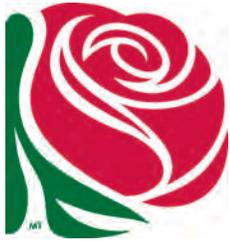


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WELCOME TO THE 2021-23 BIENNIUM IN OREGON DKG!



We attended the conference at the Marriott in Portland on July 7 - 10, 2021.

Wishing YOU could have come!



OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION



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

Welcome to a new DKG biennium! The next two years in Oregon DKG offer many challenges and opportunities. It may well be a roller coaster, but those are exciting and fun, so come along for the ride.

Immediate Past President **Darlene Cook** has been instrumental in assisting me as to learn my new role in the state, and both of us returned in mid-July from attending the recent and very successful international conference in Portland.

I am proud of the Oregon State Organization's member involvement during the planning and conducting of the conference. Oregon's attendance and volunteer hours served were impressive. Our own **Jean Fairbairn**, Chi/6, spearheaded the steering committee made up of sisters across the country. Barbara Clausen, NW Regional Director, and Janis Barr, SW Regional Director, represented DKG International and collaborated with Jean and the committee to make the conference an amazing experience.

Sisters were able to attend informative speakers and workshops throughout the five days. They could relax with a bite of food and taste various types of wine in the hospitality room (thanks to donations of wine from members from Washington state and Oregon). Excellent meals were available with informative speakers. We had an opportunity to meet DKG International President Becky Sadowski throughout the conference. It truly was a special event and the Oregon State Organization shined throughout the days.

As I welcome this biennium, my focus will be **involvement and leadership**. Just remember this phrase: ***"Involvement creates leadership which empowers you and DKG!"*** So, sisters, I would like you to think about what talents and knowledge you can lend to empowering your chapter, our state organization, and DKG International. I have an *"open door"* policy. Please email, text, or call me if you have ideas, suggestions, or the desire to share your talents.

I will be traveling throughout the state visiting your in-person meetings/ activities or will be in front of my computer during your Zoom meetings. I look forward to getting to know you throughout the state.

Hoping you have had an enjoyable and restful summer with your loved ones—and that you are ready and willing for our year of activities. Welcome to 2021 – 2022 Oregon DKG!

Brenda



Brenda's new logo!

2021 - 2023

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YOU ARE WANTED!

You are invited to serve in one of the following state positions. Committees are also happy to have volunteers, if you'd prefer to do that.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

The administrative secretary, along with others on the Executive Board, serves as an ex-officio member without vote. She may not serve as chair of a standing committee and is appointed by the president.

Duties may include:

- Good computer skills are very important. A note from our previous Administrative Secretary suggests: "I used Excel extensively; Word and graphics often. Someone doing this job should enjoy gathering data and manipulating it to share with leadership. An appreciation of art and presenting pleasing print and digital booklets and reports would be helpful. If COVID continues to rewrite our operations, being familiar with PowerPoint and Zoom could be a plus."
- Provide secretarial and organizational assistance as requested by the state president.
- In conjunction with International Office staff, maintain the state membership and information data base.
- Attend state meetings and serve as registrar for state meetings (conferences and conventions). A committee will help you.
- Update and distribute (virtually) the Leadership Directory.
- Prepare and produce the conference/convention booklets only when the State Secretary is unable to do so.
- Other duties as requested by the Oregon State Organization president.

To apply, contact Brenda Jensen, 541-892-5243; bcjdkg@gmail.com

ALPHA RHO FOUNDATION BOARD

Guided by a seven-member board, the Foundation, a 501(c)(3) group, is **seeking two (2) additional members** to complete the board.

If you are interested in helping with this philanthropic activity with scholarships, grants-in-aid, and donations, please apply. The board is currently designing applications for scholarships and grants-in-aid.

To apply, contact Oregon Treasurer Vickie Jackson: 541-475-7252 or dandvjackson@gmail.com

The meetings are set for 2022; all are at 4 p.m.:

- January 18—Bylaws and Standing Rules language
- March 15—State Convention/Conference involvement
- June 21—Annual Meeting. **All Oregon DKG members are invited.**
- October 18—Planning to solicit and welcome donations
- **NOTE:** Scholarship or grant-in-aid applications will be processed at each meeting as needed. (Check stated deadlines to know when to apply for those.)

Check out the Foundation GIVING TO EDUCATE THE WORLD-- and OREGON!

Oregon State Organization (OSO) recently established the Alpha Rho Foundation, a 501(c)(3) foundation, meaning that donations are tax-deductible in the USA. If you wish to donate, send your tax-deductible donation to Alpha Rho

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES A NEW DISTRICT 3 MEMBER:

Annette Lange Hildebrand



Annette, better known by "Nettie" recently returned to Madras, where she grew up. She is a member of Sigma Chapter, to which her mother, Mac Lange, also belonged. She attended the University of Oregon and Portland State University, majoring in Gerontology, Therapeutic Recreation, and Special Education. Annette taught and substituted for all ages. The Dalles, Eugene, and Beaverton provided "door steps" for her family, and art, music and bird watching are her joys. If traveling to Central Oregon, the welcome mat is always out!

Foundation to Vickie Jackson, 235 S.E. C Street, Madras, OR 97741.

In 2021, our foundation helped solicit donations from a corporation which provided decorations for the International Conference. The board is currently designing applications for scholarship / grant-in-aid gifts. The Foundation adds to Oregon's options for funding. It does not take anything away from our Society scholarships or grants-in-aid.

Thank you, Oregon State DKG members, for your help on allowing Alpha Rho Foundation to flourish through your volunteerism and tax-deductible donations. *Vickie Jackson, Treasurer*

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REVIEW

What fun we had! Those of you who missed the International Conference in Portland on July 7-10, 2021, should have been there. It was a great display of organization, willingness to help, fellowship, laughter, and activities every day. Truly, there was never a dull moment.

Oregon sisters (66 of us!), 3 seamstresses who made the arm bands, the 2 steering committee coordinators from Washington and California—all worked side-by-side. We smiled until people smiled with us, and we found much to laugh about. I was so proud that I belong to an organization that displayed the kind of sisterhood that we saw at the Marriott.

The conference went well with very few glitches. We never lost a beat, even when challenged: In the midst of the Portland Rosarian's presentation to International President Becky Sadowski, 250 DKG members and spouses lined up properly and quietly to exit the banquet room during a fire alarm. Hotel staff remarked that they had never seen such a quiet, orderly fire exit in their careers. Although I was quickly accused of providing this "memorable event," I swear that I had nothing to do with the propane stove that over-heated in the kitchen.

The most fun was putting 39 bouquets together in 90 minutes and getting them on the banquet room tables. In a spur-of-the-minute change, about 16 of us gathered and set up a production line that not even Amazon could duplicate. At 9:50, those tables were decorated, and the flowers looked great. What teamwork!

We worked hard and played hard, as only Oregon sisters can. We ate well, and the Hospitality Room became the hub of laughter, good food, and excellent fellowship. The student program at our Oregon Welcomes You night was excellent, and the sing-along that followed was a hit with lively, singable (is that a word?) music.

Oregon sisters and new friends from California and Washington, I cannot express the sense of pride, honor, and humility that I felt in being one of your leaders throughout this adventure.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Jean Fairbairn, Steering Committee Chair



Int'l President Becky Sadowski (L) with the Rosarians after the fire alarm.

Rosarians welcoming DKG before the fire alarm.



REFLECTING on the Conference

Warm evening river
Salads, sandwiches, ice cream
DKG friendships

City of Roses
Willamette River bridges
Inspiring Sisters

Yvonne Fasold, Lambda

WHO CAME TO JOIN US IN PORTLAND?

Oregon DKG welcomed 243 members from around the United States to the Portland International Conference held July 7-10 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel.

- In addition, 38 members participated in the festivities virtually.

Of the 243 attending in person,

- 66 were from Oregon, with an additional five Oregon members registering to celebrate online.
- California and Washington each had about 50 participants.

