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DKG Oregon State Organization
Invites you to our Fall Online Symposium

Displaced Children and Youth
Let's Meet Their Needs Together!



October 17, 2020
Saturday Morning
9:30 to 11:00 am

Our guest speakers include:

Bethany Osborn- On the Leadership Team for the Integral Youth Services & is the McKinney-Vento Trainer for the Klamath Basin Schools

Shaney Starr- Executive Director of Marion County CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children

Catherine West- District Social Services Coordinator for the Tigard-Tualatin School District in Washington County

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EXCITING NEWS FOR OREGON!

Portland has been chosen for one of the International DKG Conferences in 2021. The downtown Marriott will be the headquarters and the dates are July 7-10.

The international steering committee for the conference met by Zoom on September 9 and formulated plans. International President Becky Sadowski, SW Regional Director Janis Barr, and NW Regional Director Barbara Clausen were joined by Finance Coordinator Ellen Owens and Steering Committee Chair Jean Fairbairn. OSO President Darlene Cook, Jo Lane, and Alice Hartness-Reichle have been recruited by Chair Jean to be Oregon volunteers.

Jean will be looking for much more help during the next ten months, so **if you are interested, please let her know by e-mail or telephone that you would be willing to help during this very exciting event.**

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If you are reading this on a printed copy, you have only 12 of the original 26 pages. To see the full Trail with many other interesting reports, go to the Oregon Website at <https://dkgoregon.weebly.com/newsletters.html>

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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

The leaves are turning colors, and fall is officially upon us! It always amazes me how time passes so quickly. I'm still wondering what happened to summer! We are into the second year of our state leadership biennium and our chapter officers for the 2020-2022 biennium are now officially at work.

The past few months have given me an opportunity to reflect upon this past year and the changes that have affected our DKG Oregon State Organization. Twelve months ago, members of our state leadership team traveled around Oregon, enjoying our fall district conferences. It was amazing to see so many bright, shining faces and learn of the wonderful programs and opportunities chapters were providing for members, their schools, and their communities. Four Oregon members had just returned from an amazing International Leadership Conference in Des Moines, and Dana Murphy, Jennifer Cole, and I were planning to attend CTAUN at the UN in New York City in February. Dana and I were also looking forward to participating in the US Forum National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC, in March. Chapter calendars were in place; meetings and events were starting, and projects were taking shape.

Dana, Jennifer and I did travel to New York City for an inspiring day at the United Nations. Our Expansion Committee was working to establish a new chapter in the Brookings area. I had visited 11 of our 21 chapters with plans to visit others in the coming months. Planning for our state conference and many special chapter events was near completion. Then came the concrete wall! COVID-19 arrived! Washing hands, stay at home orders, social distancing, and wearing masks became the rules of the day. A series of cancellations quickly followed. First was the National Legislative Seminar. Our state conference followed suit, as did the International Convention. With strict guidelines from Governor Brown and the CDC, chapters were forced to cancel meetings and events. The world seemed to be changing daily.

Canceling our conference was difficult. No conference meant missing out on that special bond of fellowship with members from across the state. We would not experience exciting speakers, workshops, and tours that were planned. There would be no opportunity to welcome our 2020-2022 Chapter Presidents and International Guest. We were left with unanswered questions. Officer training and an Executive Board Meeting were scheduled during our annual state event; and it did not seem possible that we could meet face-to-face for our regular June meeting. How could we move forward with the state business? Everything seemed to be at a standstill at chapter and state levels.

Enter creativity and ingenuity! Our state and chapter communications and technology teams sprang into action! After many hours of research and planning (Thank you, Grace Pitzer!), three successful virtual Zoom events were scheduled at the state level: an Executive Board Meeting to conduct business, a training for chapter officers, and a time for chapter presidents and the state leadership team to meet to express concerns and share ideas. Chapters also planned creative social distancing events and engaged their members on Zoom. We were off and running!

