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

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2021 OREGON STATE CONVENTION

1. Based on the recent state-wide survey, 66% of members say they would **NOT** attend due to the pandemic, and 14% said they **might** attend if the vaccines had bccome available and numbers of cases and infections were falling. Only 20% said **yes,** they would attend. Those are not viable statistics for a traditional convention..
2. The Executive Committee met on January 9 and decided that, based on survey results, the in-person venue at The Oregon Garden would be cancelled for 2021, but postponed to 2022.
3. **The 2021 Oregon Spring Convention will be virtual, held on Zoom.**
4. That will allow us to accomplish all the required business of the state, hold workshops, enjoy some social time together online, meet and hear from our International guest, and celebrate our White Roses. Service Award winners, Scholarship winners, and especially the chapters that have succeeded with activities during the pandemic--all will be recognized and honored.

The convention steering committee is hard at work changing plans to meet the new virtual structure of the convention. Watch your e-mail for updates and decisions. Details will be in the March edition of *The New Oregon Trail*, along with information on registering for the various sessions that are under development.**With a virtual convention, there will be no cost to you! It's FREE!**

Thank you to all who responded to the survey. If you did not receive it, be sure your current email is available on the International website. Directions are on page 12.

HELLO, STATE MEMBERS!

All state members (those not in a local chapter) are receiving a printed copy of this newsletter. Why?

- We've been informed that some of you haven't been receiving the Trail because you aren't affiliated with a chapter.
- We want you to know that you are important!
- This Trail has information about upcoming events and changes in Bylaws/Standing Rules.
- **Some emails are not going to their receivers. If you have a current email account,** please let us know. Infomation on how to update your email is on page 11.

Marie Mueller, State Editor

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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

Welcome to DKG Oregon in 2021!

Last year, we were following normal routines and schedules: daily outings at work and play, shopping in crowded stores, dining inside at favorite restaurants, attending in-person meetings, planning special events, and enjoying time with friends and family. Working educators were in their classrooms, meeting the needs of students. Remember those days?

Then came COVID-19, and with it both uncertainty and challenge. As time passed, stay-at-home orders, masks and social distancing became the routine. Social interaction was discouraged. Chapters cancelled face-to-face activities. As a state organization, we were forced to navigate uncharted waters. Eventually our 2020 Oregon State Conference and International Convention had to be canceled. And, unfortunately, as of last week, our 2021 Oregon Convention has become a casualty of this pandemic.

Despite treacherous waves, our members and our chapters are weathering the storm. Time, family, and the value of personal relationships have taken on new meaning. We found ways to work, teach, learn, communicate, and stay in touch. We are welcoming new members, conducting Society work, and participating in community events. Working colleagues are adapting to teaching online. We congratulate them for the outstanding work they are doing. They are truly turning "lemons into lemonade!"

As a state organization, several great events await us this year! Although our in-person State Convention was canceled, virtual activities will provide similar coverage . Stay tuned for more information from our Steering Committee chaired by State Vice President **Brenda Jensen**, Alpha/2. Oregon members are also working on the International Conference scheduled for July 7-10 at the Portland Downtown Marriott. Consider signing up for the pre-conference workshops on July 7. Thank you, Steering Committee Chair **Jean Fairbairn**, Chi/6, and all our Oregon volunteers! Please consider registering for the conference! This is a great opportunity to see our International Society at work. Several stipends will be available for Oregon members who register for the event.

This year marks the 80th birthday of our Oregon State Organization! On May 23, 1941, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton installed Alpha Rho State, Oregon, as the 41st State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Sixteen of the 23 key women educators who attended that installation ceremony became Founders of our state organization. Watch for a special "birthday party" on Saturday, May 22, on Zoom. Other events to calendar: our President-to-President Sharing dates on January 23 and March 6, and State Game Night, hosted by Alpha Epsilon, on February 18. I look forward to "seeing" you.

As we near the end of the 2019-2021 biennium, this is the time to step up to a leadership position. On July 1, new state officers and state committee chairs will take office. There are many opportunities to serve on the 2021-2023 state leadership team, so let me know if you are interested.

Let's hope this new year will increase opportunities for in-person fellowship and to safely revive projects and activities that were canceled or postponed. May 2021 be a year full of peace, joy, and love! ***Darlene***

Congratulations to Zeta Chapter! They are the first chapter to send in the completed new Media Usage Permission Forms for all their members.

If you have not sent yours yet, please fill it out and send it to Bonita Fillmore, 1803 Lancaster Ave, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 or by email to bfillmore55@q.com.

Thanks!

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DARLENE'S SCHEDULE SINCE THE LAST TRAIL

All Zoom meetings except Bylaws Committee meetings and International Conference
November 9 - Alpha Nu Meeting
November 11 - Bylaws Committee Meeting, Milwaukie
November 14 - President to President Sharing
November 19 - Beta Gamma Meeting
November 19 - US Forum Webinar
November 21 - State Convention Steering Committee Meeting

December 5 - Alpha Auction on Facebook
December 7 - Bylaws Committee Meeting, Milwaukie
December 12 - Alpha Meeting
December 17 - Beta Gamma Meeting
December 17 - NW State Organizations Team Meeting

January 9 - Executive Committee Meeting
January 11 - Alpha Epsilon Meeting
January 16 - State Convention Steering Committee Meeting
January 19 - Alpha Rho Foundation Board Meeting
January 23 - President to President Sharing
January 24 - CTAUN Webinar

February 11 --Psi Meeting
February 13 - Finance Committee Meeting
February 17 - International Conference Steering Committee Meeting
February 18 - State Game Night (Hosted by Alpha Epsilon)
February 20 - Executive Committee Meeting

March 6 - President to President Sharing
March 17 - International Conference Steering Committee Meeting

April 14 - International Conference Steering Committee Meeting
April 23-25 - Oregon State Organization Convention **– VIRTUAL. Dates many change.**

May 19 - International Conference Steering Committee Meeting
May 22 - Oregon State Organization's 80th Birthday Celebration
June 15 - Alpha Rho Foundation Board Meeting
June 23 - International Conference Steering Committee Meeting

July 6 - International Conference Steering Committee Meeting
July 7-10 - International Conference, Portland Downtown Marriott

Has your chapter invited Darlene (and/or another state officer) to join in your chapter meetings? If not, now would be a good time to do so! Send a copy of your program guide or call 541-331-3282. E-mail dcook.dkg@gmail.com

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

PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
Wednesday, July 7, 2020
8:00 a.m.-4:30p.m.
Portland Downtown Marriott

FREE Pre-Conference Workshops
Apply at registration on a first come, first served basis! Will be offered in person (or virtual if conference is cancelled).
Be prepared to buy your lunch if these are in person.