Other state organizations represented were Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut (virtual only), Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Jersey (virtual only), New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Although our Canadian, Latin American, European, and Japanese sisters were not able to attend, three Canadian members from Alberta and one from British Columbia were included in the virtual registrations.

Oregon: In Person Registrations by Chapter

Alpha - Judy Brimmer, Bonita Fillmore, Bridget E. Honan (in spirit), Brenda Jensen, Darlene Cook

Alpha Epsilon - Marie Mueller, Kathy Martell

Alpha Nu - Grace Pitzer

Alpha Omicron - Linda McCoy, Sandy Watts, Debbie Wells

Alpha Phi - Alice Hartness-Reichle

Beta Beta - Pam Kenyon, Mary Bell, Eloise Gibson, Dana Murphy, Dr. Wendy Hacke, Catie Thurber-Brown, Sharon Kabusreiter, Kate Kelleher, Kim Brown, Pam Culp, Barbara King, Elaine Harris, Nancy Lewis, Heidi Gorka, Sherrie James,

Donna Rhinevault, Barbara Mills

Beta Gamma - Sheila Daniels, Anne Jones, Ardeh Woods

Chi - Jean Fairbairn, Liz Simmons, Jo Strom Lane, Janice Jessen, Cindy O'Mealy

Eta - Kathy Allen-Kirsch, Kathy Evans, Ginni Vick, Carole Pegg, Lynda Bell, Trudi Orth, Janet Kurkoski, Carol Cushman

Iota - Nikii Murtaugh, Karen Shelton, Brenda Kirk

Kappa - Elaine Hall, Shelly Gruver, Kaye Jones

Lambda - Priscilla Ing, Dr. Yvonne Fasold, Mary Jo Huisman

Omega - Carolyn Hinesly, Lise Van Brunt, Lynn Hughes

Psi - Dr. Kelly McIntyre, Janet Schultz, Meridith Putzler, Donalene Biller, Susan Pass, Judith Forsberg, Janice Anderson

Sigma - Vickie Jackson, Annette Lange-Hildebrand

Virtual Registrations by Chapter

Melanie Morris - Alpha Nu
Lynetta Weswig - Alpha Nu
Bertha Haas - Psi
Mary Jo Lemon - Zeta
Audrey Cant - Zeta

Conference Steering Committee

Conference Regional Directors -

- **Janis Barr, SW**
- **Barbara Clausen, NW**

Steering Committee Chair -

Jean Fairbairn, Chi

Recording Secretary - Alice Hartness-Reichle, Alpha Phi

Finance Coordinator - Ellen Owens, CA

Volunteer Coordinators - Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon; Sandy Watts, Alpha Omicron

- Information Table - Kathy Evans & Kathy Allen-Kirsch, Eta
- Registration Site - Bridget Honan,

- Alpha; Sandy Watts, Alpha Omicron
- Properties Room - Meridith Putzler, Psi
- Hostesses - Liz Simmons, Chi
- Meal Function - Jean Fairbairn, Chi
- Meet the Block Coordinator - Diana Clark, CA
- Decor/Flowers/Table - Dr. Wendy Hacke and Connie Gillespie, Beta Beta
- Airport Greeter - Nancy Lewis, Beta Beta
- Emergency Fund - Darlene Cook, Alpha

Marketplace Coordinator - Terri Diehm, WA

- Vendors/Exhibits - Karen Shelton, Iota
 - Sponsors - Darlene Cook, Alpha; Vickie Jackson, Sigma
 - Art Gallery - Stacey Chicoine, CA
- Communications Coordinator - Dr. Yvonne Fasold, Lambda
- Printing/Signage - Dr. Yvonne Fasold, Lambda
 - Publicity/News/Blogs - Marie Mueller, Alpha Epsilon
 - Historical Photos - Grace Pitzer, Alpha Nu
 - AV Equipment - Judy Brimmer, Alpha
 - Technology Station/DKG App - Barbara Bearden, CA

Events Coordinator - Jo Strom Lane, Chi

Tour Information - Alice Hartness-Reichle, Alpha Phi

Choir Director - June Bowers, NE

Music Accompanist - Janice Moen, WA

Pre-Conference Parliamentary Procedure Registrants

Dr. Kelly McIntyre - Psi
Priscilla Ing - Lambda
Sheila Daniels - Beta Gamma
Brenda Jensen - Alpha
Carolyn Hinesly - Omega
Nancy Lewis - Beta Beta
Sherrie James - Beta Beta

Pre-Conference Rejuvenating Your Chapter Registrants

Vickie Jackson - Sigma
Meridith Putzler - Psi
Linda McCoy - Alpha Omicron
Anne Jones - Beta Gamma
Bonita Fillmore - Alpha
Darlene Cook - Alpha
Dr. Wendy Hacke - Beta Beta

Pages for International President Becky Sadowski

Cindy O'Mealy, Chi
Heidi Gorka, Beta Beta
Annette Lange-Hildebrand, Sigma

Oregon Welcomes You!

- Program - Jo Strom Lane and Jean Fairbairn, Chi
- Oregon Welcome Bags - Dr. Kelly McIntyre, Psi
- Student Reception - Brenda Jensen and Bonita Fillmore, Alpha
- Hospitality Room Reception - Brenda Jensen and Bonita Fillmore, Alpha

Workshop Presentation

Dr. Kelly McIntyre, Psi, International Leadership Development Committee
"Maximizing Talents - Developing Leaders"

Emergency Fund Presentation

Darlene Cook, Alpha

Conference Choir

Darlene Cook, Alpha
Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon

Unique Boutique - Catie Thurber-Brown, Beta Beta

Oregon Projects Exhibit Table - Judy

- Brimmer, Alpha, Coordinator
- BEAR- Alpha, Omega and Alpha Omicron Chapters
 - Huruma School in Tanzania - Bertha Haas, Psi
 - Teachers Brigade - Cindy O'Mealy, Chi

Hospitality Room

Brenda Jensen & Bonita Fillmore, Alpha
Jean Fairbairn, Chi

Art Gallery Exhibits

Bonita Fillmore, Alpha
Grace Pitzer, Alpha Nu

Food Truck Photo Opportunity

Emma Hartman & Pat Howard, Chi

Volunteer Armbands (seamstresses)

Sharon Hohstadt, Zeta
Linda McCoy, Alpha Omicron
Linda Di Pietro, Alpha Omicron

Conference Program Ads

- Oregon State Organization
- Alpha
- Districts 4/5 - Alpha Omicron, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Nu, Psi

Donations for Oregon Welcome Bags

Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Nu, Alpha Omicron, Beta Gamma, Chi, Eta, Lambda, Omega, Psi, Sigma, Zeta

THANK YOU, OREGON!

It takes a village to work together and host an International Conference! Our Oregon members and chapters are the best!!

Darlene Cook

Oregon President 2019-2021

Photos by Grace Pitzer (most). Vickie Jackson's husband. Beta Beta and Alpha members. Thanks, everyone!

CURRICULUM OF HOPE

Check out the summer edition of *A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World*. It features many inspiring projects. Resources include Social and Emotional Learning, Caring for Our Planet, Peace Makers at Work and more, with over 20 projects, links to websites, and curriculum ideas. You are encouraged to subscribe to receive a color PDF version by email. Contact **Linda Shea** hshea@snet.net

The intent is to share resources and information, not endorse products. They gave permission to share this newsletter with friends and colleagues. Please do! Here's the link: <https://dkgct.weebly.com/curriculum-of-hope.html>

Dana Murphy, Educational Excellence Committee

OFFICER TRAINING HELD IN ATLANTA & VIRTUALLY

As you can see **Brenda, Kelly, and Darlene** are working diligently during the International Leadership Training in Atlanta, Georgia, July 30 – August 1. Our own Kelly, a member of the International Leadership Committee, assisted with the presentations during the Presidents' Training. Brenda found the President Training was very informative and will bring back things she learned to Oregon. Darlene gained valuable information while attending the Membership Training. **Dana Murphy and Vickie Jackson** were able to join virtually early in the morning (about 5 a.m., PDT) to attend the Educational Excellence and Treasurer trainings.