Fast forward to September 2020 and yet another adversity: Our beautiful state was ravaged by a series of wildfires: Lionshead, Beachie Creek, Holiday Farm, and Riverside, to name a few. The 2020 Oregon wildfire season has been one of the most destructive on record, killing at least ten people, burning more than 1,000,000 acres of land, and destroying hundreds of homes and businesses. Many Oregon members were in harm's way; in fact, a few members were forced from their homes, but thankfully no one suffered a serious loss. Air quality was hazardous for several days across most of the state, with Portland holding the dismal record for the worst city air worldwide!

Looking ahead: Oregon DKG is alive and well. With much adversity behind us, we look forward to many exciting activities. Mark your calendars and join us.: **(1) Saturday, October 17 from 9:30 -11:00.** Our Educational Excellence Committee will host a symposium entitled "Displaced Children and Youth! Let's Meet Their Needs Together!" We will listen to three informational speakers and then share in small discussion groups. More information can be found in this issue of *The New Oregon Trail*. **(2) Saturday, November 14 from 9:30 to 11:00.** Plan to join our second President to President Sharing Session. Watch for more information in an email and on our website.

In 2021, save these dates: **April 23-25 for our State Convention at The Oregon Garden Resort and**

July 6-10 for the International Conference at the downtown Portland Marriott. You will receive more information about these very special events as the year progresses.

It is not too early to be thinking about accepting a state leadership position for the 2021-2023 biennium. Nominations for state officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary) as well as members for the Finance and Nominations Committees from Districts 1, 2, and 3 are due by December 15th. Please consider stepping up and becoming active at the state level.

As we move into the second year of this biennium, I am again humbled by the honor and privilege of serving as your State President. I look forward to working with you as we begin a new year for our DKG Oregon State Organization.

Thank you for your resiliency during these difficult times. **Darlene**

OREGON “ZOOMS” TO THE (DIGITAL) STARS

*Bonita Fillmore,
Administrative Secretary*

Stay at home orders! Quarantine! Social distancing! Cancellations! Masks! COVID-19 brought them all, but Oregon State Organization flew through that divisive mess with flare and creativity by utilizing Zoom® to connect with members. Three major events were planned and executed online. Imagine them to be three stars in the Big Dipper pointing the way to the North Star! Online events can be difficult sometimes with tricky technology, but we did not lose our way!

Executive Board Report Summaries: Our first big event was the Executive Board meeting on June 23. Reports were given. The Expansion Committee is working with educators in Brookings to establish a new chapter. The Finance Committee reported that our financial situation is secure. Questions about *Trail* expenses, mileage, and committee expenses were answered. Members were encouraged to apply for scholarships. Funding for the *ad hoc* Expansion Committee was extended. The proposed 2020-21 Budget was adopted. Alpha Pi and Gamma Chapters' dissolution requests were approved with sorrow. The DKG 2021 International Conference at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Portland was discussed. The important business of the organization was completed.

Practice Zoom Sessions: Before the Executive Board meeting, there were

two smaller practice sessions to get to know how to use Zoom effectively, orchestrated by Webmaster Grace Pitzer. The first was for presenters and the second was for first-time users. Consider them tiny stars in the constellation.

Officers' Training Topics: Our second big star was Chapter Officers' Training on June 30. Secretaries and treasurers met together first and then went to separate virtual breakout rooms. Vickie Jackson conducted the treasurers' training. She clarified the forms needed to keep the chapters' information accurate and the timeline to file them. Using a Power Point® presentation, Nancy Lewis filled in secretaries on what was important to keep in the minutes and how to keep those records.

Chapter presidents joined the meeting and President Darlene Cook welcomed all the participants. Jean Fairbairn reviewed the *State Bylaws and Standing Rules*. She highlighted significant changes that need to be extended into chapter rules, many caused by the name change of the state from “Alpha Rho State” to “Oregon State Organization.” Jean is available to review updated chapter bylaws and rules.