Robert's Rules Made Easy

Dr. Helen Popovich, PRP, DKG International Parliamentarian, and Lynna Gene Cook, PRP,Nebraska State Organization Parliamentarian will present a workshop on *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief* (3rd ed.) Participants will receive an assignment prior to the workshop for purchasing and studying major procedures. The workshop will include explanations, practice, question and answers, and preparation for the newly stream-lined National Association of Parliamentarians' membership examination, which participants may take during this workshop. *RONR (12th Edition)* will be given to each participant. RONR in Brief, the ticketed lunch, and cost of the test/NAP membership will be the only fees for participants! Funded by the Holden Fund and the Cornetet Professional Development Awards—your DKG support!

A Team Approach to Invigorate Your Chapter

What does a healthy, stable chapter look like? Discuss issues: membership, finances, leadership, engagement, & relevant programs. Develop a customized, effective action plan, and consider ways to revitalize and lift your chapter to more success. Chapters may send a team of two DKG chapter members to examine the health of the chapter, consider strategies and make a plan to strengthen their chapter, and leave with many new ideas. Existing DKG and new resources will be used. Come prepared to brainstorm new ideas and leave with a plan. Sherri Wagemann, WA 2017-19 state president and Daphne Cagel, CA 2019-21 expansion chair will present this interactive workshop with lots of brainstorming. The workshop is free with the only expense a ticketed lunch. Open to teams of two from the same chapter, so sign up early!

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE -- PORTLAND, OREGON
JULY 7 – 10, 2021

WHAT CAN YOUR CHAPTER DO TO HELP?

Your chapter could:

1. Identify a local business who would like to sponsor a speaker, post an ad in the program book, or sponsor a conference activity such as Oregon Welcomes You! If you know of such a business, contact Vickie Jackson for information and appropriate forms.
2. Buy a chapter ad for posting in the program book that every attendee will receive.
3. Sponsor a speaker (or join with another chapter as co-sponsors) or sponsor a conference activity like Oregon Welcomes You!
4. Volunteer to decorate a table at the banquet on Saturday evening in coordination with the Decorations Committee.
5. Donate wine or other goodies (commercial) for the Hospitality Room.
6. **Sew and decorate armbands** to identify conference volunteers. Material and a pattern will be supplied. If your chapter or a chapter member is interested, contact Jean Fairbairn at jj7fair@msn.com.
7. **We are asking that each chapter donate 20 gifts** for the "goody bags" that will be prepared for registrants and guests.
    - What should your chapter plan to give?
        - All 20 gifts do not have to be the same thing.
        - The gifts chosen could represent your area.
        - Nothing needs to be expensive. For example:
            - A jar of strawberry, blueberry, marionberry, huckleberry jam (commercial).
            - Filberts (hazelnuts) in any form or walnuts, dried fruit, etc. (commercial).
            - Jerky or smoked salmon (commercial).
            - A fancy bar of soap, perhaps made by a local crafter
            - Other bath goodies
            - Something labeled from your town? "Made in Eugene, Oregon, by…"
            - Clif® bars or the like
            - Individual packages of something yummy? Whitman® samplers? See's® lollipops?
            - Have each member donate one new book by an author she likes?
            - A gift coupon for a Starbucks® or Dutch Bros®. coffee
            - Thinking bigger? A bottle of local wine
            - **Use your imagination.**

    - **Want to publicize your chapter?** Prepare a "Welcome to Oregon" note to accompany each gift: "This is especially for you from _____ Chapter in _____, Oregon. Our chapter represents _____. This is a _____(name the product, such as a jar of huckleberry jam from ABC Co., located in _____.")
    - If you have enough energy, you could have every member sign each card.

SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

Roberta Hutton and Christine Luehring

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the award of an Isabelle Huston Commemorative Scholarhip in the amount of $570 to **Kelly McIntyre, Psi/5,** former state president. This will enable Kelly to renew her National Certification. She was an early Oregon counselor to earn this certification and has worked to encourage others to seek this recognition.

An Emma Henkle Scholarship, in the amount of $2175, was awarded to **Emily Hickman**. Emily was the recipient of the Jeppeson Grant in 2018. She became a collegiate member of Alpha Epsilon/5 and is currently an active and valued member of the chapter. Her letters of support from the chapter and teachers with whom she works made us aware that we are supporting a fine beginning teacher. The award will assist Emily as she continues her graduate work while working full-time in a nursing care center and substitute teaching under the current challenging virtual school conditions. Congratulations to both of these ladies.

Dr. Karren Timmermans, Lambda/3, received a Personal Enrichment Commemorative Scholarship from the Oregon State Organization DKG to pursue the online professional development program "Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading" (LETRS). Karren is an associate professor at Pacific University. Eugene campus, and instructs students seeking a Masters of Education degree and Reading Endorsements as well as other education certifications or endorsements.

INDIVIDUAL STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS —

THE OREGON SERVICE AWARDS

Kathy Martell and Sandy Watts

Do you know someone who excels in doing service to Education, to DKG, or to her Community? Now is the time to nominate her for one of Oregon State Organization's three service awards. This member might be in your chapter or another chapter around the state.