L: Oregon President Brenda Jensen

C: Past-President Kelly McIntyre

R: Junior Past-President Darlene Cook



TWO KEYNOTERS FROM INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS!

International President Becky Sadowski and **Executive Director Nita Scott** wowed the audience on separate days. Both told us of their experiences in DKG. Becky noted that we decide the value of DKG in our lives, making choices that fit our lives. Nita and Becky both described the ways that DKG had brought growth and joy to their lives as they accepted responsibility. Nita provided stark figures on membership attrition--and not all was due to COVID and Zoom!

Members must explore the opportunities of DKG for themselves--and there are many! Transferrable leadership skills learned while in DKG offices will directly transfer to workplace and volunteer opportunities! Join a committee or try an office and see. If it's not a fit, problem solve and change what you are doing or change expectations for the position.

You can make DKG an investment that will pay off in lifelong friendships. It will provide chances to stay current with the business of education. You'll have ways to help influence our legislators to better support educators and students. You'll have fun! Bring a friend to the next meeting. Join in. Participate in the business sessions, work at the fundraisers, and smile when your picture shows up on Zoom.

Both Becky and Nita welcome your ideas and comments, so communicate your ideas, your needs, and your suggestions to help DKG grow and to assist teachers in the future.



The article below--"Connect," from the DKGSI blog--provides some good ways to do what Nita Scott, DKG Executive Director, and Becky Sadowski, our International President, asked of us in their keynote presentations (right column).

Each of us is to invite ONE (1) person to a chapter meeting.

Let's do it! Locate a good teacher or trainer, K-12, college, business, church schools, private schools, nurse educator, paraprofessionals . . . and invite her to come with you. Pick her up and take her home. Tell her how much DKG means to you while you are riding along. Tell her she is welcome--and that she is also welcome to bring a teaching friend with her. Help rebuild our Oregon chapters.



In talking to retired DKG members, they are often quoted in saying, "I do not know any teachers." Consider these possibilities. Do you have a grandchild? If so, get to know that teacher by volunteering in her classroom or in that school. Ask the principal about your grandchild's teacher and other teachers they consider to be exemplary.

Talk to the superintendent of your schools and request a list of teachers of the year, Nationally Board Certified teachers, and other award-winning educators. These educators are making a difference in the lives of students and would be excellent DKG members.

Do you live near a community college or university? What a wonderful place to get to know the educators and to ask them to join our Society! Did you know you could invite a college student studying education to be a collegiate member of DKG? I imagine in your community you know someone who is going into the field of education.

Remember, someone believed in you, and over time you have become a stronger professional educator because of the DKG members who have mentored you and encouraged you to be the best you can be! There are endless possibilities of educators to invite for membership! Just look in your own neighborhood! **Share the DKG story!**



Wednesday Registration Crew
Yvonne Fasold, Marie Mueller,
Grace Pitzer



Steering Committee
Janis, Jean, and Barb



Unique Boutique Sales
Catie and Pam



US Forum Folks--center, blue
blouse: Hanna Vaandring, Keynote



Judy, Bonita, Sandy, Brenda--
Three Alphas, one Alpha Omicron



Happy to see you again!!



All smiles
Sherrie, Wendy, Nancy!



Workshop note-takers
Elaine, Kate, Dana

**THE UNIQUE BOUTIQUE
ANNOUNCES A WINNER!**

Did you know that Corinne Matsumoto from Beta Chapter Hawaii State Organization, won the Boutique silent auction bid for the rose scarf donated by Dana Murphy?

Her winning bid was \$85! Check out all the roses! **Congratulations, Corinne!** Enjoy your pretty scarf. Thank you, Dana, for donating the scarf.



Thank you to all the members from your state who chose to attend the International Conference 2021 in Portland. It was wonderful having you here to lend your perspectives on topics and your enthusiasm and ideas to discussions. You are appreciated! Please come back to visit.

Darlene Cook,
Oregon President 2019-2021

**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEER
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**for the 2021 International Conference in Portland,
Oregon**

Properties: Meri Putzler/Psi	Information: Kathy Evans & Kathy Allen-Kirsch/Eta
Table Hostesses: Liz Simmons/Chi	Registration: Bridget Honan/Alpha & Sandy Watts/Alpha Omicron
Airport Greeter: Nancy Lewis, Beta Beta	Emergency Fund: Darlene Cook/Alpha
Meal Functions: Jean Fairbairn/Chi	
Block Coordinator: Diana Clark/ Zeta Iota, California	
Decorations: Wendy Hacke/Beta Beta	

We appreciate all of you and your helpers!



*Your Volunteer Coordinators ~~
Sandy Watts & Kathy Martell*

FOOD “TRUCK” FOR RENT!



Chi Chapter created this photo op design for the International Conference. **Pat Howard** designed it, and **Emma Hartman** completed the artwork extraordinaire! Chapters may borrow the cart, which breaks down into small pieces of art board. Contact **Jean Fairbairn** (503-656-3688).

MEET THE LAMBDA GRANT RECIPIENTS

The women of Lambda Chapter are excited to announce the two recipients of their grants-in-aid for this year. Both students are part of the U of O Teach program and began work this summer on their credentials.



Gabrielle (Gabie) Mbenza-Nyoman is the child of two Congolese immigrants who instilled the value of education in their children. With the constraints that COVID put financially on her parents, Gabie has helped her mom, who is unable to work, with rent and other basic needs. Gabie is living with two undergraduate roommates.

She was recruited to teach right out of her undergraduate degree program and has been teaching 4th grade for three years. She will be teaching 5th grade at Malabon Elementary in the Bethel District this fall. Gabie is part of her school and district equity teams, attending conferences and taking graduate-level courses. In addition, she began an anti-racist book club at her school and wants to help her district move forward with an equity lens that will help all children succeed.

She says, "I can see the effects of living in a society where biases have become normal. Although I know that I cannot fix a system that has been tainted by bias since its founding, this is my passion, and I am dedicated to help make change one step at a time."

As a result, Gabie has taken leadership in helping develop curriculum that increases understanding between races

within her school and hopes to do more.



Lauren Flick graduated from college because of the financial help left to her by her great-grandmother. For graduate school, she must fund herself. She is living now with four roommates. To earn money, she has tutored students in elementary, middle, high school, and college level in math. She has also been a music teacher with the Youth Music Project.



Lauren is hoping to combine her love for math and music in her teaching. She wants to "empower students through math" and empower female math students. She wants to become the kind of teacher who changes the world and empowers the next generation "to be who they are called to be."

Past Oregon President Bobbie Holsberry (1937-2021)



Bobbie Ruth Holsberry passed on May 29, 2021. She will be missed by family, Kappa Chapter,

and DKG. Born in New Mexico, Bobbie graduated high school in Colorado, married, raised her family, and earned a bachelor's from Texas Tech (Education), and a master's from OCE—now WOU (Music Ed). She taught in Texas and Oregon, including at OSU. Bobbie served in many DKG leadership roles: president (Kappa) and Oregon president. She was president of the Oregon Music Educators Association and Corvallis Education Association., was active in church, supported symphony groups, and continued her own musical performances and accompaniments.

Past President Oregon State Organization (2001-2003) Barbara (Bobbie) Nelson Middaugh

On July 27, we heard the sad news that Bobbie Middaugh had passed away from pneumonia in Santa Maria, California. Bobbie was a member of Omega Chapter, OR, and past president of Epsilon Chapter, OR. An educator for 34 years, she retired as a superintendent of schools. Bobbie attended the first Leadership Management Seminar at Baylor in 1980 and received scholarships from International and from Chi State. Bobbie served on several Int'l committees. She earned her PhD in Educational Administration from Claremont Graduate University.