Nancy Lewis presented a Power Point with great tips on how to hold a successful meeting, so that all members are able to hear and speak; she noted the qualities required to consider an online or teleconference meeting to be valid. Chapter Awards and State Service Awards were explained by Kathy

Martell and Sandy Watts.

Roberta Hutton reviewed Oregon Scholarships. Encourage your members to apply! The Unique Boutique: Catie Thurber Brown explained how the funds raised help members attend state and International events for the first time.

As educators, keeping an eye on what is happening in education falls under Dana Murphy's scrutiny through the Excellence in Education Committee. She talked about the sub committees under the EEC umbrella and how they can be used to enrich our members and our programs.

The Communication Committee was on stage last. Grace Pitzer talked about the website, what information is on it, and how to deal with a chapter website. Marie Mueller discussed the newsletter, deadline dates, what needs to be included, and encouraged chapters to submit Chapter Chatter. Both were concerned about copyright issues in state and chapter websites and newsletters. Communication is vital, but do it right!

There were 39 members from 12 chapters participating in the Zoom training sessions. Ten presenters shared their expertise concisely in the 3-hour meeting. Amazing planning and execution!

President to President: The third star was the “President to President” Symposium on August 6. Chapter presidents discussed how they were communicating with their members. Many were using Zoom to meet, some

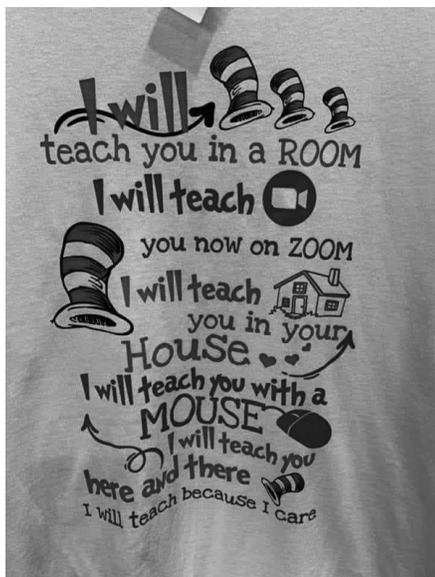
in a hybrid format with face-to-face & a Zoom presence for those unable to meet in person. Creative ideas were shared among the group with Dr. Kelly McIntyre summarizing many project ideas from the International website. Ways to support each other were explored. All left feeling like the time was well spent and were encouraged by new, successful ideas from other chapters.

State meetings, chapter meetings, committee meetings—all online! Using Zoom to conduct our business and connect with our members is granting flexibility to include geographically remote members. More stars to add to our brightening night sky. We will continue to focus on our North Star, doing what it takes to engage, connect, communicate with and support our members in truly unique times.

From Priscilla Ing, Lambda

Priscilla took a photo of a T-shirt which she received from a friend. It's perfect for DKG in Distance Learning Times.

Dr. Seuss Distance Learning...



NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR NEW OREGON LEADERS

The time for Nominations is upon us! This is the time that each of us can have an impact on how our state organization will grow and succeed in leading us into the new biennium. Please be engaged and involved in finding the very best, dedicated, talented, and creative women to guide us forward! Our future depends on good leadership.

We need the names of qualified members who are willing to run for President, Vice President and Secretary. We also need Finance and Nominations Committee members from Districts 1, 2 and 3.

During October and November meetings, Chapter Presidents can be a big help by encouraging their members to consider running for a position. If you wish to nominate someone to serve, please contact that person prior to putting her name forward to make sure she is willing! Members can also self-nominate. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Lise Van Brunt, Nominations Chair or your District nominations representative. See the list below:

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 District 3 - Dr. Yvonne Fasold 541-343-4223 Email: fasold@uoregon.edu
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 District 5 - Pam Rostron 503-2675100 Email: prostron53@gmail.com
 District 6 - Carole Peggarr 503-232-1309 Email: cpeggar@comcast.net

After contact, a member of the nominations committee will assist you to access the official Nomination Form. **The form needs to be returned to Lise Van Brunt, Nominations Chair, before December 1, 2020.** This will allow Lise and her committee to review candidates and screen applications following the *International Standing Rules*. Applications may be emailed to Lise or mailed to her address: 1325 S.E. Gene Lane, Grants Pass, OR 97526

The *Standing Rules* require the Nominations Committee to have nominations secured and reviewed for qualification by January 15, 2021.

