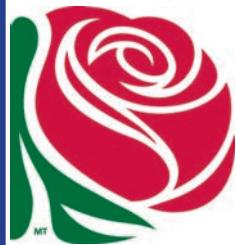


# THE NEW OREGON TRAIL



**Mission:** *The Society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

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

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Fall Edition

September 15, 2022



# OSO Fall Conference

## October 8, 2022

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### REGISTER TODAY!

Send an email with “OSO Fall Registration” in the subject line. Send it to [bfillmore55@gmail.com](mailto:bfillmore55@gmail.com) with your name, your chapter, and your phone number. A continental breakfast and a fajita bar lunch are included in the \$20 paid at the door. (Remember to bring that \$20.)

**Deadline for registration is September 30.**

**Where:** Old Middle School, 1328 N. Second St., Jefferson,  
OR



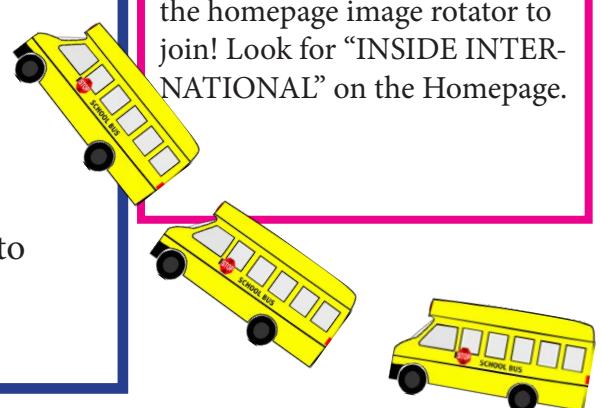
**What:**

- Leadership Development, a la John C. Maxwell, by Kim Brown, Beta Beta/5
- Revitalization Update
- Unique Boutique, Fundraiser Booksale for ARF, Photo Booth
- Friendship, Fellowship, and Fun--and Food

### DO YOU KNOW?

Delta Kappa Gamma International is now hosting monthly meetings on Zoom. The first meeting was Tuesday, September 6 at 12:30 - 1 p.m., CDT.

Enjoy conversations with International leaders and staff. Directors & elected leaders will be available to answer questions & welcome comments. Sign in to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and click the link from the homepage image rotator to join! Look for “INSIDE INTERNATIONAL” on the Homepage.



## 2021-23 PRESIDENT Brenda Jensen / Alpha 2



Dear Oregon Members & Friends

Soon Fall will be at our doorstep with colorful leaves and cooler weather. As we prepare to batten down the hatches and prepare for the winter rain and snow (hopefully snow will fall in southeast Oregon!), it's time to think about chapter meetings and activities. Let's also think about OSO meetings, the October conference, the April convention, and other meetings either by Zoom or in-person.

As this is the last year of my biennium I would like to continue President to President meetings and planning for the Fall Conference and Spring Convention. If any members have other ideas to get together as a state, let me know and I will arrange it.

The ongoing revitalization project and the committees assigned for the four areas of concern identified during the Spring Conference (Relevancy, Communication, Membership, and Leadership) will continue meeting throughout the year. If you haven't yet and desire to participate in one of the committees, please contact me and I will direct you to the right group.

Since I am not working at all this year, I would like to visit as many chapters as I can in 2022-2023. Please send me your chapter meetings dates, times, and locations. I will attempt to make as many meetings as I can.

Spring convention planning meetings will be starting soon. Instead of one chapter planning the meeting, I would like district coordinators and chapter members to participate in the steering committee. Input from our diverse state is important to meet the needs of all members. If you are inclined to help plan the convention, please send your name to Bonita Fillmore, our convention chair, at [bfill-more55@gmail.com](mailto:bfill-more55@gmail.com). You can also let her know at the Fall Conference October 8 in Jefferson. Regarding the Fall conference, please register by September 30. It will be great fun!

Wishing you and your chapter a wonderful year with lots of activities, Thank you for all that you do for DKG and OSO. You are appreciated!

**Brenda**



## EXPANSION UPDATE

*Barbara King, BB & YCCC*

The Yamhill County Chartering Committee (YCCC) is working diligently to start a new DKG Yamhill County Chapter.



