the Integral Youth Services in Klamath Falls. She received the DKG-Alpha Educational Excellence Community Award in 2019. She has been involved as the Summer Work Crew Manager for the Klamath area, on the Integral Youth Leadership team, successful grant writing, and is the Mckinney-Vento Trainer for the Klamath area schools. Her dedication to the youth of our community is an asset to our chapter, and we are excited to welcome her as a sister.

Alpha has passed the leadership torch for the 2020-2022 biennium to:

- President--**Bonita Fillmore**
- Vice President--**Joanne Skinner**
- Secretary--**Brenda Jensen**
- Treasurer--**Judy Brimmer,** continuing in this position

Special thanks to **Brenda Jensen, Jennifer Cole, and Bridget Honan** for their leadership during the 2018-2020 biennium.

WHITE ROSES

Six Oregon members would have been remembered at our White Rose Ceremony in April. At each International Convention a Celebration of Life Program is held to honor Society members who have passed away during the preceding two-year period. Nine Oregon members will be recognized in the 2020 convention program, Including the five members who passed away in 2019 and four members who passed away during 2018-2019

Judy Smith-Clifton	Alpha	7-22-19
Jean Haldorson	Beta Beta	5-21-19
Susan Eve Herron	Beta Beta	6-3-18
Jeurine Marshall	Eta	12-1-19
Betty Jean Dawkins	Eta	2-18-20
Jule Crume	Lambda	8-28-19
Edith Lesley Matson	Lambda	1-23-19
Barbara Schweppe	Lambda	9-28-18
Patricia Hayes	Omega	10-21-19
Helen Fohl	Alpha Nu	5-6-20 (Age 99; 57 years in DKG)
Mary McCauley Burrows	State Member	10-23-18

RED ROSES

Psi

Sue Pass, Transfer from Zeta Iota, California

Omega

Carrie Simpson, May 30, 2020

Alpha

Bethany Osborn

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

2020-2022—Current 6/1/20

District 1

Iota - TBD

Zeta - Mary Jo Lemon

District 2

Alpha - Bonita Fillmore

Omega - Lise Van Brunt

Omicron - Pat Esparza

District 3

Kappa - Elaine Hall

Lambda - Priscilla Ing & Darby Tracy

Sigma - Annette Lange Hildebrand

District 4

Alpha Omega - Judy Mattson

Alpha Omicron - Annette McCoy & Sandy Watts

District 5

Alpha Epsilon - Kathy Martell

Alpha Nu - Melanie Morris & Lynetta Weswig

Psi - Meridith Putzler & Janet Schultz

Beta Beta - Kim Brown & Barbara King

District 6

Chi - Liz Simmons & Janice Jessen

Eta - Kathy Evans & Kathy Allen Kirsch

Pi - TBD

Alpha Phi - Jean O'Neil & Susann Swanson

Beta Gamma - Anne Jones & Sheila Daniels

THANK YOU to our new and continuing chapter leaders!

IS A FOUNDATION IN YOUR CHAPTER'S FUTURE?

Beta Beta Education Foundation

Nancy Lewis and Donna Rhinevault

On March 9, 2020, the Beta Beta Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3), held its annual membership meeting. Members of the Chapter are automatically members of the Foundation, and most active members attend the annual meeting to celebrate our successes.

What does our Foundation do? Each giving committee made a report on 2019-20 activities:

- The Literacy Committee bought dictionaries for 3rd graders in Sherwood, books for Battle of the Books for middle school children, and kept books moving in the Little Free Library in Metzger for a total of $3,000.
- The Music and Art Committee gave awards of $250 to eight teachers in Title IX elementary schools for music and art programs. Xylophones, beaters, and art literature used $2,500.
- The Educational Excellence Committee had eight requests from teachers at Sherwood High School and divided $2,000 among five teachers for science equipment, books for sports writing classes and drama club, and a bass amp for a jazz band.
- The Margaret Neilson Financial Awards Committee reported that in May 2019 they had seven applicants and divided $6,000 between two students finishing their education to become teachers. Current awards were given in May 2020 with a budget of $9,000. The process will be entirely electronic, so we are eager to see how that worked. The committee shared the questions the applicants must answer in their application. Everyone was impressed with the professionalism of the application process.

How Does the Foundation Work?