Thank you for participating in one of the most impactful processes we have as an organization.

**2019 -21
OREGON STATE
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ideas? Questions? Contact us!

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YOUR CALENDAR

October 15

Proposals for change to Bylaws/Stand-
ing Rules due

October 17: 9:30 - 11

Fall Symposium on Displaced Chil-
dren and Youth

October 31

Website compliance renewal

November 14: 9:30 - 11

President to President Sharing

November 15

Treasurers: File Form 990 with the
Internal Revenue Service

December 1*

Oregon Scholarship Applications

December 15

Nominations for Oregon State
Organization Officers.

2021

March 1, 2021*

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

Next Trail Deadlines

January 15, 2021--or before
March 15, 2021--or before
May 15, 2021 or before

April 23 - 25, 2021

Oregon Convention

The Oregon Garden Resort
Silverton, OR

July 7 - 10, 2021

See below!

2021 International Conference

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

DKG International Conference
Portland, Oregon
July 7-10, 2021

Look
what is
coming
our way!

Save
the dates!

July 7-10,
2021

Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel

2020 STATE SERVICE AWARDS

Thanks to the dedicated co-chairs, Kathy Martell and Sandy Watts, three members around the state have received a service award, personally delivered by Kathy and Sandy. The first award follows:

July 14, 2020

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Kris Field-Eaton, Beta Beta Chapter



Kris Field-Eaton, Beta Beta Chapter, is the recipient of the 2020 Oregon State Organization Award for Service to Community. She was recognized on July 14, at a surprise gathering in her own front yard. Kris was expecting a fellow member to deliver a lawn ornament, when several members of her chapter, the State President, and the co-chairs of the Awards Committee showed up with flowers, a balloon, and a presentation.

Kris has impacted the communities of Tigard, Tualatin, and Sherwood through several chapter projects including Dictionary and Thesaurus Projects, Oregon Battle of the Books, and Metzger Little Free Library. She also volunteers at the Tigard Public Library, Bethlehem House of Bread, elementary school gardens, and the Oregon Food Bank. She plays flute in The One More Time Around Marching Band. When does this lady sleep?

Kris' communities are positively influenced by her energy, drive, positive attitude, and passion to serve.

August 10, 2020

SERVICE TO EDUCATION

Kimberly Roberts, Omega Chapter

Kim Roberts, Omega Chapter, has been awarded the 2020 Oregon State Organization Award for Service to Education. Omega Chapter accepted the award at a meeting in Grants Pass on August 10. Kim was enjoying a well deserved vacation on that date, but her chapter will see that she receives the award.

Kim is a district autism consultant and serves on the Traumatic Brain Injury team. She provides staff and family members information, resources, and training to support autistic students. She is a liaison for connecting families with community agencies. She is compassionate about her work and mindful that every situation is unique and tailors plans to meet each need.

Kim's efforts and work in the field of autism provide a strong foundation of interventions to help students and their families attain goals.

Omega President Lise Van Brunt personally delivered the award when Kim returned from vacation.



August 11, 2020

SERVICE TO SOCIETY

Bridget Honan, Alpha Chapter



Bridget Honan, Alpha Chapter, is the recipient of the 2020 Oregon State Organization Award for Service to the Society. She was recognized on August 11, during an outdoor chapter meeting in Klamath Falls. She was totally surprised when named as the recipient, and was heard saying, “Me? I can't believe this!” But all of those present believed it!

For more than 30 years, Bridget has chaired several chapter committees, presented many chapter programs, and served as chapter president.