*L to R: Sandy Bartnik, BB; Supt. Steve Sugg; Kate Kelleher, BB*

At a recent Dayton Benefits Fair, YCCC members talked to returning teachers and gathered names of those interested in knowing more about the new chapter. Beta Beta member Sandy Bartnik is hosting an informational meeting on Sept. 21 for interested educators.

The process, from assessing need, to finding prospective members, and helping the new chapter organize and become chartered is long. The Yamhill County Chartering Committee, headed by OSO's Darlene Cook, and chaired by BB's Nancy Lewis and Wendy Hacke, has worked hard on this ambitious endeavor.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30	Let's catch up with our sisters, have some goodies, explore the Boutique, try the photo booth, check out the book sale
9:30-9:45	Social Media Activity
9:45-10:15	Welcome from Brenda
10:15-11:15	Kim Brown Presentation
11:15-11:30	Revitalization Update-Brenda
11:30-12:30	Lunch, then explore the boutique, photo booth
12:30-1:15	Break into small Revitalization groups
1:15-1:30	Break
1:30-2:30	Small groups report to large group.
2:30-3:00	Announcements, Clean up, and say goodbye

## DIRECTIONS

### From the NORTH

- Take I-5 to Exit 244
- Turn left onto OR 164 South
- Continue to 1328 N. 2nd St. Jefferson  
(4.2 miles)

### From the SOUTH

- Take I-5 to Exit 238
- Turn onto OR 164 North / Jefferson Hwy.
- Follow to 1328 N. 2nd St Jefferson.  
(3.1 miles)

## LODGING OPTIONS IN ALBANY

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251 Airport Rd.  
541-928-0921

Rodeway Inn Albany  
1212 Price Rd. SE  
541-926-0170

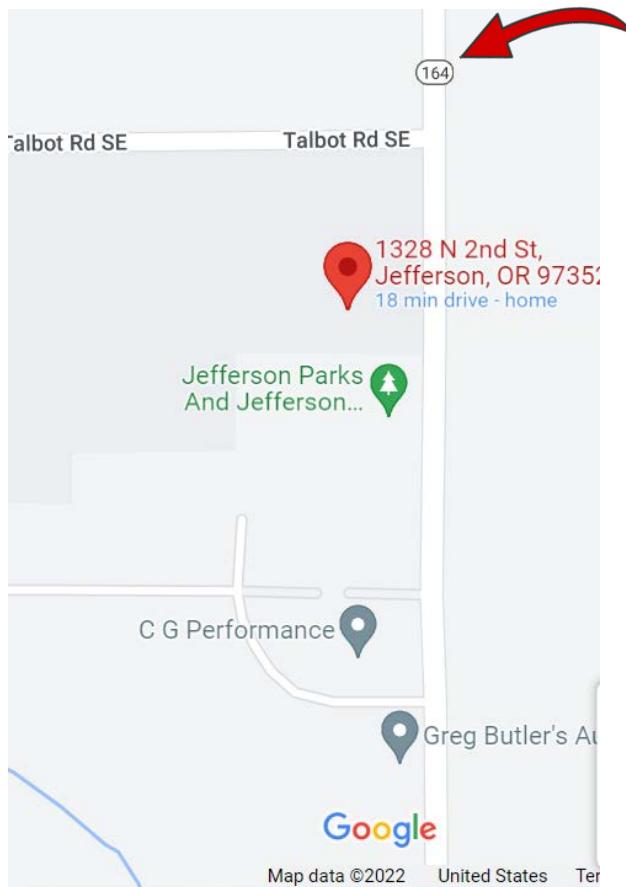
Comfort Suites  
100 Opal Ct.  
541-497-7782

Best Western Plus Prairie Inn  
1100 Price Rd SE  
541-928-5050

There are more if these won't do.

### Jefferson, Oregon

The vertical white line is Hwy 164,



## TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY!

Submitted by the OSO Revitalization Committee

The Revitalization Committee asks that ALL Oregon members take the Revitalization Survey to assist in our revitalization efforts. In this survey you will be able to share ideas, trends, needs, and preferences. Please take 10-15 minutes to complete the 16 questions on this survey. Your input is very important to the future of DKG. **Member input is needed by September 23!**

**Revitalization Survey:** Open the camera app on your phone and the QR code will take you to the survey—or copy and open this link:

<https://forms.gle/G3gothXrBGXBa2jy9>

While we realize we're all professionals, sometimes it's nice to have a little incentive. State is offering "Rose" pin for everyone who completes the survey! For those members who do not have email, we will be sending a paper copy.