All you need to do is find the nomination form on the state website, fill it out and send it to Kathy Martell or Sandy Watts by **March 15, 2021**. The awards will be handed out at state convention or at a chapter gathering later in the spring or summer of 2021.

Go to the state website, www.dkgoregon.weebly.com, look under Resources and then click on State and Chapter Forms. Scroll down till you find State Awards in the left-hand column. Under that title, you will find the Achievement Award form and a list of all previous award winners since 2005. Check the list of previous winners to make sure your nominee has not won an award before and then nominate her.

We will be looking forward to receiving your nomination forms before March 15.

Kathy Martell, kkm4dkg@gmail.com or 1115 Chestnut St. NW Salem, OR 97304
Sandy Watts, sandywatts269@comcast.net or 33815 E. Columbia Ave, Scappoose, OR 97056

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Vickie Jackson, State Treasurer

Oregon has created a 501 (3) (C) foundation to allow you to give tax deductible contributions to, "Alpha Rho Foundation (ARF)." This foundation will allow us to partner with other 501 (3) (C) foundations or agencies to bring programs to our members. Contact Vickie if you would like to attend a meeting; all members are welcome.

If you have an educator join DKG now until April, they will only pay ½ (one-half) the International dues: active member is $20. Oregon dues are not discounted. ($24 for an active member) This may change in our upcoming bylaw changes at the state convention.

Our 2020-21 budget has not been used as much as it has been used in the past, so the executive committee wants to offer all personnel with a line item in the budget to consider attending the International Conference in Portland and using your budget money to offset the costs. OSO received grant money to assist up to 60 members $100 to attend the conference. (Note: This excludes officers.) When the Finance Committee meets in February, we will be designing the application form and creating the budget for 2021-22. Our meeting will be Saturday February 13 from 10 a.m.– noon. If you want to attend, let Vickie know so she can link you to the ZOOM meeting.

The Finance Committee sent the Bylaws Committee amendments to the bylaws and standing rules. Read them in this "Trail" and be ready to vote in April on the changes.

Any questions? Contact Vickie Jackson at dandvjackson@gmail.com or call 541-475-7252.

CHAPTER AWARDS

ROSETTE AND ORDER OF THE ROSE AWARDS

Chapter Presidents, March 15 is the deadline for submitting to your District Coordinator the form you have filled out enabling your chapter to earn either the Rosette or Order of the Rose Awards (Chapter Awards).

Many of you have already begun keeping track of the requirements. If you haven't printed off the form yet, you can find the forms you need to apply for these awards on the state website, www.dkgoregon.weebly.com Once on the website, look under Resources and then click on State and Chapter Forms. Scroll down till you find State Awards in the left hand column. Under that title, you will find the "Rosette and Order of the Rose Requirements and Form." Print the form now and as you accomplish each of the requirements record it. Send the completed form to your District Coordinator by March 15.

Any questions, please contact Sandy Watts at sandywatts269@comcast.net or Kathy Martell at kkm4dkg@gmail.com

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

CONVERSATIONS AFTER THE JANUARY 6, 2021, INSURRECTION IN WASHINGTON, DC

Submitted by Dana Murphy

These are difficult times and in the coming days and weeks, we will all be having challenging conversations to participate in and questions to ask. The organization, Teaching Tolerance (tolerance.org) has put together some resources particularly for current teachers and students. I think we all might benefit from them as we talk with friends and family members.

https://www.tolerance.org/the-moment/january-7-2021-leading-conversations-after-the-insurrection-in-washington-dc

Here are a few other resources recommended by the Teaching Tolerance advisors: (1) **Responding to the Insurrection at the U.S. Capitol** *Facing History and Ourselves; (2)* **What Are Your Reactions to the Storming of the Capitol by a Pro-Trump Mob?** *The New York Times; (3)* **Resources for Teachers on the Days After the Attack on the U.S. Capitol** *Beyond the Spotlight*

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

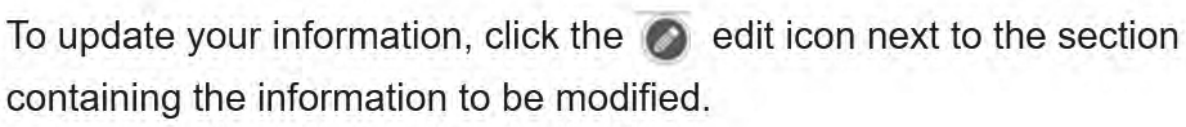
BE INCLUDED IN DKG COMMUNICATIONS!
Update Your Contact Information on the Website.

Step 1: In your favorite Internet browser, go to http://www.dkg.org
Step 2: **SIGN IN.** The button to do so is in the top left corner of the home screen.

- In general, you will begin with your username being your 6-digit Member ID.
    - Don't know your member number? It is on your dues card and on your address on DKG publications, or call your chapter treasurer or contact your chapter president.
- To get started, used the default password. Once you are properly signed in, you can change it to your preferred password. Your new password **must** include 7 characters including at least one letter and one number.
    - Don't know the default password? ? Call your chapter treasurer or contact your chapter president.
- Still having problems? Contact mem@dkg.org or call 512-478-5748. When staff are online, you can also use the "Chat" button in the lower right corner to talk digitally to a staff member.

Step 3: Click **SIGN IN**
Step 4: On the new screen, at the top right on the black banner, you will see **"MyDKG."** Click on that.
One of the first things you'll see is your own information according to what DKG has on file.

Pay particular attention to your email address. International, state, and chapters need to be able to contact you without a problem, and too many times a digital message or a link to an online publication will be returned because an e-address is wrong
At the top, you also see this:



Wherever something is out of date or missing, just click the pencil next to that section and you can put the correct information into your file. Pay particular attention to your email address. International, state, and chapters need to be able to contact you **Thank you for taking time to do this!** Having correct contact information and your digital address keeps us all in the some loop!

OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION BYLAWS

Proposed Revision 2021

1.Which now reads (quote current wording)	2. Be amended by putting parentheses around	3. If adopted, would read:	4. Rationale	5. Cost/ Other
Article III: Membership Section 4: State Honorary A. Members who do not belong to a chapter but retain membership at the state level and International level. B. Dues will be paid to the state treasurer. C. A list of state members will go to the state president annually. D. A file of deceased members shall be maintained by the state treasurer.	New	Section 3: State Members A. Members who do not belong to a Chapter but retain membership at the state and International level. B. Dues will be paid to the state treasurer. C. A list of state members will be sent to the state president annually. D. A file of deceased members hall be maintained by the state treasurer.	New category	$0 No costs were noted in any category
Article IV: Finances Section 1: Annual Dues and Fees B. Annual dues and scholarship fees will be paid by June 30 of each year beginning in 2019. Section 2. Financial Controls: Budget 2. A budget shall be adopted annually by the State Executive Board.	(scholarship) (for the Operating Fund)	B. Annual dues and fees shall be paid by June 30 of each year beginning in 2019. 2. A budget shall be adopted annually by the State Executive Board for the Operating Fund.	International no longer asks for state members to pay a scholarship fee to them. Clarification	

Article V: Meetings Section 1: Chapter Meetings A. Regular Meetings	New Article V Meetings	Article V: Meetings A. Regular Meetings 1. All members being notified, chapter meetings may be face-to-face, through electric communications or through a combination of two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting. 2. All members being notified, matters requiring immediate chapter action may be voted upon by mail (postal or electronic) that provides a valid receipt of each responding chapter member's vote. A majority vote of chapter members shall be required for action. 3. Chapter meetings shall be held 4 times a year.		
B. Executive Board Meetings		B. Executive Board Meetings 1. The president may call an executive board meeting. 2. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members of the board. 3. The board may meet through electronic communications as long as all the members may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.		
Article V Organization becomes Article VI	alignment			

Article VII: Officers, Related and Special Personnel Section 3: Duties of Officers A.5. Name an official representative for meetings if the president is unable to attend. C. The secretary: Section 4: Duties of Related Personnel C.3. Secure a token of appreciation for….... C.3. Maintain a collection of one copy each…. C. 4. Serve on the Executive Board and state Communications Committee as an ex-officio member, without vote. C.5. Serve on the Communications/ Technology Committee.	(or vice president) (token) (hard) (without vote)	5. Name an official representative for meetings if the president or the vice president is unable to attend. C. The state secretary shall: C.3.Secure a gift of appreciation for the retiring president presentation at state convention. 3. Maintain a collection of one hard copy of each *New Oregon Trail t*o be used as a history for Oregon State Organizatio*n.* 4. Serve on the Executive Board and Executive Committee 5. Serve on the Communications/ Technology Committee.	Clarify title.	
Section 6: Term of Office B. No officer, except the treasurer, editor and administrative secretary may serve in the same office longer than two terms in succession.	new	B. No officer, except the treasurer, editor, administrative secretary, and parliamentarian may serve in the same office longer than two terms in succession.		
Section 8: Nominations and Elections B. Election of state president, vice president, and secretary shall be by a majority vote of written ballots cast by members registered and attending state convention.	(or electronic)	B. Election of state president, vice president, and state Secretary shall be by a majority vote of written or electronic ballots cast by members registered and attending state convention.		
Article VII	alignment			
Article VIII	alignment			

Committees Section 1: Elected Committees A. Finance B. Nominations	rename	Section 1:. Standing Committees A. Bylaws Interpretation B. Finance C. Nominations		
Section 2. Appointed Committees A. Awards/General B. Awards/Financial/Scholarship C. Bylaws/Standing Rules D. Bylaws Interpretation E. Communications/Technology F. Expansion G. Membership H. Leadership	Alignment rename	Section 2. Appointed Committees A. Bylaws/Standing Rules B. Communications/ Technology C. Educational Excellence D. General Awards E. Leadership F. Membership/Expansion	Membership & Expansion Committees are being united.	
Section 3: Special Committees Special committees shall be appointed….....	(e.g., *ad hoc*, task force, etc.)	3. Special committees (e.g., *ad hoc*, task force, ,etc.) may be appointed by the president as authorized by the Executive Board or a convened convention.		
Section 4: General Procedures G. H.		G. A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms on the same committee. H. Due consideration may be given to representation from all districts.	Clarification	
Section 6: Duties of Elected Committees	renamed	Section 5: Duties of Standing Committees		
Section 7: Duties of Appointed Committees		Section 6: Duties of Appointed Committees		
D. The Communications /Technology Committee shall promote communication and public relations skills throughout the state, sponsor and maintain the Oregon State Organization Region web site, obtain permission to publish names, email addresses/ images on the web site.	(and provide for)	D. The Communications/Technology Committee shall promote communication and public relations skills. throughout the state, sponsor and maintain the Oregon State Organization Region web site, obtain permission to publish names, email addresses/images on the website ad provide for electronic meetings.		