At the state level, she has been District Coordinator, chaired five state committees, and served as State Vice President and State President. Bridget participated in numerous Regional Conferences and International Conventions. In 2008, International selected Bridget for the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar.

Bridget has impacted members at every level: Chapter, State and International. DKG sisters call her an inspiration, a role model, and a fantastic DKG leader.

FOREST FIRES AND OREGON MEMBERS

Lynn Hughes, District 2 Coordinator

While many of us have suffered through very unhealthy and hazardous air quality levels, firefighters are working hard to contain fires.

From Omega (2) Chapter

- Member **Bobbie Middaugh** (Almeda Fire) was evacuated from Rogue Valley Manor in Medford to Roseburg. She has since returned home.
- Former member **Tawnya Campbell** (Slater Fire) Cave Junction vacillates between Level 1 and Level 2. The fire has consumed 150,000 acres and is 29% contained.
- Member **Cari Hinesly** (Obenchain Fire) Prospect has been at Level 2 evacuation and is okay.

From Omicron (2) Chapter

- Member **Colleen Bechtel** (Archie Creek Fire) was evacuated from their home in Glide. Colleen's parents were also evacuated from their home in Idleyld Park on the North Umpqua River.

Throughout our region, people have lost their homes. Some of our friends have lost everything. Our thoughts go out to them.



CHAPTER CHATTER

District 1

Zeta (Union County): Zeta was thrilled to have earned an **Order of the Rose Award for 2019-20!** Due to the pandemic, Zeta Chapter had not met face-to-face since March, when we just squeezed in a meeting before the Phase 1 restrictions went into effect; as a result, meeting in September was a welcome opportunity to visit with friends and share experiences. Of course, social distancing and masks were required.

Even without in-person meetings, Zeta accomplished things: Two Eastern Oregon University women earning a degree in education were given \$1,000 scholarships. Our 2020-2022 slate of officers was presented and approved. They were installed this September. It was an innovative production featuring social distancing, while symbolically passing the duties of office onto the next person. The new Executive Board has lots of plans for the Chapter, so we have exciting times ahead.

We are excited to have three prospective new members. They are all fairly young, so will be able to bring new trends in education to us. Only three of our current members are still working. Zeta Chapter tries to really be proactive to keep members safe from the COVID-19 virus. The average age of our members is 73, with five over 80. Our youngest member is 58 and the oldest is 82. Several are choosing not to attend meetings, but we stay in contact through cards, phone calls, and social media.

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): Alpha is celebrating two new members: **Bethany Osborn** and **Melissa High**. On July

11, **Bethany Osborn** was inducted as a new Alpha sister in a garden meeting at Mr. B's. She works for Integral Youth Services in the Klamath area where she has served as the program manager for the Summer Work Crew and was then promoted to the Leadership Team. Bethany became the McKinney-Vento Trainer for school district staff and is the lead McKinney-Vento caseworker for IYS. She works with school district personnel and families to providing resources available for those in need. In 2019 she received the Excellence in Education for Community Services from the Alpha Chapter.

On August 11, **Melissa High** was inducted as a new Alpha sister at Wiard Park. Melissa received a BA in Communications from Western Oregon University and an MPA in Public Administration from American Public University. She is currently working at Lutheran Community Services Northwest as an Employment Specialist and teaching classes in drug and alcohol prevention to youth and adults.



Bonita Fillmore, Melissa High, Bethany Osborn, Darlene Cook

That same day, guests Oregon State Organization President **Darlene Cook**, and the co-chairs of the OSO Awards Committee—**Sandy Watts**, President of Alpha Omicron in Scappoose and **Kathy Martell**, Past State President and current President for Alpha Epsilon in Salem—attended our meeting to present the Order of the Rose award to Alpha. We are proud to have received the award! They also presented our own **Bridget Honan** with the **Service to Society Award**. (See also page 14.)