OREGON ANNOUNCES SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Service to Education
Bertha Haas
(Psi Chapter)



Since establishing the Huruma School for special needs children in Tanzania in 2004, Bertha Haas has worked tirelessly to raise money for the school's operations, supplies, and improvements. Her programs have helped the students to grow and to become contributors to their society. Bertha has raised the Tanzania government's awareness of the worth of their special needs children. Bertha has dedicated her retirement years to the goals of the school she had founded. The Oregon State Organization is proud to recognize Bertha Haas and thank her for her service to education.



Service to Community –
Dana Murphy
(Beta Beta Chapter)



Dana Murphy has served DKG at the chapter and state levels; she is currently contributing at the international level with the U.S. Forum. She is a member of Tigard's Rotary Club and of Tigard's Community Response Team. She volunteers at Portland's Grace Episcopal Church and has prepared meals for the past six years at Just Compassion Resource Center in Tigard. For the past eight years, she has volunteered in many capacities at the Bethlehem House of Bread food pantry in Metzger. The Oregon State Organization is proud to recognize Dana Murphy and thank her for her service to Community.



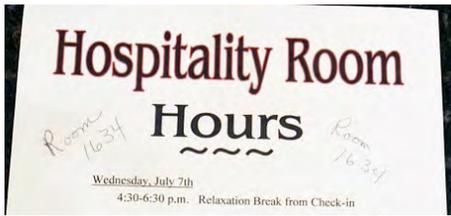
*At left: Service Award
 Co-chairs
 Kathy Martell (L) and
 Sandy Watt (R) present her
 award to Bertha Haas (C), Psi/5*

Service to Society
Priscilla Ing
(Lambda Chapter)



Priscilla Ing has been active in the society since she became a member 19 years ago. She works tirelessly on chapter projects, has served on chapter committees, chairing two, and has been Lambda's co-president for the past three biennia. At the state level, Priscilla is one of our "go-to" leaders. She has organized panels and events for conferences and conventions and has been a District Coordinator and chair of the State Awards Committee for three biennia. Priscilla has been serving on the board for the Alpha Rho Foundation since 2020. She has been described as a planner, organizer, and quiet leader. She is a master at encouraging, mentoring, and involving others. The Oregon State Organization is proud to recognize Priscilla Ing and thank her for her service to the Society.





When I reflect on the wonderful experiences I had at the Portland International Convention, I believe one thing that made it so memorable was the time spent getting to know more about many DKG sisters in the Hospitality Room.

Brenda Jensen and Bonita Fillmore, Alpha chapter, worked endlessly to provide a welcoming place for socializing. I met sisters from other states that I would not have had the opportunity to otherwise. Brenda and Bonita had the room open early every morning with continental breakfast items. Then every evening, they were stocked with a variety of wines, sodas, and snacks. They certainly were successful in providing a welcoming room for all of us.

Judy Brimmer, Alpha/2



NEED PDU's??

If you attended the 2021 International Conference in Portland, see page 20.

Fill out the form and take it to your district Human Resources personnel.

If they need proof that you attended, copy pages 5 to 6 that show who was present.

Meet Our World Fellowship Recipient: Jarnelle Robinson

Many attendees at the DKG International Conference in Portland had the delightful opportunity of meeting Jarnelle (Zharnelle) Robinson. Personally, Jarnelle represents the essence of our mission as women educators: “To support the growth and impact of women around the world.”

Oregon’s World Fellowship recipient is from Pretoria, South Africa. Her family includes a twin sister and a younger brother. After her mother saw a Facebook® posting about Fulbright scholarships to attend universities in the USA, Jarnelle delayed submitting her application until the very last day, but her mother kept prodding until it was done.

(DKG partners with Fulbright to fund these scholarships.) Jarnelle was chosen to complete her master’s degree in communications at the University of Portland. Due to COVID, she couldn’t enter the U.S. until January 2021. To date, all classes have been online; she is looking forward to in-person classes.

In February, Portland was hit with a huge snowstorm which everyone assured Jarnelle was abnormal. “This never happens in Portland.” The power was out for four days. Then June brought scorching temperatures that everyone assured her were abnormal. “This never happens in Portland.” When the fire alarm went off during a general session at the Portland conference, Jarnelle calmly exited with the teachers.

With a passion for advocacy, Jarnelle joined the Forward Together action group. She addressed (virtually) the Oregon Senate, advocating for the passage of the Crown Act to be implemented in January 2022. The bill prevents discrimination due to a person’s natural hair. Jarnelle has another year of studies at the University of Portland. Oregon DKG plans for her to attend the April conference in Silverton and to present on her studies. She speaks several languages and hopes to continue advocating for others on her return to South Africa. A goal is to help students transition from high school to college, without losing their way at this life transition.

Keep Jarnelle in mind as your chapter meets this year: jarnelle.robinson@fulbrightmail.org Her address is 8961 N. Hodge Avenue, Portland, OR 97203; phone 503-484-8190, which also accepts texts. Jarnelle would enjoy visiting chapters in Oregon.

*Brenda E. Kirk
World Fellowship Chair*





Darlene Cook, after the last piece of the conference



Darlene (L) and International President Becky Sadowski

Kathy Martell & Darlene Cook in the choir



Choir director June Bowers (below)



NW Director Barb, Clausen Executive Director Nita Scott, Comm. Chair Yvonne Fasold International President Becky Sadowski, SW Director Janis Barr-- Tuesday, July 6, before the first meeting.



Full choir (below); Janice Moen, accompanying



Ellen Owens, CA Finance Coordinator



CHAPTER CHATTER



District 1

Zeta (Union County): Zeta Chapter's summer highlight was our family picnic on July 8. **Mary West** and her husband hosted the event, with about 30 members and their families attending. Mary's family provided the meat, while others brought salads, side dishes, and desserts. It just so happened also to be **Betty Hyde's** 84th birthday, so President Mary Jo arranged a birthday celebration for her. The Oregon State FFA officers were special guests for the evening.

It was such a treat this summer to be able to enjoy gatherings of family and friends and do some traveling. **Mary West** and **Lynn Duncan** went to Wisconsin for a wedding. Many members have spent lots of time camping. Our garden is in the middle of a bumper crop of zucchini. Soon we will be planning programs, projects, and fall activities, although that probably will be on Zoom.



Happy Birthday, Betty!

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): A CHALLENGE TO OTHER CHAPTERS: Even though Alpha Chapter in Klamath Falls, was 304 miles from the

International Conference in Portland, four of our members attended and helped on various committees. That's 23.5 % of our membership.

- Did any other Oregon chapter members travel farther?
- Did any other chapter have a higher percentage of their membership attending the convention?

Omega (Josephine Co.): Three of us attended the International Conference in Portland on July 7-10: **Lise VanBrunt, Lynn Hughes, and Carrie Hinesly.** What fun we had in-person and unmasked! Just like the "good old days." Carrie accepted the award for the Omega/Epsilon Omicron (CA)



post-forest fire project on Thursday, and Lise added her comments at lunch on Friday. Following some very successful fundraising, Epsilon Omicron of California donated another \$1,000 for Omega to use! We talked, we listened, we enjoyed seeing friends and making new ones. We networked, and we learned. Omega will be a stronger chapter from what we experienced.

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Three Lambda members attended the International Conference in Portland. **Yvonne Fasold** chaired the Communications Committee, and **Priscilla Ing** and **Mary Jo Huisman** helped at the registration table. Priscilla also participated in the Parliamentary Procedure workshop prior to the official opening of the conference. After the conference, they shared their experience with **Chris Luehring** and **Darby Tracy** over lunch and will report to the chap-

ter in September.

Another successful yard sale resulted in \$1,138.06 being added to the Jule Crume Memorial Grant fund in June.

Under the leadership of vice-president **Julie Volker-Morris**, several members are reading *This is My America*, a novel by Kimberly Johnson, local author and UO Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education and Student Success, in preparation for a book talk later in August. The book was one featured selection of the UO Common Reading program last year and is being used in middle and high school classrooms in the 4J and Bethel districts, at Springfield High, and at Central Oregon Community College, among others. It's "a timely testimony of the social realities behind #BlackLivesMatter 2020." "Personal courage and deep commitment from family are required to address racial profiling and gain freedom."