### Our Journey: Why Revitalization?

By reviewing and reflecting, we gain insight and perspective on how we grow stronger and better for our members, our organization, and the districts we serve. At the 2022 Oregon Spring Conference, our members identified four areas of focus: Communication, Leadership, Membership, and Relevancy. Following the Conference, a group volunteered to represent chapters throughout the state. During committee meetings, we found that we had more questions than answers, and this is where the survey comes in. It is one more piece of the puzzle needed to move forward. We need your input! This will produce data we use to move forward with our efforts.

### Next Steps: The Fall Conference!

The Conference Planning Committee has crafted an agenda that will allow for small group processing of the findings as well as big group sharing. On October 8, we will come together to create a shared vision along with actionable steps to move Oregon DKG into the future, stronger than when we began. As the saying goes, "Life is a journey, not a destination." (Thank you, Mr. Emerson.) It is important that we take this journey together, that our visions are shared, that our actions meaningful, and that our aim is true, too.

## REVITALIZATION COMMITTEES

**Relevancy  
Communication  
Membership  
Leadership**

Since Spring Conference, these committees have met multiple times to discuss perceptions, along with ideas, programs, attitudes and conditions that would engage new and returning members and keep them coming back to chapters.

Each committee designed a few questions for the survey (see left column) distributed to all members. Each will present the results of your input at Oregon's Fall Conference on October 8.

Those results will form the basis for a final plan. The goal of revitalization is to make the DKG Society in Oregon more attractive, more pertinent, and more supportive to the needs of Oregon's members. Thanks to all who participated in taking the survey.

## ALPHA PHI

### MEMBER RECOGNIZED

Alpha Phi members are very proud of **Cathy Lehmann**, a retired principal from North Clackamas School Dist..

After filling several temporary principal positions post-retirement, Cathy is wearing a "new hat" this fall. She was hired by Mt. Pleasant School District

(WA) as principal / superintendent at Mt. Pleasant School where there are between 60-70 students combined in grades K-8. This small district emphasizes maximum student learning in multi-age classroom settings and has a history of high academic performance.

It also offers quality of life from being in a small community in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic area. The

school's vision statement is: "To be recognized as a school district that empowers all children to succeed in an ever-changing world." We know that with Cathy's firm commitment to students and families, along with a love of learning and problem-solving, she will succeed in her new position as principal of Mt. Pleasant School!

## THE DEFINITION OF LEADERSHIP

*Kim Brown, Beta Beta Chapter/5  
Maxwell Leadership Certified Team Member*

Before you read further, consider what the word “leadership” means to you. What associations come up? What emotions are evoked? How would you explain leadership to someone?

Challenges exist. Here’s the elephant in this room:

1. Why did we just have four chapters fold?
2. Why are people so reluctant to step up for leadership roles?

We’ve all heard reasons, such as:

- I’m not a born leader.
- I need more experience.
- There isn’t enough time in the day.

In reality, you are a leader. In fact, we ... are ... all ... leaders. As educators, didn’t we spend years leading students in learning and contributing to our respective schools and staffs? Everyone influences someone, and simply stated, “Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less.” – John C. Maxwell

The question to ask is what type of an influencer do you want to be, and what type of influencers do you want in your life and in your world? Let me propose that “The world becomes a better place when people become better leaders.” (Maxwell, Developing the Leader Within, p. 2) When we develop ourselves to become the leaders we have the potential to be ... it will change everything for the better. Our effectiveness increases, our weakness decreases, our workload is divided, and our impact is multiplied.

Does what I propose mesh with your earlier definition? Prior to attending the IMC leadership training in 2019, my understanding of leadership certainly didn’t.

During the 2022 OSO Spring Conference, I listened closely as members honestly addressed our strengths and opportunities for improvement as a state organization. Leadership was identified as one the four areas for improvement.

Two thoughts were running through my mind, do I step up and assist or do I sit comfortably in my bubble and float along? This led to several additional questions... Do I put one more thing on my plate, or do I maintain my current balance? Do I put my neck out or take the safe route? You know the answer, but what you might not know is that things do balance out; people are there for support; and you grow from facing the challenge of the unknown.