Bonita Fillmore, Sandy Watts, & Kathy Martell: Order of the Rose

Alpha began the 20-21 year with a committee and social “get together” in the garden of Mia Pia’s Pizzeria on September 9. We planned the 2020/21 BEAR Project and neighborhood library boxes, but the starting dates may be delayed due to COVID-19. It is exciting to add library boxes where they are welcomed by neighborhoods, and we have a volunteer to build the boxes. This exciting project will increase literacy throughout the Klamath area.

Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.):

Omega was delighted to receive the 2019-20 Order of the Rose for chapter activities and to have 20-21 Vice President Lynn Hughes recognized for 25 years of DKG membership. We were thrilled that our past treasurer, Kim Roberts, was celebrated for Service to Education and received the gold medallion from Sandy Watts and Kathy Martell, Co-Chairs of the Awards Committee. State President Darlene Cook was also present and warmly congratulated chapter members for their work. Coming up? We’re Zooming® right along so we can conduct business and be safe. An in-person, masked and distanced meeting is tentatively planned for a fall kick-off.

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Lambda members expect to conduct most meetings on Zoom this year, given COVID-19 restrictions, so they selected programs which can be presented in person or

virtually. **Julie Voelker-Morris** and **Cecelia Brands** prepared a sheet of tips for using Zoom, which was sent by email, so members could be ready for virtual meetings. Cecelia said she would be available to anyone if they need help using Zoom. Members look forward to programs about Head Start in October and Women's Suffrage in November, before having a virtual social event in December.

Our September Zoom meeting drew 18 members, using various devices to share personal reports of how they dealt with the fires around us. **Linda Mooney** had to evacuate, and **Noriko Baldwin** was in a Level 2 zone, meaning she had to be ready to go. All others said they were okay.

In place of the annual yard sale to raise money for grants, **Yvonne Fasold** facilitated an "un-yard sale," with members donating the amount they might have spent at an actual yard sale. This brought in \$486. However, at the urging of Yvonne's neighbors who have always supported our yard sale, she and her sister held a "socially distanced yard sale," which added \$550 to our treasury. Of that, \$155 went to World Fellowship.

Cecelia Brands was the first member to receive a chapter scholarship of \$100. This was put toward her expenses for transporting international students to Portland where they watched a Naturalization Ceremony. She does this each year, but this is the first time that a scholarship was available to help with the cost.

The Little Library in Yvonne's yard has had a lot of activity since the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools. It has been a challenge to keep age-appropriate books in stock, as they go out as soon as they are placed.

Camille Ronzio shared that boxes of children's books would be given away by Rotary in September, so Yvonne will pick some up.

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): We inducted **Chris Stewart** at the September meeting. We're excited to have Chris join our chapter and look forward to her ideas and participation.



State President **Darlene Cook** was in attendance, participated in the Zoomed induction ceremony, and installed our officers for 20-22.

Alpha Omicron has been collaborating with the St. Helens Lions Club on a plastic recycling project. We achieved our goal! The reward was to have a bench made of recycled plastic placed at a site of our choice. The bench was installed at the new Plymouth School. An attached plaque credits the Lions and Alpha Omicron for this endeavor. We are now working toward another bench.

District 5



Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.): On August 27, various members of Alpha Epsilon and friends delivered bags and boxes of spanking new

school supplies to AE President Kathy Martell. She loaded up her car and delivered them to Swegle Elementary School. Swegle is preparing packets of grade-appropriate materials to send home with each student, so they will be better prepared for their fall session of virtual or in-class learning. Even though they may be watching a computer screen, they will have work to do that requires the paper, pencils, markers, glue sticks, scissors, erasers, rulers, and such that AE members supplied. It was a fun project to support both student learning and our community.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Our officers for 2020-22 met in an August Zoom meeting. The leadership team includes Co-Presidents **Melanie Morris** and **Lynetta Weswig**; First Vice-Presidents **Jo Rossman** and **Bev Hubbard**; 2nd Vice-President **Nadine Eaton**; Secretary **Bethany Schroeder**; Treasurer **Elaine Mattson**; and Parliamentarian **Beth Busch**. Lynetta Weswig created a members' phone tree to enhance contact in these pandemic times where Zoom meetings have replaced in-person get-togethers. Members are encouraged to call their contacts at least once a month.