Julie asks that those who read the book return their copies to offer a rotating class set for Lambda members to use with their students. She says, "Educators from middle, high school, and college levels should absolutely consider using this book in their courses. It is easily read, (Kimberly says it is, in part, written in a style based on her love of Nancy Drew stories)."

The book is also being turned into a new television series, and some local educators are working with a UO College of Education faculty member to develop curriculum around the book.

Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon): Sigma is pleased to recognize Annette Lange Hildebrand for volunteering to join the Finance Committee. (see next page)

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): As Alpha Omicron gears up for 2021-22, we are disappointed by the COVID-19

surge. We have been looking forward to chapter indoor and in-person gatherings, but we are again limited to gatherings on Zoom or outside—and distanced. We are hopeful that the pandemic will soon diminish and are cautiously planning for a more open springtime.

Three Alpha Omicron members attend the International Conference in Portland. They are eager to share their experiences with the chapter at the September meeting. Their hope is to inspire many more chapter participants to attend the State Conference next April 29-May 1. . . . and perhaps the International Convention in New Orleans next summer!

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.):

Altho' it wasn't far to Portland, only two of us attended the International Conference: **Kathy Martell &**



Marie Mueller. We wished you could all have come, as it went well and provided many opportunities for fun and learning. The International visitors were friendly and accessible, chatting and listening to members and guests. Both Kathy and Marie were “worker bees,” with Kathy greeting attendees and urging them to volunteer to do a bit of work. Marie wrote the conference blogs and did this and that to help Jean Fairbairn, the steering committee chair. It was fun!

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):

Grace Pitzer and her trusty cameras were everywhere, recording the conference fun. Did you notice the lovely

Oregon photos on page 1? They are



Grace's work. Grace also loaned her laptop to Marie Mueller for the blogs posted to the conference app. That was a good rescue! Thanks, Grace! (at right, above with Yvonne and Barbara Beardsly, CA)

Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):

Kathy Martell and Sandy Watts presented Psi member **Bertha Haas** with the DKG Service to Education Award at our June 5 meeting at **Freda Boyle's** house. We had a wonderful time outside visiting and enjoyed seeing each other in person. In early July eight of us met and visited with prospective member transfer from Texas, **Erin Sands**, at a coffee shop in Forest Grove. She will be joining us this fall.

We gathered at member **Roberta Hutton's** house in Lincoln City on Aug. 12 for lunch, a short meeting, where we donated school supplies for Vernonia Schools. In September dictionaries will be presented to third graders at Echo Shaw School in Cornelius and Vernonia Elementary School. Guests were **Kathy Martell**, Dist. 5 Coordinator, and member **Janice Anderson's** daughter Hillary, who is an international teacher in Egypt. We plan to hear more from Hillary about her teaching experience via Zoom.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):

See also the BB articles, p.p 17. Beta Beta held its first face-to-face event on June 21 in Cook Park in Tigard, a pot-luck picnic! Members who are currently teaching were guests of the chapter. All other

members were asked to bring either a salad or an appetizer, and the drink of their choosing. Dessert was provided by the planning committee. New members were introduced prior to lunch being served. When members arrived and picked up name tags, they also selected the committees on which they would like to serve for the next two years.

An ice breaker was played by placing a famous woman's name on each member's back, then they had to go around to others and ask questions, trying to guess whose name they wore. For the book sale, members brought books to sell and money to purchase more books.

The highlight was presentation of an award to **Dana Murphy** for Service to Community, and a 25-year membership award to **Sandra Bartnik** (right).



District 6

Eta (Portland): On July 1, 2021, Eta Chapter members enjoyed visiting together for our first chapter outing since the COVID restrictions began! Twelve Eta members, plus honored guest, **Darlene Cook**, state president, met for lunch at the historic Filberts Farmhouse Kitchen in the historic district of Aurora.

The restaurant was constructed in 2019 as an addition to the original Mohler Farmhouse built in 1865 and is registered as an Historic Landmark. We were seated in the original Mohler Farmhouse, which is now used for groups. The new addition was designed to emulate the historical colonial architecture of the original house, and antiques from the area are part of the decor.

After lunch, we had many options to

explore the area: the Aurora antique shops, the Aurora Colony Museum, several wonderful garden centers driving south from Aurora on 99E, including Al's Garden Center, Bauman's Farm, and Seabright's Hosta Nursery, to name a few. Our gathering was so successful we are returning in October for our fall meeting.

Eta's Lunch Group



ALOHA FROM MT. SHASTA!

Bonita Fillmore, Alpha/2

At International Conference, members of **Gamma Nu, Mt. Shasta City, CA**, connected with **Alpha in Klamath Falls, OR**, and proposed developing a sister relationship since Alpha is physically the closest DKG chapter to Gamma Nu. Alpha enthusiastically accepted!



Luau Fun & Games at Mt. Shasta City

Gamma Nu invited me, Bonita Fillmore, as Alpha's President, to attend their summer meeting: a luau on July 17. I made it to the luau and was warmly greeted with leis and cool drinks, then an ice breaker, followed with fabulous food, a sing-along with "Tiny Bubbles," and Hawaiian dancing (more or less on my part). Awards were presented and plans for 2021-22 were unveiled. Door prizes were distributed.

Everyone had a wonderful afternoon. I left knowing that I had made new friends. I look forward to including

our southern sisters in Alpha events and making a strong friendship between our chapter members. **It's DKG sisterhood at its finest!**



SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS-IN-AID, & STIPENDS

Purpose Five of DKG International is "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators."

Despite the 2020-21 pandemic, our members worked to improve themselves. The Oregon State Organization gave away a total of \$17,647 in scholarship and grants-in-aid. Our investment interest also allowed us to give out 35 stipends of \$100 each to members who registered for the Portland International Conference. Your purchases at the Unique Boutique allowed nine additional members to receive \$100 stipends for the International Conference. Thank you for your generosity!

Please apply for a scholarship in the 2021-22 year! Our investments have created substantial interest (\$33,000) that we can award to qualified applicants! You can apply for an Oregon scholarship, and your lifetime limit is three scholarships or grants-in-aid.

DUE DATES

Scholarship applications are due:

- August 1
- December 1
- March 1

Grants-in-Aid applications are due March 1.

Applications for **Unique Boutique stipends** are due after you have registered for the state event you wish to attend.

Vickie Jackson, Treasurer

TECH TIPS POPULAR

Barbara Beardsley, California, set up a series of Google "how to" sessions on Friday and Saturday. They included:

1. Google Docs
2. Google Sheets
3. Google Slides
4. Google Meets
5. Google Forms
6. Google Drive
7. An open forum

These were in addition to providing a Tech Station for help with the DKG app on your cellphone. All proved to be very popular.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: GREAT!

Rejuvenating Your DKG Chapter attracted about 30 members, including 7 from Oregon. Presenters were (1) **Sherri Wagemann**, Past President of Washington State Organization (2017-2019) and NW Representative to the International Membership Committee; and (2) **Daphne Cagle**, 2019-2021 California Expansion Chair.

The seminar used work of Simon Sinek: *Know Your Why of DKG*. It is important to stress professional and personal development of members as well as values, beliefs, and *Purposes* of our Society. Focus less on “what we do” and more on “who we are.” **Discussion highlighted “green flag” indicators of a healthy chapter: a sense of identity and shared purpose, inclusion, commitment to diversity, collaboration, and cognizance of bias.**

Presenters encouraged participants to propose Recruit, Retain and Reinspire members as their chapter approach. They suggested expansion strategies such as connecting with specific groups, e.g., administrators, special interests, new retirees, and from multiple generations. Participants were to think “outside the box” and look at necessary changes caused by the pandemic as opportunities, not negatives.