For the Summer OSO executive session, I was asked to present on leadership. For this I pulled from industry giant John C. Maxwell’s works on “Developing the Leader Within You 2.0: The Definition of Leadership.”

At the 2022 Fall Conference, we’ll move to the next part of training, “The Key to Leadership: Priorities.” This topic is applicable in all our lives and in every situation. If you have ever said you don’t have enough time, then attend the conference and participate.



***DKG Purpose #3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.***

***DKG Purpose #6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.***

Message from International Office:

## ARE YOU READING THE DKG NEWS?

If you answered “No,” then a bit of investigation is in order. The International newsletter, *DKG News*, has changed from paper to online. It’s easy to access:

- Just sign in on the International website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).
- Click on Publications on the top banner. You’ll see a list (right column) and buttons (in the green box) for all Society publications.
- Click on the one you wish to read, like the *DKG News*, and you will find both the current September-October 2022 edition and previous editions (listed under “Archive”).

The current edition features a nice article on Barbara Clausen, the out-going Northwest District Director, and an introduction of the new Int’l President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc. The 2022-24 Administrative Board members are listed, upcoming deadlines are posted, articles from DKGIEF, and much more await your attention. Check it out!

### Alpha Epsilon

**Reinstated:** Shirley Lomax

**Transferred to Chapter Eternal**

**Mary Lynn Morgan**

(former member)

Nov. 14, 1953 -July 8, 2022

**Goldwyn (Goldie) Kulbel**

Founding Member

d. September 6, 2022

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WHAT WILL OSO LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?

### NEEDED: PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN OREGON BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

*Jean Fairbairn, Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee Chair*

If you want to be a part of Oregon State Organization (OSO) and changes that shape our future, now is the time. The State Bylaws/Standing Rules documents are both up for revision at our state convention in April 2023. However, the work must be done prior to early spring, so your ideas or suggestions must come to the Chair's address NO later than midnight, October 15, 2022.

Any member, chapter, or committee has the privilege of submitting a revision for either document. Please use the interactive form. Go to the website [www.dkgoregon.com](http://www.dkgoregon.com), then select the ABOUT page. The interactive proposal form and current documents are on the top right of the About page and are also under Resources>> Forms.

Fill out the form online and send it electronically to Jean Fairbairn [jeanf3777@gmail.com](mailto:jeanf3777@gmail.com), or print it and send it by postal mail to Jean at 15206 S.E. Duckey Ln., Milwaukie, OR 97267. Each box in the interactive form will expand as you type, so submit your revisions. They must be postmarked by **October 15, 2022**. NOW is the time to be involved in the future.

### CANCELLED!

The Fall PAC Brunch, which was scheduled for November 5, the first Saturday, has been cancelled.

We appreciate your patience and are sorry that this final decision had to be made.

*Your Area 6 PAC Team.*

### DO THE SURVEY, PLEASE!

It's from the Revitalization Committee. Please take a few minutes to complete the questions and then click "Submit" when you finish.

Your comments and ideas will greatly strengthen DKG in Oregon.

[Didn't receive the survey?](#) See page 3 in this newsletter. It has the QR code and link.

### TREASURERS

BE SURE TO SEND FORM 990N TO THE IRS BY NOVEMBER 15.

Send a copy to Vickie Jackson

### CALLING ALL WRITERS AND EDITORS!

**Watch for this.** The 2020-22 Communications and Marketing Committee rewrote the *DKG International Procedures and Guidelines for Newsletter Articles and Other Official Communications Editor Style Guide*.

It will be posted on the DKG Int'l website.

2022-2023

### DUES WERE DUE BY

**JUNE 30.**

If you haven't sent your payment in, please do so immediately. Vickie Jackson is waiting for your dollars.

More on page 4 >>>>

## PLAN NOW TO WIN AWARDS NEXT APRIL!



### OSO Chapter Awards: **The Rosette & The Order of the Rose**

Celebrate your chapter's accomplishments with a Rosette or Order of the Rose award. Appoint a member in your chapter to print the easy-to-use record keeping form. Tracking your chapter programs and Society involvement as each month goes by will be easy to do on this form. It can steer your chapter toward recognition and celebration at our next convention.