To support our active teachers, the chapter's teacher grant money was increased and those in charge of the monthly meeting will deliver treats since there will be no treats at virtual meetings. *Standing Rules* were revised to reflect the protocol for virtual meetings and electronic voting. In September, we learned about Beaverton's remote education models from members who teach in that district. October's program is a presentation from an AAUW member speaking on Oregon ballot measures for the November election. Other monthly programs have not been finalized yet.

Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Cos.): Psi Chapter met on

August 11 via Zoom and truly enjoyed the chance to visit and share ideas on how to carry out some of our usual fall activities of reaching out to our local community.

Some members gathered at a Hillsboro park to assemble school supplies for Vernonia Schools. Two members teach full-time, and chapter members contributed “goodies” put into a basket for each. One member assembled the baskets and did a special delivery to their front doors. This year we are presenting dictionaries to several third-grade classes in two schools. Spanish/English dictionaries were handed directly to teachers at Echo Shaw in Cornelius, where they were tucked into each student’s supply bag. Plans are being made for delivery of dictionaries to Vernonia Schools.

Through all the challenges of this year, Psi Chapter continues to be grateful to serve our community and be creative together as we uphold the purposes of DKG.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): Beta Beta won **Order of the Rose** this year and a service award. Our member, Kris Field-Eaton, was surprised with the Oregon Service to Community Award (see page 10 for details). Sandy Watts, co-chair of the Award Committee, ended the presentation with: “When Kris sees a need, she does not rest until a way is found to help.” Congrats, Kris!

FROM THE ASHES OF COVID-19 CAME A GIANT GARAGE SALE

It was miraculous, actually. August 13 started out as a normal day in the neighborhood, but by 9 a.m., it was transformed. The Beta Beta Army of women with trucks loaded with supplies and merchandise set up nearly 50 large tables, 4 shade tents, a cashiers’ stand to take credit cards, and more merchandise than we had even imagined.



Signs were posted and the sale began. Lots of goodies, which were gleaned from decluttering our homes during our COVID-19 confinement, were on sale. Most workers said they didn’t need any more “stuff,” but a lot of shopping was done before the sale opened to the public. Our sisters turned out *en masse* for shifts on Friday and Saturday, including clean-up. The clean-up and tear-down was extremely efficient, thanks in part to help from numerous spouses. When the dust settled, our chapter came away with a little over \$4,000. There is still money trickling in from items being sold online.

District 6

Eta (Portland): During the pandemic, Eta Chapter members have been busy (wearing masks and keeping a safe distance from one another) accomplishing tasks that needed to be done for this new biennium. We have accepted a new budget, installed new and repeat officers, planned a calendar of events for the 20-21 year, and enjoyed one another’s company. Eta Chapter was organized on May 16, 1943, and still continues on!

RED ROSES



Alpha, Dst. 2

Bethany Osborne: 5/1/20
Melissa M. High, 8/11/2020

Omega, Dst. 2

Carrie Simpson, May 30, 2020
Diane Michelle Gallas (Reinstated)

Lambda, Dst. 3

Ana Diaz Hansen –1/18/20
Linda Mooney – 7/1/20

Kappa, Dst. 3

Wendy Bean (Reinstated)

Alpha Nu, Dst. 5

Liz Foster, 7/1/20

WHITE ROSES



Beta Beta. Dst/ 5

Carolyn Saxe, 8/30/2020
Norma Wetzell
July 16, 1933 - July 25, 2020

Beta Beta mourns the passing of Norma Wetzell. Norma was Beta Beta President in 2006-2008. She co-chaired the state convention with Catie Thurber-Brown in Lake Oswego. She qualified to attend the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar in 2008, and then served DKG Oregon as secretary in 2009 -11. Norma provided musical accompaniment at several state conventions.