In chapter teams and small groups, members had time to develop a C.A.R.E. Strategy (Chapter Advisory and Revitalization Effort) with S-M-A-R-T (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-Based, Timely) goals. Participants brainstormed tactics and left the workshop with a specific plan of action and a feeling of accomplishment. A positive future for their chapters should be the result.

Darlene Cook, Alpha 2



Rejuvenating Your Chapter



OREGON DISPLAYS PROJECTS AT PORTLAND

An exhibit table displayed three projects unique to Oregon State Organization. Photo, below

Building Early Academic Readiness (B.E.A.R) was begun by Past Oregon President **Kathy Martell**, Alpha Epsilon/5, in 2013-2015. Modeled after the Salem-Keizer Schools’ Sibling Reading Buddies Program created by Alan deMeurers, B.E.A.R. promotes literacy support to families of elementary students with a newborn sibling.

The student is encouraged to read to the younger sibling and receives a book bag including a welcome letter from the principal, literacy information, read aloud tips, student reading books and logs, a small bear, and hard-back books for baby. Alpha, Omega, and Alpha Omicron are Oregon chapters currently participating.

Established in 2004 by Bertha Haas, Psi/5, **Huruma Special Education Unit** serves children with disabilities in Mwanza, Tanzania. The school raised the awareness of the Tanzanian government for the worth of their special needs students. Huruma provides a free, specialized education to 40+ students with a variety of disabilities. Without

Huruma, most disabled students would be denied an education, isolated from peers, and have no opportunity to develop their full potential as contributing members of society.

Teachers Brigade assists students, teachers, parents, and caregivers by supporting programs that enrich and empower learning experience. It serves communities in NW Oregon and SW Washington. The website is a tool if your chapter adopts a school year. Teachers Brigade provides in-classroom help to working educators by encouraging retired teachers and qualified volunteers to assist. We will help you get started. Check teachersbrigade.org for volunteer opportunities or call 503-830-5077

Thank you, Oregon DKG, for the services and contributions you make to children, women, education, and communities in Oregon and around the world! Your efforts are recognized and appreciated! *Darlene Cook, Alpha 2*



Beta Beta Selects Four for Nielson Awards

From many worthy applicants, committee chose four amazing young ladies who are completing their education degrees. Each received awards that total \$9,000.

The first winner, **Alia Burck**, was

accepted to EOU's Master of Teaching Graduate School Program that begins this month. Alia was awarded \$3,000 for tuition. She is pursuing a secondary education master's



degree with a focus in language arts. Alia graduated from the University of Oregon in 2017 with a double major in Journalism and Chinese, then boarded a plane for Turkey to support refugees from Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan in their resettlement process working alongside an International NGO. During the past year, Alia worked for a non-profit in Portland known as *The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization*. As a result of these experiences, Alia became committed to education, "believing that classrooms are powerful because they create a neutral ground of diverse cultures, belief systems and ideas."

Her desire is to teach ESOL to refugee and immigrant students in the Portland area. She was raised by two generations of female educators. "Both women before me have shown me the power of education to bridge cultural and socioeconomic gaps." As a result of her experiences, she has a keen "understanding of the world . . . and strategies for working with children who have faced extreme poverty and trauma."

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The second winner, **Sahara Wright**, finished her master's degree at PSU with a license to teach secondary and with an endorsement in English language arts. She will apply the \$2,500 award to student debt. Since graduating from OSU (2015), her work has been most recently at Mountainside HS, Beaverton. Sahara shared that the compassion she feels for students is a centerpiece in her teaching. Her goal is to work with students in rural communities and "be an advocate for students to think about their career or personal goals that may break the confines of their town."

The third award went to **Katerina Veliz** who has just completed her degree from the University of Portland and



has one of the top three GPA's in her class. Katerina lives at home to keep her costs down

and received \$2,500 that she will use to repay student debt. She was inspired by her parents, both educators, who value education as a life changer. Katerina plans to pursue a master's degree while teaching, and she will work as a Dual Language 1st grade teacher for Canby Schools, A references said, "Ms. Veliz continues to be one of the most humble yet courageous leaders I have come to know in my 34-year career in K-12 education and 5 years at the university." Katerina feels that

"in working with marginalized student populations . . . it is crucial to provide real-world, hands-on learning . . . projects, group work and collaboration."

The last award of \$1,000 went to **Anna Wanner**. She has graduated from the University of Portland with an ele-



mentary degree and accepted a position at Holy Cross Catholic School in North Portland, teaching 1st grade. In college, she real-

ized that she "wanted to nurture young students and spark their curiosity of knowledge and learning." Anna believes in providing an "equitable education by being a warm demander." Her background instilled a value for hard work and a desire to "maintain high expectations for students, based on their individual needs." She will use her award to cover some costs of being a new teacher.

We look forward to the opportunity to bring our recipients stories to a future Beta Beta meeting and hear about their new teaching jobs.

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CONFERENCE INSPIRES SIGMA MEMBER

Annette Lange Hildebrand, Sigma/3

From the moment I stepped into the hotel, I knew something special was about to happen. The 2021 DKG International Conference in Portland Oregon was indeed spectacular. You could feel and hear the energy and commitment. Even though some faces wore masks, you could still see sparkling eyes and dare I say, hear, constant enthusiastic babble.

A hum was always present except when a featured guest or speaker spoke. Then you could hear a pin drop. Over 240 women stopped to listen as we had excellent speakers and presenters. From the Royal Rosarians' gracious welcome to upbeat skits, timely messages from directors, presidents, and coordinators, a variety of workshops and all at a pace set with care, it was an outstanding experience. Local marionberry jelly, handmade cards, necklaces and tumbled Central Oregon petrified wood and rocks were Oregon souvenir hits.

Two of the many things that come to mind as I reflect back are the words from Dr. Gene Sharratt, "*You are special, yes, you, you who are reading this,*" and a melody in my heart. Our DKG chorus sang the whimsical, jazzy verse of "*The toast is burned and the coffee is cold ...*," then closed with a soft, strong, almost blessing of "*... and wherever you may roam, when the road you walk is long, we wish you song.*" I returned home inspired and rejuvenated. Thank you, DKG, and thank you, Oregon State Organization.

REFLECTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Beta Beta sent 17 members to the Conference. We met wonderful, dedicated people and we picked up a bucketful of great ideas.

- **Membership.** DKG membership world-wide has dwindled. We heard great ideas for attracting new members and retaining them. Once you become a DKG member, it was suggested that you have a mentor, your own personal go-to member to make things easier for you.
- Don't thrust new members into leadership roles. Train prospective leaders. A good leader lifts others up and removes obstacles. Make sure your chapter is inclusive, welcoming to early childhood education providers, retired educators, college professors, paraprofessionals, and working members. Diversity makes us stronger.
- **Committee work.** Ad-hoc committee work is sometimes more effective than standing committees.

- **Networking.** Chapters are part of a bigger network and should take advantage of all the Oregon and International offer: workshops, information, financial opportunities, and scholarships. Especially touted was the Golden Gift /DKG Ignite Seminar, held Biannually, which offers leadership training support. One international project we can support "Schools for Africa," an opportunity to lead with UNICEF.
- **Look Ahead.** Create a two-to-five-year plan to ensure stability and longevity of the chapter. What is the ideal size for a chapter? How can thriving chapters help revitalize and support other chapters? How can we get local DKG members more involved in state and national issues that pertain to education?
- **Meaningful work.** An attraction for many DKG members is making a meaningful contribution to their communities and their profession. Political goals, school support goals, and teacher-support goals all ranked high on the meaningful scale.

- **Have fun!** Ice breakers, games, friendship, laughs—all are ingredients of a successful chapter. We sometimes forget that! Look for more laughter this year as we continue our great work.
- **Should anyone in your chapter consider going to an International DKG conference? YES!**

Vernonia Schools will receive a bounty of supplies from Psi Chapter/5 this fall. Student supplies = happy teachers and students.