Here's how to find the form and the requirements: Go online to the State Website at [www.dkgoregon.com](http://www.dkgoregon.com) > Resources > Forms > State Awards > Rosette and Order of the Rose Requirements & Form.

- Chapters, send that form to your District Coordinator by March 15, 2023.
- District Coordinators, send the forms to Kathy Martell, [kkm4dkg@gmail.com](mailto:kkm4dkg@gmail.com) by March 30, 2023.

### OSO Awards to Individuals: **The Service Awards**

Remember, Oregon also recognizes individuals who stand out for these three service awards:

- **Service to Education**
- **Service to Society**
- **Service to Community**

You will find that form in the same place on the OSO website as the chapter awards forms above. Start looking for these individuals early and send your nomination forms to Sandy Watts, [sandywatts269@comcast.net](mailto:sandywatts269@comcast.net) by March 15, 2023.

***DKG Purpose #2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.***

**NEED A GRANT?  
If so, read on:**

### ALPHA RHO FOUNDATION

A 501(c)(3) Foundation



### Foundation

The purpose of the Alpha Rho Foundation is to distribute funds to persons and/or organizations facilitating intercultural understanding; encouraging excellence in education; cooperating with schools, colleges, universities, and other organizations in support, encouragement, and improvement in education; and supporting programs and trainings provided by Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Oregon State Organization.

You can make tax deductible donations to the foundation by sending a check to Vickie Jackson, ARF Treasurer--address below.

**To apply for funds**, complete the Alpha Rho Foundation Request for Funds form which can be found by opening the Alpha Rho Foundation link on the Oregon State Organization website page, [dkgoregon.com](http://dkgoregon.com).

#### **Who can apply?**

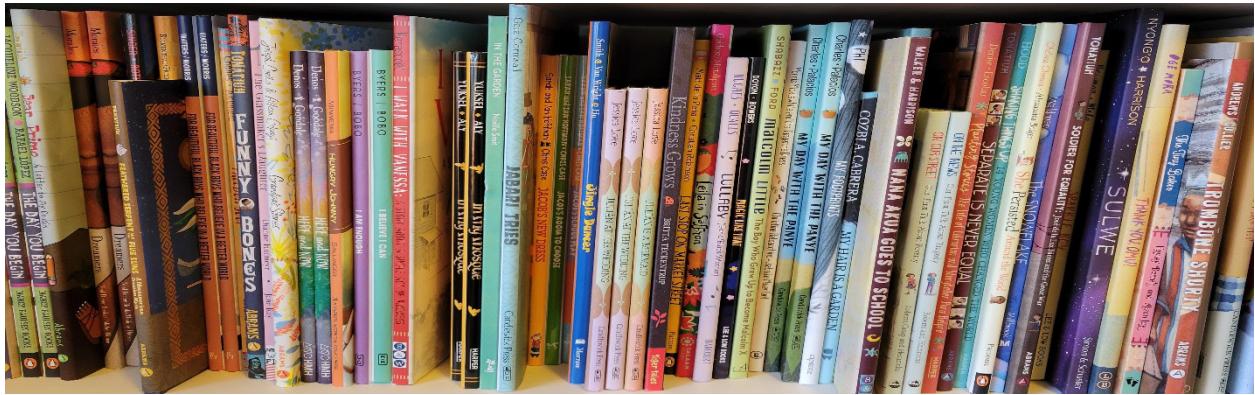
Members, chapters, and nonmembers may apply, but person or project must benefit primarily those outside of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Oregon State Organization.

**Due Dates:** Requests for funds may be submitted by **January 1, March 1, June 1, or October 1**, to the Alpha Rho Foundation Treasurer, Vickie Jackson. Please direct questions to Vickie at (541) 475-7252.



Vickie Jackson  
235 SE C St.  
Madras, OR 97741  
[dandyjackson@gmail.com](mailto:dandyjackson@gmail.com).

***DKG Purpose #4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.***



# Join us at Fall Conference and participate in Alpha Rho Foundation's Book Fair Fundraiser!

Jennifer Butler-Brown, Bookseller, will have books for kids ages birth thru high school available to purchase on-site. With a focus on diversity and inclusion, as well as social / emotional and STEAM titles, you are sure to find great resources for your programs.

Books will be available for sale from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Cash, cards, and purchase orders accepted.