BETA BETA'S HISTORY TOUR OF PORTLAND

Pamela Kenyon

With a poignant emphasis on race relations, our Portland's History Walking tour, led by Nancy Lewis, was held July 22, 2020. This tour was an item from our November 2019 BB auction.

We began at Salmon Springs fountain



Portland Tourist Unmasked, L to R: Sharon Kabusreiter, Heidi Gorka, Brian Lars, & Nancy Lewis, Pam Kenyon, Kim Brown (in back), Debbie Starr and husband Matt.

at the edge of the Willamette River, where Nancy told us about Portland's early history as "Stump Town." Sharon Kabusreiter augmented Nancy's facts with in-depth historical stories. We learned that all was not roses in either Portland or Oregon in terms of race. Racist leaders from Peter Burnett, as the first wagon train leader in 1843, to early governors who supported the cause of African-American exclusion, are a part of the pioneer movement to the Oregon Territory. After touring Old Town and Ankeny Square where open markets sold goods to ships headed for the gold rush in California, we had lunch at Huber's, one of the oldest establishments in Portland. Our delicious meals, featured their signature roast turkey dishes. Their Spanish coffees were a show unto themselves!

Next, we walked up Third Street to the Federal Courthouse and the Justice Center, where we saw the face of racism and its results: graffiti and protest in a 12-block area. Lownsdale Square,

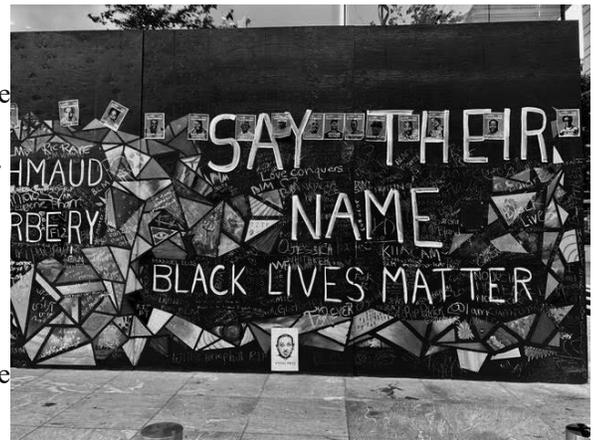
across from the Federal Courthouse, was busy with protestors waiting to walk the streets that evening, mixed with general onlookers, tourists, and people going to and from work. The high, black, chain link fence around the Federal courthouse and the boarded-up windows were

shocking. While we

understand and support the right to protest, it was still sad to see that fires and graffiti defaced them. The elk statue between the two parks was removed after being burned and defaced.

Up Madison Street, we went to the Oregon Historical Society. What a gem! It featured a chronological tour of Women's History in Oregon. We were proud to see how active early and later Oregonian women were in calling for women's right to vote! This continued until the 1920s when Oregon finally ratified women's right to vote. In addition, there was the Oregon, My Oregon historical display which spanned time from the 12,000-year-old Missoula floods and the eruption of Mt. Mazama. It featured the Native Americans who adapted and flourished throughout Oregon, through the early explorers, followed by pioneers who settled Oregon. The museum had comprehensive displays on Oregon's involvement in US history. I especially liked the Kaiser shipyards display. During WWII, we cranked out two big battleships per week! Rosie the Riveters made a huge impact in our war effort. Throughout the museum tour, Sharon K. shared her knowledge with more details, as she is a former docent of the OHS. Lucky us!

Next column: OHS Museum trompe d'oeil art



We left the tour more knowledgeable about Portland's and Oregon's colorful, yet sometimes dark, history. We saw first-hand that we are living amid a renewed call for justice. However, the spotlighting of those women and men who fought against racism, and who stood up for social causes made us feel proud that they helped make Portland and Oregon a better place.



Heidi Gorka, Sharon Kabusreiter, and Kim Brown At the OHS Museum



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