You might wonder how we got to the place where we can give away so much money every year. It started in 1994 with the Margaret Nielson Financial Awards . Over time, other projects came along and we began to ask ourselves if we could be a 501(c)(3) so that the money we were donating could be considered a tax deduction and maybe we could get others to make donations for us to give away. The first committee to investigate 501(c)(3) status had a series of illnesses and eventually ceased working. The second group decided it was too much work and said we should not pursue it. The idea, however, did not die. A third group was assigned 2011. They persevered, went in circles, and got nowhere for a couple of years, then a member suggested that we ask the chapter for $1,000 to hire a professional organization to help Beta Beta gain IRS approval. We got the money, hired the group, and by 2014 we had our new status.

We set up the Foundation so that it is a partner to Beta Beta Chapter, but they are two separate organizations with the same members. The Foundation must follow federal tax law, while the chapter is not required to do so. The biggest difference is that the Foundation cannot

spend money on our members, while the chapter can. We have divided the roles of the two groups. The Foundation has a Board of Directors, sets a budget each year and monitors the giving of the money. The chapter raises money, and chapter committees distribute the money.

Raising Money

To ensure that we raise enough money to support our goals, we established a committee called Business Partners. They work with local merchants and business leaders, asking for donations. They have been highly successful. To add additional funds, we have had a large garage sale every summer. Every other year we host a fancy tea, sell tickets, and make a nice profit. It's a great event, as most members work on it in some way, and the pride we all take when it succeeds is as important as the money we raise. Each fall we have an auction that is open to the public, gives us great time, and helps us raise a lot of money. Some members have sponsored special events in their homes to benefit our Foundation.

Successes

At the 2020 annual meeting, we learned that we are earning more money than we are spending. We broke into small groups to discuss that wonderful "problem." We passed a motion to recommend that the chapter explore some of the many suggestions to see if there was another need and a new way for us to make an impact.

Beta Beta is very proud of our Chapter and our Foundation. Our work with the Foundation facilitates support of student, educators, and future educators. We are not donating all the money ourselves, and what we do donate is usually eligible for a tax deduction. We help children and teachers in the Tigard- Tualatin and Sherwood districts, and we help young women seeking a degree in education. That supports the Seven Principles of DKG.

NOMINATION NEWS

The Nomination Committee has begun the process of searching for qualified, dynamic, key women from our state to run for our highest leadership roles for the next biennium. Committee Chair Lise Van Brunt had the pleasure of meeting two of the current committee members to discuss strategies for successfully filling an election roster with well qualified, interested candidates at a leadership meeting in June 2019 in McMinnville. All elected positions are open for candidates, including state president, state vice president(s), and state secretary. Also open are Finance and Nominations Committee members from Dsts. 1, 2, and 3. (Dsts. 4, 5, and 6 members have an additional two years to serve.)

As Brenda Jensen, current vice president, says: "I welcome some competition and really, really want a great vice president if I am elected as president." Please take this chance to share your leadership skills.

Nominations Committee Members:

Charlene Counsell of Zeta/ District 1
Lise Van Brunt of Omega/District 2 (chair)
Dr. Yvonne Fasold of Lambda/ District 3
Annette McCoy of Alpha Omicron/District 4
Pam Rostron of Beta Beta/District 5
Carole Peggar of Eta/District 6.

District Coordinators

Dst. 1: Dana Musgrove
Dst. 2: Lynn Hughes
Dst. 3: Priscilla Ing
Dst. 4: Sandy Watts
Dst. 5: Kathy Martell
Dst. 6: Jean Fairbairn

The District Coordinators and the Nomination Committee will identify good candidates by reaching out within their districts to find the leaders we need.

Chapters, please help by talking about these upcoming elections and posing the question to chapter members about who they think will be good candidates from their district. This could be an agenda item for chapter and area meetings--more than once, if needed to get good dialog and feedback.

So, Oregon members, please consider if you or someone you know will be one of the special leaders we are seeking for these future positions. Our STATE needs your help! Take action, Oregon educational leaders!

Lise Van Brunt, Nominations Chair

DKG OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION

JUNE SCHEDULE

ZOOM PRACTICE SESSIONS

1. **Tuesday, June 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m.**

   Practice Using Zoom: Presenters' and Co-Hosts' Session with Grace

This meeting should be for people presenting at both the Executive Board Meeting AND the Leadership Training Session. At this meeting we will discuss and learn how and when we would want to use **Breakout Room**s, to do some **Polling** of the participants, and presenters would want to do **Screen Sharing**. We want to make sure all these features work for everyone. Voting could be done using the Polling feature, as it gives an immediate result.