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PDU Values

WEDNESDAY

- ___ **8 hr. Parliamentary Procedure Training**, Dr. Helen Popovich, PRP & Lynna Gene Cook, PRP
- ___ **8 hr. Rejuvenating Your DKG Chapter**, Sherri Wagemann & Daphne Cagle

THURSDAY

- ___ **1 hr. Keynote: Leigh Wintz**, Consultant Emeritus – Tecker International, LLC
- ___ **.75 Language Awareness: Why Word Choice Matters**, Gisela Ernst-Slavit
- ___ **.75 Zoom Basics**, Barbara Bearden
- ___ **.75 Habitudes of Effective Leaders**, Emily Arnold
- ___ **.75 The Importance of Preserving Our Family History**, Tamara Thayer
- ___ **.75 Using Worst Case Scenarios to Dialogue about Leadership**, Pat Graff
- ___ **.75 The Will to Govern Well, Q & A**, Leigh Wintz
- ___ **.75 Before Central High, Telling the Other Arkansas School Integration Stories**, Melissa Starkey & Cassandra Barnett
- ___ **.75 What Early-Career Educators are Telling Chapters**, Pat Bennett-Forman
- ___ **.75 Books That Spoke to Me: The Best Pandemic Reads**, Dr. Donna Niday

FRIDAY

- ___ **1 hr. Keynote: Nita R. Scott, Take the Reins and Let's Get Going!**
- ___ **.75 Keys to a Successful Virtual Presentation**, Marjorie Sinclair & Diane Phillips
- ___ **.75 Plan Engaging Virtual Meetings**, Barbara Bearden
- ___ **.75 How to Fit It All In**, Amanda Daniels
- ___ **.75 Maximizing Talents – Developing Leaders**, Linda Hall, Dr. Kelly McIntyre, Patti Belknap, Claire Swanson, Ingibjorg Johasdottir, Dr. Alejandrina Mata
- ___ **.75 Journey to Take - Story to Tell**, Muriel O'Tuel
- ___ **.75 Dyslexia is Real?** Dana Perillous
- ___ **.75 Zoom: Beyond the Basics**, Barbara Bearden
- ___ **.75 Partnering with Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, Glee Brooks, Laura Savolainen, & Cathie Lynch
- ___ **.75 From Coping to Hoping--EED Resources During Tough Times**, Yvonne Gatley, Pat Graff & Marianne Skardeus
- ___ **.75 Effective Testimony & Advocacy**, Pat Bennet-Forman
- ___ **.25 The American South: New Orleans to Memphis**, Beverly Hall
- ___ **2 hr. U.S. Forum**

SATURDAY

- ___ **.75 hr. Keynote Speaker, Dr. Gene Sharratt, "What's in the Way: Is the Way"**
- ___ **.75 For a Love of Reading**, Judy Rongey
- ___ **.75 Brrr! Let's Break the Ice**, Linda Perl & Carmen Wendt
- ___ **.75 A Little Update from the Trenches**, Hanna Shickle
- ___ **.75 Lighten up Through Laughter**, Edna Thayer
- ___ **.75 Survival Kit for Teachers**, Amanda Daniels & Peggy Jones
- ___ **.75 Writing Historical Non-Fiction**, Tamara Thayer
- ___ **.75 Cultural Responsiveness: Implicit Bias and Race**, Monique Harrison
- ___ **.75 Creating Family Literacy Partnerships**, Nancy Roger-Zegarra & Carla Peterson
- ___ **.75 Transforming Object-Based Learning Into Civic Engagement**, Melissa Starkey & Cassandra Barnett

**PDU's from
the 2021
International
Conference
if you need them
for your fall
contract.**

_____ **Total PDUs**

_____ **Conference Participant**

Brenda C. Jensen

President Brenda C. Jensen, Oregon State Organization, DKG Society International

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP REVIEWS

Using DKG Publications for Personal, Professional and Chapter Enrichment

Editorial Board: Dr. Judy Merz, NV

Dr. Merz Zoomed in for her presentation on DKG publications, requirements for submission, and ideas on using these publications. DKG has two major publications: the *DKG Journal* and the *Collegial Exchange*. The *Journal* includes research studies. The *Collegial Exchange* is like a magazine, including articles of interest and tips. It is published twice a year, between the *Journal* publications. Rubrics and requirements for submittal are on the International DKG website (dkg.org) under the PUBLICATIONS tab.

After you finish reading your copy, what should you do with it? Suggestions include placing them in teacher staff lounges or doctor offices, but first attaching chapter information and a chapter contact person. At the chapter level, assign members to read different articles to share at a chapter meeting. You are sure to find something of interest! **Dr. Kelly McIntyre, Psi**

DKG Fine Arts Gallery Wants to Spotlight You!

**by Arts & Humanities Jury:
Stacey Chicoine, CA, and
Carol Ann Casey, FL**

Every spring and fall, the Arts & Humanities Jury opens the Fine Arts Gallery to share works of members: visual art (photography, painting/pastel, drawing, crafts, mixed media, sculpture), writing (poems, essays, short stories), and video selections. Requirements for submitting are on the DKG International website (dkg.org).

If the item meets the requirements, there is a good chance it will be featured in the gallery. Share your talents

with others. And yes, pictures from your phone are accepted!

Dr. Kelly McIntyre

Brrr!! Let's Break the Ice! **by Linda Perl, AZ**

We played games! Linda made sure we knew that ice breakers were not a waste of time, usually taking only 10 to 15 minutes. Ice breakers create a relaxed environment which helps build community and encourages participation as participants get to know each other. This creates familiarity and helps develop empathy for different points of view.

An icebreaker suggested for virtual groups is a scavenger hunt: **What's Around the House?** Provide a list of items that students (or members of the group) locate at their house. Give a specific amount of time to return with as many items as possible. Everyone then shows the item(s) they found.

Linda provided an ice breaker relevant to today, **What's on Your Phone?** Participants earn points depending on what they have on their phone; e.g., 1 pt if: you have a selfie, a video, or an Instagram App. 5 pts if you have 100+ songs or a year-old text message. 10 pts if: your battery is at more than 50% or you have zero unread emails! 20 pts if you: have 1000 pictures or a children's app. Ice breakers work with any type of group. Remember to have fun!

Dr. Kelly McIntyre

Cultural Responsiveness: Implicit Bias and Race **by Monique Harrison, WA**

At the workshop on *Cultural Responsiveness: Implicit Bias and Race*., the focus was to recognize expressions of bias in our daily life and experiences, how to consider situational factors

(even in the classroom) and begin to understand how we can change negative stereotypes with understanding and education. Resources that may be used with children (and adults too) are books written to help children understand challenging topics. Check out: <https://akidsbookabout.com>., published in Portland.

Janet Schultz, Psi

Dyslexia Is Real? **by Dana Perilloux, Louisiana**

Imagine sitting in a classroom terrified the teacher will call on you to read, because YOU CAN'T. It's exhausting. Anxiety shuts down your brain. You have little print in your home, no library or access to books, never had phonics, and you know you are smart. Remembering names is tedious but you never forget a face. As an adult your grocery list looks like a foreign language. Yes, "toh god" is hot dog. Backwards and inside out! You can't spell, can't hear sounds, and can't reproduce them on demand.

That is my story of growing up with dyslexia without help or diagnosis--until now! At the workshop, I was with two brilliant educators, both of whom suffer from dyslexia. An MRI clearly shows that your brain functions differently, but you always knew that. You feel validated, and you are not the only educator present who feels that way. As you age, it is getting worse.

Dyslexia requires research-based strategies we used in ESL for reading and language development. Highlighting important facts, read multiple times for the brain to hear you, use tools to not lose your place, and blocking out stimuli are also helpful. Language skills like "I do it; We do it; you do it." accelerate learning and help the child (or teacher) with dyslexia.

I used these strategies for over 20 years, and I did not realize that not only were they helping me to pass kids in record numbers, but I was also helping my own brain function. It was just what the doctor ordered!