If you would like to place your order using Jennifer's website, from Oct 3–11, we will have an online fundraiser here:

<http://jennifer-butler-brown-bookseller.square.site>

To make sure that Alpha Rho Foundation receives credit for your purchase, use the coupon code **AlphaRho**. This will give you free shipping, too!

**20% of the gross sales will go to the Alpha Rho Foundation.**

# Thank you for your support!



## DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Start the application process by visiting the Oregon website for details and forms

### DOLLARS FOR YOU IN DECEMBER??

Begin thinking about and applying for a DKG scholarship before the **December 1, 2022**, due date. Even those not looking toward an advanced degree may qualify for financial assistance for personal goals.

Members have used the Personal Enrichment Commemorative awards for travel to foreign lands as Roads Scholars or on their own. Others have participated in workshops, seminars, conferences, and non-credit courses that will aid in personal growth.

If there's a member who may be seeking special certification, graduate study, or projects advancing educational excellence, she could qualify for the Isabel Huston Commemorative Scholarship. Other financial awards available for graduate study and advanced degrees include the Hazel Fishwood, the Emma Henkle, and the State Founders and State Presidents scholarships. Awards have been given in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 in recent years.

Applications may be submitted any time before the deadline. Send to:

Chris Luehring  
84936 Parkway Rd.  
Pleasant Hill, OR 97455-9650  
or by email to [cluehrin@epud.net](mailto:cluehrin@epud.net) or [cluehring@gmail.com](mailto:cluehring@gmail.com).



Application forms are available on the state website at: <https://www.dkgoregon.com/scholarships.html>.

*DKG Purpose #5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.*

## NEED A PROJECT?

### HELPING GIRLS IN TANZANIA

Psi Chapter is soon to start preparations for our next Taste of Tanzania, planning for in person in March 2023. Watch for confirmation, then join us. Meanwhile, here's something to do!

Bertha Hass is involved in a sewing project making reusable sanitary pads for secondary school girls. For lack of hygiene products, many Tanzanian girls stay home during their periods. That 4 or 5 days a month equals 20% of a school year! So Della, a friend who has provided the Tanzanian meal for Taste of Tanzania since 2014, has a goal of providing 1,000 pads for the 300 girls in the school from which she graduated. More schools have already requested assistance.

If you know anyone who would like to help, please encourage them to get in touch with Bertha. Know a high school senior who is looking for a Senior Project? Suggest this project. Bertha uses a sewing machine, but pads could also be sewn by hand. Bertha and Della have patterns and all the needed materials. There is a youtube "How to" video available to view, and patterns online. So far the only purchases are the impermeable layer and the snaps, which Della provides.

Endless opportunities to help others!



Bertha Haas, Psi Chapter/5  
503-758-1651

**Feel free to share Bertha's contact info with interested sewers.**

*DKG Purpose #7. To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues, so that they may participate effectively in a world society.*

**Not attending school because of menstrual period supplies certainly is an educational issue for impoverished girls-- and for their nations!**



Mental Health concerns . . .  
It's not just about students

# Mental Health & Educators: a Crisis

Friday, September 23, 2022

7:00–9:00 pm (Pacific Time)

A free workshop via Zoom

2.0 clock hours available

Participants must pre-register to receive Zoom link.  
Pre-register at: <https://wwwdkgwa.org> OR

Topics to include:  
Prevalence & the Crisis  
Nature of mental health concerns  
Strategies for self-care/ resources  
Legislative support & needs  
Actions to support educators



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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2022



### MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Dana Murphy, Oregon EEC Chair and US Forum Liaison

Members attending the US Forum Session in New Orleans (July 2022) elected Oregon's Immediate Past President, Darlene Cook, to chair the US Forum Steering Committee. They overwhelmingly adopted a resolution on recognizing mental health issues for educational staff and promoting support services. This resolution was brought forward by the Washington State Organization (WSO).

This is the directive in the first Resolved statement: "The U.S. Forum members (1) educate themselves on the issues and needs related to mental health for educational staff through study, workshops, and other avenues." Statistics and the full resolution can be found on the website: [www.dkgusforum.org](http://www.dkgusforum.org)

Well, things are now in motion, and we are all invited to attend the September 23 workshop "**Mental Health and Educators: A Crisis.**" The session is free of charge. The time is 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. PACIFIC time. The session will be recorded; however, they will only send the link to registered persons. So, if you plan to view it at a later time or on another date, register now for it!