E. The Educational Excellence Committee may represent the areas of Personal Growth and Services/Literacy, Professional Research		E. The Educational Excellence Committee may represent the areas of Personal Growth, U.S. Forum, NGO/U.N. Liaison, Legislation, and International Projects & World Fellowship.	Alignment with International titles.	
F. Leadership Development				
G. The Membership/Expansion Committee	new name	G. The Membership/Expansion Committee shall be responsible for supervising membership within the state, including nominations, , elections, and inductions of state honorary members, the Service of Remembrance and orientation programs. They shall also be responsible for expansion within the state.		
H. The Scholarship/Financial Awards	new name	H. The General Awards Committee		
Article IX: Areas of Activity Section 4: Leadership Transition Retreat A. A leadership transition retreat for incoming and outgoing state officers and key personnel shall be held in odd numbered years prior to July 1 at a time…..	(to July 1)	A. A leadership transition retreat for incoming and outgoing state officers and key personnel shall be held in odd numbered years prior to assuming their duties and at a place to be determined by the state president and the Leadership Development Committee.		
Article X: Awards Section 1: Awards A. One of the State Founders and State Presidents Scholarships shall be awarded annually in honor of Bernice Conoly.	(Past International President)	A. One of the State Founders and State President's Scholarships may be awarded annually in honor of Bernice Conoly, Past International President.		
B. General Awards				
f. Educational Achievement	new	f. Educational Achievement		
e. Certificate of Appreciation				
Article XII Section1. Bylaws These Bylaws may be amended every four years at a state convention.	(four)	These Bylaws may be amended every two years at a state convention.	Two-year revision passed by OSO Executive Board in September 2020.	
Section 2. Standing Rules Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or rescinded in odd-numbered years by a majority of those present.	(in odd-numbered years) (at a state convention)	Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or rescinded every two years by a majority of those present at a state convention.	Alignment with International and the new practice of two-year revision.	

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OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION STANDING RULES

Proposed Revision 2021

1.Which now reads (quote current wording)	2. Be Amended by putting parentheses around	3. If adopted, would read:	4. Rationale	
I. Structure A. Membership 3.e. Collegiate Members	new	e. Upon graduation and obtaining a teaching job, the member receives their first year's state dues waived and pays $40 to International.	Recommendation from Finance Committee	
B. Finances 1. The state annual dues shall be $23 for active members and $13 for reserve members (2017-2019). State dues will be raised $1 every biennium for the next 5 biennia beginning with 2013 and ending in 2023.	($23 to $24) 5 to 4 ($13 to $14) Delete (2017-2019) (2023 to 2021)	1. The state annual dues shall be $24 for active members and $14 for reserve members. State dues will be raised $1 every biennium for the next 4 biennia beginning with 2013 and ending 2021.	Recommendation from Finance Committee	
7. b. Outside the state: (1) The president shall receive lodging reimbursement for one-half the cost of a double occupancy room when attending the Northwest Regional Conf.	(N. W. Regional Conference)	(1) The president shall receive lodging reimbursement for one-half the cost of a double occupancy room when attending an International Leadership Presidential training.	Recommendation from Finance Committee	
10. Chapter Treasurer's Bond:	($15 for the year 2019)	10. The chapter shall provide an annual bonding fee for the Treasurer in the amount of $10 a year.	Recommendation from Finance Committee	
C. Organization 1. New Chapters	(Membership)	a. The Membership/Expansion Committee….....	Membership and Expansion committees become one under new title.	
E. State Meetings 1. g	(on)	1.g. Sites for conventions should be near a North-South or East-West highway.		

C. Communications/Technology Committee The entire text for this committee is being revised to reflect the needs and trends in keeping abreast of the changes in technology needed for our and trends in keeping abreast of the changes in technology needed for our changing society.	new	C. Communications/Technology Committee The purpose of this committee shall be to provide and be able to utilize media for the members of the organization, to communicate with each other, the International Organization, chapter leaders and chapter members. 1. The committee shall be composed of at least three members: a. A chair appointed by the president, who will facilitate regular meetings of the committee, monitor, and assist each of the sub committees as needed and provide annual reports to the membership. b. The Editor for print media will facilitate the production and editing of the *New Oregon Trail* and any other print materials as may be developed by the committee or requested by the officers. c. The Technology Coordinator will facilitate the utilization of current technology. d. All members of the committee shall have a vote in decisions.		
		2. The role of Print media *paper or electronic) shall be to: a. Explore ways to expand and modernize the use of print media within the organization and to the public. b. Assist the officers and committee chairs in preparing reports for the *New Oregon Trail* and other publications. c. Encourage chapters to submit articles to the *New Oregon Trail* and International publications. d. Maintain a history of the Oregon State Organization.		

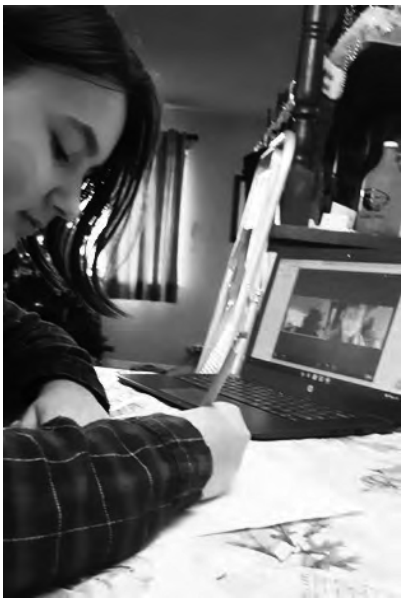
		3. The role of Technology media shall be to: a. Explore ways to utilize existing technology and look to ways to incorporate future technologies as they are developed. b. Sponsor and keep up to date the Delta Kappa Gamma Oregon State Organization Website. c. Provide for electronic meetings of officers, committees, chapters, and members. d. Obtain permission to publish members' names, email addresses/images on the website or in other appropriate state materials. e. Provide workshops and trainings in both print media use and technology media use as needed.		
D. Expansion Committee	deleted			
D. Finance Committee 1. b. The mileage reimbursement will be $.28 per mile after the first 60 miles traveled per round trip. The President and Vice President shall be exempt from the 60-mile round trip deduction.	alignment (after the….... trip deduction)	D. Finance Committee 1.b. The mileage reimbursement will be $.28 per mile.	Recommendation of Finance Com.	
F. Leadership Development Committee		E. Leadership Development Committee		
G. Membership Committee		F. Membership/Expansion Committee		

CHAPTER CHATTER

District 1: Iota Member Featured in the *Walla Walla (WA) Union Bulletin*

(Summarized by Brenda Kirk from the published article)

Iota member **Lynne Burnham** (photo at right) was a recent recipient of $150 from the Milton-Freewater Art Club. The funds were used at Lynne's discretion to purchase supplies for her classroom. Lynne is a visual arts educator at Central Middle School in Milton-Freewater.