Judy Forsberg, Psi

Journey to Take -- Story to Tell
Dr. Muriel O'Tuel, SC



Dr. Muriel O'Tuel is not new to Oregon. She already had a connection with Kathy Martell and Bridget Honan from when she presented at another convention in Portland.

She made footprints on the hearts of everyone she met at this Portland International Conference. Her workshop, *Journey to Take-Story to Tell*, provided stories that opened our hearts to knowing more about the presenter, but also showed the audience how important it is to make connections with personal stories.

I observed her visiting with various people on Friday and Saturday--in the corridors, elevators, and Hospitality Room, making connections--on the Riverwalk, at a restaurant . . . leaving her footprints. We were all blessed to meet and get to know Muriel as she left a footprint on our hearts. It's no surprise to me now to find that this is one of her passions and one that she has put into print. Thank you DKG sister, Muriel. *Judy Brimmer, Alpha*

AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY: DKG

Dr. Yvonne Fasold, Conference Communication Committee Chair

The theme of our July 2021 DKG International Conference was "DKG: A **World** of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact." The conference

reminded me that we truly are **International**, and we truly do have an impact. While helping at Registration, I had the pleasure of meeting women from throughout the United States and also one of our World Fellowship recipients, a delightful woman from South Africa who is studying at Portland State University.

I also took a turn greeting members at the DKG IEF table and sharing Oregon's Cornet Award story at the DKG IEF workshop. That is the DKG **International Educators Foundation**. Members can both give to the IEF (charitable tax deduction) and receive from the IEF. Donations have a ripple effect, helping educators throughout the world.

The DKG International Educators Foundation supports educational projects and professional growth of educators worldwide: Cornet Award, Educational Projects, Educators Award Fund, Emergency Fund, Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund, Golden Gift Fund/DKG Ignite, International Speakers Fund, Scholarship Fund, and World Fellowship Fund. We make a difference in the lives of our sister educators!

Consider donating to DKGIEF or applying as an individual, a region, or a state/country organization for a DKGIEF award. Applications are due November 1 and May 1.

RESPONDING TO DISASTERS SINCE 1948

Darlene Cook, Alpha/2

As wildfires, hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes rage, the DKG Emergency Fund provides an opportunity to help other members when they most need financial and emotional support. The Emergency Fund provides a \$500 check to any member who suffers property damage from a natural disaster.

The Emergency Fund came about following a disaster near Portland, OR. The city was Vanport; the year, 1948. Vanport was a major shipbuilding center and hub of transient laborers from all over the United States. The second largest city in Oregon, Vanport was built on reclaimed lowlands along the Columbia River and was vulnerable to flooding. After days of heavy rain in May 1948, a section of railroad berm holding back the river collapsed. Within hours, Vanport was underwater. Fifteen people died and 17,500 were homeless. The city was never rebuilt.

Following a plea for help from our state president, an article appeared in *The DKG News*. Members from around the country responded with \$3,000 in contributions, helping 72 teachers with damages. Today that would be \$33,509.75! Bringing that forward, from 7/1/20 - 6/1/21, the Fund awarded 124 grants totaling \$62,000 in 15 states

Applying is easy. The chapter president informs the state president who sends the application to Society Headquarters. Members soon receive the \$500 grant. Contributions to sustain the fund are tax deductible and by donation only. DKG members may contribute at an international conference or convention. **At Portland, \$5,444 was donated to benefit the fund!** , and donations are welcome. Fill out Form 43 on the website or mail a check directly to HQ.

For 73 years, the Emergency Fund has assisted thousands of members who sustained loss from natural disasters. This is a true benefit of membership. During a natural disaster, a grant from the Emergency Fund is so appreciated!

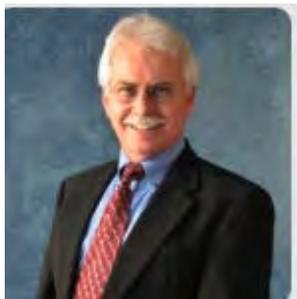


KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

What's in the Way: Is the Way Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Gene Sharratt, Senior Research Associate, Center for Educational Effectiveness

Classroom teacher, principal, superintendent--Dr. Sharratt seems dedicated to creating an



atmosphere of trust and inspiration in every aspect of his life. He did this by developing relationships and maintaining those relationships for life. He still drives 200 miles to have lunch with the bus drivers who worked for him. He still makes time for former students.

So how do we overcome what seems to be an obstacle for any organization (from classrooms to groups such as DKG)? First of all, leadership must create an atmosphere that builds trust: trust in leaders and trust in each member. Each of us needs to have a tape in their head that repeats the following: I do my best, I give my best, I can find my way through this. Remember that the hard is what makes it great. Remaining present, accepting the joy, maintaining an attitude of gratitude and realizing that we can't give away what we don't have--all these will strengthen any group.

Donalene Biller, Psi

I'd have loved to have Dr. Sharratt as a principal or superintendent when I was in K-12--or as a department chair or president at my college.

Marie Mueller, Alpha Epsilon

U.S. Forum Keynote:

Hanna Vaaandering, NEA, OEA

As DKG members in the U.S., we are part of the U.S. Forum, and were welcomed by Forum SW Representative Daphne Cagle/ CA and NW Representative Sally Nyhus/ MN, who quoted Dr. M. L. King, Jr. (1956): "We need leaders not in love with money but in love with justice. Not in love with publicity but in love with humanity. Leaders who can subject their particular egos to the pressing urgencies of the great cause of freedom.....a time like this demands great leaders."

Keynoter Hanna Vaaandering was born and raised in Washington County, OR. Elected to the National Education Association Executive Committee, she also served two successful terms as Oregon Education Association president. She was fabulous! Her commitment to have great public schools for every student, to fight for rights of all educators, to advocate for the necessary funding to build schools our students deserve resonated with the audience. She spoke of the Homework Gap/ Digital Divide. The issue of connectivity is "just the tip of the iceberg," especially for students with multiple languages or special needs.

Hanna discussed bills that are in the Legislature. We need to contact our legislators to support these bills for education, women, and children. For information, go to the US Forum website (below). Consider a Forum leadership position. Applications are due May 22, 2022. Go to the website <https://www.dkgusforum.com/>

The session ended with a formal invitation to attend the next **National Legislative Seminar** in Washington, DC. March 6- 8, 2022.

Dana Murphy, Ed. Excellence Comm.

Leigh Wintz, Thursday Keynote

Principal Consultant Emeritus with Techer International, LLC, Wintz is a skilled facilitator, with 30 years' experience in board governance techniques and strategic decision making. Challenges that she noted are:

- The speed of change necessitates acting quickly and smartly in constantly evolving workspaces.
- The necessity to meet the needs of owners, workforce, and clients.
- Leaders must base decisions on knowledge, not opinion.
- Establish "community" agreement on a definition for success.
- Be nimble—ever ready to pivot to respond to change.

What good things came from the pandemic?

- **People learned to appreciate what teachers do for a living!**
- New emphasis on relationships with family, friends, colleagues.
- Need to explore and solve the BIG problems: equity, health, access, socio-economic stability, homelessness, and more
- Technology, tele-medicine, Zoom—and access to those items.

Good governance practices require structure, processes, and culture. Structure authorizes actions; process clarifies how to get work done; culture sets values, norms, and behaviors for governance units in an organization. Does your group have the trust of its employees? Trust is a "residue" of promises that are made and kept. Trust develops when management and workers are credible and legitimate in claims and promises with quality, speed, yield (results), and mutual effort. You can influence your destiny even if you can't control it.

Marie Mueller, Alpha Epsilon

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6/29	Transition Meeting	Zoom
7/7-10	Int'l Conference	Portland
8/25	Exec. Committee	Zoom
9/2	Presidents/President/ Leadership	Zoom 5 - 7 p.m.
9/2	Executive Comm	5 p.m.
10/7	Alpha Omicron	TBA
11/6	PAC Brunch	Portland