Sponsored by DKG Washington State Organization, it is open to DKG members and friends. As a reminder, all DKG members residing in the United States are automatically members of the US Forum! This is a great opportunity for all. **Please share this information with your chapter members, other active educators, and social media contacts.**

Those interested in participating can either go to the web site or scan the QR code (see the poster on the previous page). Either will take you to the registration form.



*Sponsored by the Washington State Organization of DKG  
in conjunction with the US Forum Project.*



## FREE BOOKS FOR TEACHERS!

*Announcement from Beta Beta Chapter*

The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education is donating 1,000 copies of local Holocaust survivor Miriam Greenstein's memoir, *In the Shadow of Death* to educators across Oregon!

Miriam was 9 years old when World War II began. After surviving the Lodz Ghetto and Auschwitz-Birkenau, she was liberated from Bergen-Belsen at age 15. As the sole survivor of her family living in Europe, she connected with an uncle living in Portland, Oregon, and moved here in 1945.

Miriam's memoir and accompanying curriculum guide were developed by the Oregon Writer's Project. The guide deals with how history impacts our lives today and how we heal from traumatic, unjust events from the past. Drawing from these experiences enables us so that we can have more justice, equity, and fairness in the future. As students grapple with what justice meant to Miriam Greenstein and for other people harmed by the Holocaust, they will be asked to think about people, including themselves, who have experienced or are currently experiencing loss, xenophobia, racism, stereotyping, or other injustices today.

Educators may request one book, a class set or even a grade level set. OJMCHE educators are available to support teachers as they integrate the curriculum into their classrooms.

## COMING SOON: A LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR YOU

Watch for the October 15 *New Oregon Trail*. The Oregon State Organization Nominations Committee will be providing details about the officer and committee positions for 2023-2025, including job descriptions.

Consider stretching your leadership "muscles" to strengthen them in a new role at the state level. Talk to / email the person currently in that position to see what they have to say about it. Then tell your district coordinator and your chapter president that you'd like to be a candidate. Applications are due by December 15. Details coming next month!

# AN INVITATION TO ITALY!

*Announcement from Beta Beta Chapter/5*

You are invited to travel to beautiful and historic Italy with OEA-Retired and Collette Tours in May 2023. These trips welcome everyone over the age of 18, so get your family and friends involved and plan a trip. You'll visit Rome, Sorento-Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, Florence, Pisa, Venice, and Verona. On October 13, there will be an OEA-Retired Zoom meeting about this trip at 7:00 with Collette staff presenting.



This wonderful trip is yours for 13 days with 24 included meals, travel—including air, coaches, and boat rides—with guides, for a cost of \$5,799 double occupancy. A deposit of \$600 is due November 2, 2022, and the final payment is due March 9, 2023. OEA-Retired urges you to purchase travel insurance which protects you in the case of lost luggage, travel delay, and medical expenses. The additional cost of the insurance is \$399 and must be paid when you make the deposit.

**What to do if you are interested:** If you are interested, have questions, or wish to get the Zoom address for the program on October 12, **contact Nancy Lewis** at [nancyjolewis@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjolewis@gmail.com) or call (503) 352-4452. <https://italymap360.com/italy-cities-map>

## DKG, BETA BETA, AND BENEFITS

*Kim Brown, Beta Beta/5*

This morning, at the crack of dawn, Elaine Harris, Jo Ann Brinkman, and I set off on a mission:

1. To explore strange new worlds.
2. To seek out new life and new civilizations.
3. To boldly go where no man has gone before!<sup>1</sup>

- Our strange new world: The newly remodeled **Tigard High School**
- New life and civilization: **Educators who haven't heard of DKG and /or Beta Beta**
- To boldly go where we never thought we would again, the **TTSD District Benefits Fair!**

Today we greeted 100+ educators sharing information about DKG and Beta Beta. We visited with old friends, met new people, and overall had an outstanding time. Connections were made and possible inroads were created.