Hard at work on Zoom. Alexandria Ensunsa, 6th grade, is one of my Art students at Central Middle School in Milton-Freewater. The photo was taken by Taylor Ensunsa, her sister,who is in high school.

As with most teachers in the time of COVID, Lynne has had to adjust her teaching of middle school art classes via distance learning. A lot of her instruction is live drawing assignments shared with her students in online Zoom meetings. Lynne has put together 125 art kits with the help of paraeducators so that each student has the necessary basic supplies to participate and create art during Zoom lessons. Also included in the kit is an art workbook that Lynne developed last summer to reinforce vocabulary and skills, plus an artist's portfolio to store works of art. These kits are easy to transport for students who go to another location while their parents are at work. The kits also keep the art supplies safe from younger siblings for those students who babysit during the day.

This semester Lynne's students have learned how to draw and shade basic shapes, measure and draw the average proportions of the human head, the history of Dia de Los Muertos and sugar skulls, and compositions with pumpkins and cornucopias. Lynne also incorporated watercolor in a painting stress-relief project with good success.

The Art Club donation Lynne received will be used for kit supplies for the 140 incoming second-semester art students. Winter semester lessons will branch into using oil pastels.

Besides the instructional challenges of teaching during COVID, Lynne shared challenges the students are facing in these trying times. Many have shared with their teachers their feelings of being overwhelmed, fear of losing a family member, anxiety about their family's finances, and lack of stable housing. Homeroom teachers have focused on providing social-emotional learning in weekly lessons, plus adding fun activities like pet parades, scavenger hunts, and school spirit activities, all via Zoom.

"Each day I work very hard to teach with grace. I must make the extra effort to remember that my students may carry a burden that is unknown to me; knowing which, I then show patience, understanding, and kindness."

District 1

Zeta (Union County): Zeta Chapter has had a busy fall. It was exciting to have three women join Delta Kappa Gamma: Kate Bottger, Audrey Cant, and Mandi Parsons. **(Photo, p. 20)** All are currently teaching, so we can get their perspectives on new methods being used, as well as the issues caused by the virus.

Our current community service project is providing clothes and food for the Warming Station that offers shelter to the homeless. Socks are the biggest item needed. Our newsletter has a new name, The Zeta Zoomer (it could change). The holiday issue provided a walk down memory lane with pictures of Zeta events during the last decade. It was fun to see all of the things we have done and a good motivation to stay active in 2021!

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): I am a volunteer translator at a free clinic we have in College Place (WA) for persons without health insurance. Many of the uninsured in our area speak Spanish. With COVID, we have had to stop in-person visits with volunteer medical professionals, but we offer free flu vaccinations at an outdoor drive-up location. **See also p. 17 for more Iota doings.**

Here I am, covered in PPE gear, ready to explain the necessary paperwork to a patient.

Brenda Kirk, Iota/1

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.):

AUCTION! COVID STYLE
Alpha held their auction online. It was a success and we sold many of the items. Most items were handmade for Christmas. Buyers included members and interested bidders from our community.

See also pages 20 and 22 .

Omega (Josephine Co.): Our chapter stayed active with "hybrid" meetings with a few appropriately distanced members in person and others joining by Zoom, including those from other cities and states, which was fun for all! We invited the elementary curriculum directors from both local districts to tell us about the effects of the pandemic on young students. That was informative and interesting! The Q & A session that followed provided additional depth. December's added pandemic restrictions forced us to cancel our holiday celebration, but we held a hybird planning meeting on Jan. 9 to firm up the rest of the year.

District 3:

Lambda (Lane Co.) Lambda ended 2020 with a Christmas social on Zoom. Nineteen members joined in the festivities organized by **Cecelia Brands** and **Sheila Sundahl.** Questionnaire responses were shared, as well as some holiday recipes and festive attire.

November's program was presented by Leah Murray, executive director of the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House in Eugene. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, Leah explained the history of the movement, those who were pro and con, and what comes next.

Nanci McChesney Henry received this year's first chapter scholarship. She will use the $100 for music for a year's subscription to Apple Music. This allows her to download unlimited music selections for use in College Now Dance Class, College Now Yoga, and Dance Exercise for Soccer classes at Sheldon High School.

See also page 20.

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens):
Alpha Omicron Chapter has collaborated with a Kiwanis group to supply St. Helens kindergarteners with manipulatives and organizing boxes for their storage.

Above: ***Betty Penziol, ready to make deliveries to St. Helen's kindergartens.***

The chapter also worked with a Lion's group to earn a 2nd bench made from recycled plastics. The bench will be placed at a Scappoose elementary school.

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.): Alpha Epsilon celebrated Christmas by having a virtual game night on December 7. We started the evening sharing our holiday plans and how we were doing with the pandemic struggles. Afterwards, Jill Snyder led us with her game Sort it Out! The game winner for the evening was Cindy Ryan. The evening was enjoyed by all who participated.

Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): **See page 21.**

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): At our November meeting, Grace Pitzer shared her book, "Art In Troubled Times." The book features photos of the murals in downtown Portland that were painted in June on boarded-up windows during the protests over the killing of George Floyd. Many skilled artists created beautiful works of art.

Beaverton Schools Homeless Education Liaison Program (HELP) is the chapter's community outreach organization. Yearly, members donate goods and gift cards. In October we delivered about $1,355 worth of goods. From the chapter's treasury, $300 worth of Fred Meyer gift cards were also donated.