2. **Friday, June 19, 10 a.m. – noon**
3. **OR**
   Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to noon

   Practice Using Zoom **for New Users** with Grace

4. **Tuesday, June 23**: Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
5. **Tuesday, June 30:** Leadership Training

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 23 – Zoom Meeting
10 – 11:30ish

Register: The form is in the *Summer 2020 Trail*

Agenda: To be sent when completed.

Voting Members:

- 2018 – 20 Presidents: **Each chapter is allowed one vote.**
- 2019 – 21 Elected State Officers
- State Treasurer (ex-officio, voting privileges)
- Past State Presidents

Non-Voting, but please attend if you are interested. Everyone is welcome!

- Incoming 2020 – 22 Chapter Officers
- All Oregon Members
- 2019 – 21 State Leadership Team

OFFICERS' LEADERSHIP TRAINING

June 30
9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you have presentation materials (e.g., a PowerPoint or documents to show participants, send a copy to Grace Pitzer prior to June 15 , so she can train us to use a split-screen to share with meeting participants. It also provides a safety net should anything go missing.

9 – 10 a.m. Treasurers' and Secretaries' Training

- Working with all those forms from International
- Value of minutes
- Importance of Treasurer's reports to International

10 – 11 a.m. Presidents' Training with:

- Awards Committee
- Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee
- Educational Excellence Committee
- Membership/Expansion Committee
- Finance Committee
- Nominations Committee

11 – 11:30 a.m. Lunch

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Communications Committee

- Website Training for International and Oregon State Organization websites
  - Where do you find what on the website?
- *The New Oregon Trail*
  - How it works for your chapters
  - Historical Record is what you put into the *Trail.*
- Brochures and Newsletters
  - What do you include?

1:00-1:30 p.m. Scholarship & Awards Committees

REGISTRATIONS FOLLOW
FILL OUT THE ONE THAT FITS YOU

Executive Board Meeting Registration Via Zoom

June 23: 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Dr._____ _____

First name Last name

Email _____**(REQUIRED to send invitation to join the Zoom meeting)**

Chapter_____ Phone _____

Please check all that apply:

____ Chapter President (2018-2020) name/chapter_____

____ Proxy for Chapter President name/chapter_____

____ Chapter President-elect (2020-2022)_____

____ State Officer name/position_____

___ _Past State President name_____

____ Committee Chair name/committee_____

____ Other, officer, member, etc. _____

One vote is allowed for each chapter. Please identify the name of the person voting

ZOOM TRAINING SESSIONS

_____ I would like to attend a Zoom training. Please specify the day.

- **_____ June 16: 2 – 3:30 p.m.**
  Practice Using Zoom designed for presenters and co-hosts with Grace
- **_____June 19: 10 – noon**
  Practice Using Zoom for New Users with Grace
- **_____June 20: 10 – noon**
  Practice Using Zoom for New Users with Grace

Further info will come by email regarding Zoom training.

Email Registration by June 19 to bcjdkg@gmail.com
Or

Mail to:
Bonita Fillmore
1803 Lancaster Avenue
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Officers' Training Registration Via Zoom

June 30, 2020 : 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dr._____ _____
First name Last name

Email _____ **(REQUIRED to send invitation to join the Zoom meeting)**

Phone: _____

Chapter_____ Position _____

____ 9:00-10:00 Treasurer/Secretary Training

____ 10:00-11:00 President/Vice President Training

____11:00-11:30 Lunch (We can visit during on lunch on Zoom)

____11:30-1:00 Website
Newsletters
Brochures

____1:00-1:30 Scholarship and Awards Committees

Please return registration by June 19, 2020

Email Registration by June 19 to bcjdkg@gmail.com
Or

Mail to:
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Mar 9	Beta Beta Educational Foundation	Tigard
May 19	Beta Beta Chapter Meeting	Zoom
May 20	Alpha Chapter Meeting	Zoom
May 30	Omega Chapter Meeting	Zoom
June 22	Psi Excellence in Action Celebration	Forest Grove
June 23	State Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
June 30	State Chapter Officer Training	Zoon
August 1	State Finance Committee Meeting	Salem
August 19	Chi Chapter Meeting	TBD
Nov 7	Portland Area Chapter Brunch	Portland MAC Club
	2021	
Apr 23-25	Oregon State Convention	Oregon Garden
July 7 -10	International Conference	Portland, OR, Marriott