Kathy Martell, District 5 Coordinator, hosted our December Game Night meeting. We had fun trying to remember trivia-like facts and putting them in correct order. In January, we will be gathering book donations from our members for Kathy's Little Library.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): **See also page 22.**

Moving Minds and Actions Toward Equity

Beta Beta Chapter continues to host guest speakers to our Zoom meetings to stimulate and educate. On October 12, 2020, the Educational Excellence Committee invited Zinnia Un to be our program speaker. Ms. Un is the coordinator for the new Department of Equity and Inclusion for the Tigard Tualatin School District. The TTSD invested time and resources to create a structure of trust and relationship-building among staff, students, families, and community as they move toward closing the gaps of inequality.

As Zinnia Un talked, she presented thought-provoking slides with examples that are being discussed in various seminars and discussion groups throughout the district regarding learning and conversations about equity and inclusion. She introduced several staff members and other participants via video clips. Every school is represented.

We joined breakout rooms to discuss the presentation. As you can imagine, time went quickly and we just got a brief exposure to this new Department of Equity and Inclusion! If you want to know more, the TTSD has lots of information on their website https://www.ttsdschools.org/domain/11 Every school in the district has an equity coordinator.

Beta Beta had over 50 members in attendance. It's been inspiring to see our group thriving in the new parameters of distance meeting. Kudos to our excellent leadership!

Dana Murphy and Jo Ann Brinkman

District 6

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla):

In September, Beta Gamma had an outside, socially distanced meeting to catch up with each other and do some planning for the year. We all agreed that we wanted to keep meeting, so each month we meet on Zoom. We give one to three $150 Teacher Grants each year to enhance learning in the classroom.

In November one of our last year's winners joined us to talk about how she used the grant money and, although the sewing kits she made for her art students will have to wait to be used for in-person learning, she showed us a slide show of how they looked and told of her plans to use them. She also told us about what it was like for her to teach virtually. This year's applications have already gone out to the three school districts we support and are due February 11. In December we each shared a special Christmas ornament and told why it was special to us. The stories were really heartwarming.

District 3

Sigma (Bend, Madras)

Sigma Chapter Supports PBIS

As the Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we interact day to day, Sigma had to change our approach and involvement in our communities. Students in our area have been learning at home through Comprehensive Distance Learning while teachers have taken on the task of using computers to facilitate education. Sigma has assisted one school by supporting their Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports program (PBIS). We donated stuffed toys, card game packs, multiple books and other prizes. Deserving students displaying responsible,respectful and safe behaviors then received their chosen rewards in the mail after Sigma members packed and addressed mailers

Lambda / 3 ---- (Lane Co.): INDUCTION CEREMONY VIA ZOOM!

On October 10, members of the Membership Committee, Co-President Darby Tracy, Jane Landrum, and Camille Ronzio, as well as Zoom hosts Julie Voelker-Morris and Cecelia Brands, met mask-to-mask and remotely at the Ing home to officially induct our newest member, Linda Mooney of Marcola. Linda is a teacher in the Springfield SD, GATES SDI night school program. Lambda's newest member was introduced to DKG by a member in Colorado. As Linda visited her old friend and was told of the benefits and blessings of DKG, she was also given the name of Lambda member Camille back here in Eugene.

Linda Mooney of Marcola, OR, newest Lambda member.

Pandemic photos take more room due to "distancing" regulations!

Camille Ronzio, Jane Landrum, Linda Mooney, Pres. Darby Tracy-- all wearing COVID-19 Lambda rose masks

Alpha /1 (Klamath Co.) --- WINTER WARMTH

Alpha collected hats and gloves to donate to the Integral Youth Services

L to R: Bridget Honan, Judy Brimmer, Bonita Fillmore, and Bethany Osborn, and our little elf helper, Michael.

ZETA CHAPTER/1 INDUCTEES

From left to right they are Kate Bottger, Mandi Parsons, and Audrey Cant. The person in the background is Mary West, who is Audrey's mother-in-law.

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Psi/ 5, continued: (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Even though Psi Chapter had to cancel our annual Christmas Tea, we were still able to do our Christmas outreach project to HomePlate, a non-profit organization that provides resources for homeless youth in Washington County. We filled 20 gift bags with personal hygiene items, socks, and gift cards.

In November, multiple copies of *Elephants Cannot Dance* by Mo Willems were presented to the kindergarten teachers at McKinney Elementary in Hillsboro.

Each spring, Psi Chapter provides "helping hands" for The Taste of Tanzania dinner that raises funds for the Huruma School for Disadvantaged Children in Tanzania. This year it is a virtual event, being held on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 7 p.m. This one-hour event will feature the school, student accomplishments, and continued needs. To learn more, you may view the new website: https://tzhuruma.org

Blessings to all of you from Psi Chapter as we begin a new year.

Above: Meri Putzler (L) and Janice Schultz (R) with Psi's HomePlate bags ready to go.

Right: Judy Forsberg (L), Psi Chapter, and Heather Schumaker (R), the kindergarten teacher who received copies of *Elephants Cannot Dance.*

YOU ARE INVITED! February 18, 2021, Game Night

Alpha Chapter hosted the first fun, social event for Oregon DKG members on October 28, 2020 using Zoom. Members were invited to dress in costume or decorate pumpkins as part of the October Extravaganza. Nancy Gilder won 1st prize for her original, creative costume and a $10 Starbucks certificate. Bonita Fillmore won 1st prize for her entry "Pumpkinstein" and a $10 gift certificate to the Unique Boutique. Door prizes were won by Ardeth Woods and Joanne Skinner. Participants chatted, shared stories and had a great time!

Pumpkinstein (left), the reigning king of the October Extravaganza, invites all Oregon State Organization members to the **February 18, 2021, Game Night. Sponsored by Alpha Epsilon, Game Night will start at 6:30 p.m. and can be joined by "Zoom"-ing in to the festivities.** King Pumpkinstein has been assured that this will be "the" event of the season and will put an end to his reign. The challenge is out there! So, plan to drop in, have some giggles and fun, and see if his October memories can outdo February games!

DISTRICT 5, CONTINUED: BETA BETA

T'was the Night Before Christmas 2020

Written by Carole L. Campbell 2020

T'was the year 2020, and all through the house
every creature was stirring, from Human to Mouse.
The stockings were tossed on the chimney, who cares,
It has been months since we entertained, would Saint Nick even dare?
The children were nestled all snug in their beds
As visions of rubber gloves danced in their heads.
And Mama in her gaiter and me and my mask,
Had just settled our brains for a long cleaning task.

When out on the roof there arose such a clatter.
I sprang from my mop to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash.
I peeked through the shutter, barely touching the sash
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave me faith that someday we'd have somewhere to go.

When what do my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight spotless reindeer.
With a little old driver decked out in full gear,
I knew in a moment we'd have Christmas this year!
More safely than Hazmat the reindeer they came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.
Now Clorox! Now Pine-Sol! Now Lysol and Purex!
On Comet! On Purell! On Top Job and Germ-x!
Wipe the top of the porch! Then the top of the wall!
Now wipe away! Wipe away! Wipe away all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they finished and then took a jump to the sky.
So up to the housetop the reindeer they flew.
With a sleigh full of masks, and Saint Nicholas too!

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,
The pawing of each little rubber gloved hoof.
As I pulled up my mask and turning around,
Down the chimney a big bucket came with a bound!
It was covered in plastic from bottom to top,
And the contents were sterile, despite the long drop.
I missed seeing his eyes and his dimples so merry.
But this virus prevents that, these times are so scary.
I imagined his face and his. little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like hand sanitizer jelly.

But I saw him outside though, as he stood near his sleigh,
And laughed when I saw him, six feet away...

With a wink of his eye and a wave of his hand,
I felt warm inside, Santa too understands.
And without a word I went right to my work.
I filled all our stockings, then turned with a jerk.

And laying a finger aside of his mask,
The reindeer rose up, they had finished their task.
He waved to me then, to his team gave a shout,
and socially distancing, quickly flew out.
But I heard him proclaim as he drove out of sight,
Merry Christmas to all, we will all be all right!

ALPHA'S B.E.A.R PROJECT "2020 COVID STYLE"

Since March 2019, ALL of us have been affected by COVID-19. Our lives changed considerably more than anyone would have wanted them to. But Alpha says "COVID will not win! "

For seven years of our BEAR (Building Early Academic Readiness) Project, we have averaged 55 K-6 students to read to their pre-school siblings. That totals 386 students from Mills and Stearns, both local elementary schools. although the project paused last March due to closed schools, we adapted and continue literacy encouragement for students and families. We felt we had to because, since March 2019, students were not at school and had no easy access to literature. Can you imagine nearly a year without picking up a book to read? Alpha Chapter brainstormed. Smoke clouds formed as we bounced ideas back and forth, but we found a solution to continuing our literacy project this school year. We created the BEAR Project "2020 COVID Style."

It looks a little different, but the new program is providing vital literacy encouragement. Even though, under COVID limitations, we were not able to have a kick-off or add more students to the project, we continued. We still are providing books to students who have preschool siblings at home. We still are encouraging them to read to their preschool siblings. What is different is that every month this year, we put a few books into envelopes for each student and deliver them to the schools, which make sure that their students receive the books. Instead of having students return books, we ask that the families build a library at home or donate them to a Little Free Library in their neighborhood.

An added note! We included the Integral Youth Services (IYS) to our BEAR program. IYS has been working with community partners to develop strong programs to help not only engage our community in a healthy atmosphere but also to encourage a positive support system for our youth. These programs benefit children ages 1-18.

And that is how we have adapted and found successful solutions to work around COVID-19 limitations. We win! Not COVID.

INFORMATION FROM DKG INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS: FACTS AND FORMS: (11 Jan 2021)

Have you ever wondered why all of these forms are necessary? Facts about the members need to be kept accurate so that all parts of the Society can function properly.

Finding the forms you will need is easy. Go to www.dkg.org and sign in. Select **Forms** and then select **Membership**. Some of the forms you will need are as follows:

Form 27 Change of Address Form (Chapter Use Only);

Form 81 New Member Form (Chapter Use Only);

Form 83 Reinstated Member Form (Chapter Use Only), and

Form TR-A Transfer Request.

Those forms marked with "chapter use only" are not to be sent to headquarters.

18A Report of Dropped Member

When a member is dropped for any reason, other than non-payment of dues, treasurers are to complete For 18A Report of Dropped Member found in the **Forms** section of the DKG website under Treasurer, as well as in their Chapter Connect. Members are automatically dropped and coded for non-payment of dues, so no Form 18A is needed to send to HQ for those members.

Timely updating of membership information saves leaders at all levels of the Society time. Planning for budgets, events and activities is more effective with valid membership data, as well as receiving important notices from HQ and publications. Sadly, occasionally, chapters decide to unofficially dissolve their chapter and don't pay their dues but haven't taken the proper steps in dissolution. This simply makes more work for everyone. Accurate membership information plays a vital role in membership data.

Form 6 – Death of a Member &

Form 2 -- Chapter Necrology Report

Chapter presidents or treasurers are to complete Form 6 as soon as possible for a deceased member. Chapter Necrology Report -Form 2 is to be completed and is due February 1 of each year to your state organization. The Necrology Report is no longer required to be sent to HQ. Go to www.dkg.org and sign in. Select **Forms** for the Chapter Necrology Report-Form 2. Form 6 is found under **Membership** in **Forms** and can also be found in your Chapter Connect for chapter presidents and treasurers.

Facts and forms not only keep the membership numbers up to date but also help with other duties of DKG. Membership numbers are studied and discussed to seek helpful suggestions and recommendations for the state and chapter organizations.

Facts and forms are the only way that the Society can keep accurate records and better serve its members. Please do your part by completing the appropriate forms and submitting them in a timely manner.

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