Our goal was one of goodwill, letting people know we are here to serve Tigard-Tualatin and Sherwood School Districts. We reminded them of what we do for their teachers, students, and the community. We helped to put a face to Beta Beta that has been masked up for the past few years. Several teachers, media specialists and administrators recognized Beta Beta and made a point to share their gratitude for the grants, awards, Oregon Battle of the Books, etc... that we (YOU) have provided over the years. Cheers to all of you Beta Beta members for donating your time and energy to fuel our chapter, to staff our committees and to serve our community.

We left feeling lifted, empowered, and knowing that Beta Beta and DKG make a difference in the lives of many. Unanimously, we agreed that this needs to be a yearly event and that next year we should include the Sherwood School District.

“A true measure of your worth includes all the benefits others have gained from your success.”<sup>2</sup>

1. From the *Star Trek* television series (1966, August). An evolving statement begun by Samuel Peeples, Gene Roddenberry, John D.F. Black, and Bob Justman. [Wikipedia]
2. Cullen Hightower [[https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/cullen\\_hightower\\_](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/cullen_hightower_)]

**MARKETING  
&  
PUBLIC  
RELATIONS**

**BETA BETA'S  
AUCTION ADVENTURE  
JAPANESE & ROSE  
GARDENS, PLUS THE  
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL  
TOUR**  
*Pam Kenyon, Beta Beta/5*

On August 22, Beta Beta members had the chance to visit the Japanese Garden, Portland Rose Garden, and the Holocaust Memorial at Washington Park in Portland. Offered and led



by Nancy Lewis (C), with Pam Kenyon (R) and Kim Brown (L) in attendance, we started our sunny adventure taking the bus to downtown and a connecting bus up to the Japanese Garden. Kim had checked out a pass for the Japanese Garden from her library, so she and Pam got in for free.



We strolled the beautiful garden, enjoying the serene sights of tea houses surrounded by verdant grounds, shady water gardens and fountains with Buddhist temples, rock gardens and bonsai gardens. We marveled at the castle-like 18.5 ft. stone wall, hand made with traditional tools in a 15<sup>th</sup> century style, with no mortar.

After our stroll, we headed down the hill to the incredible Rose Garden. The scent of roses on a warm afternoon and the sight of Mt. Hood in the distance filled our senses! Orderly rows of red, pink, yellow, and orange roses with wonderful fragrances made our walk to the next stop delightful.

The Holocaust Memorial is just north of the Rose Garden. We were met by our knowledgeable guide Evie Banko, (in pink top) who led us on a somber tour of the Memorial, explaining the significance of each item we encountered. Evie is a member of the group who tried for years to get this memorial built, and she is very proud of the finished work. From the bench in the front, she asked us what we noticed. We saw abandoned items, as if people were rushed from the cobblestone



streets of their European towns to the

train stations where they were taken to the killing camps across Europe.

Gut wrenching quotes were on the semi-circle wall of the Memorial, with a concise, yet excellently written text of the history of the Holocaust. Evie's family is listed, including all her family members who died in the camps.

We left knowing that even though the cruel, and hateful events of the Holocaust were hard to "see," we must bear witness to help prevent history from repeating itself again. This memorial does just that.

Many thanks to Nancy Lewis and Evie Banko for making this adventure an unforgettable one.



Have your chapter members been somewhere special this year? Is a trip for education, fun, or community action planned? Inquiring minds want to know!

## HELP UKRAINE AND ENJOY AN EVENING OUT

### BENEFIT CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

Lambda members Karen Olsen and Jeanette Engel are currently working with The Non-Stop Players for their next production, a benefit for Ukraine. The show will be presented **Oct.15 at Actors Cabaret in Eugene, starting at 7 p.m.**

The decision to offer this type of show came after their production of *Anastasia*, in which they incorporated some costume and prop materials that had been obtained from both Ukraine and Russia.



*The cast of Anastasia, performed in April by The Non-Stop Players, wear costumes, including items from Russia and Ukraine.*

As Karen explains the event, “The Non-Stop Players will be performing many of their favorite songs, and some dances, representing many different musicals from *Kiss Me Kate*, *Oklahoma*, *Into the Woods*, *You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Lion King*, *Hamilton*, and many others. There will be some serious songs that, metaphorically, remind us of events that have happened in Ukraine. However, most of the songs will be upbeat and entertaining - solos, duets, trios, and group numbers.

“It is a benefit concert, so seats can be reserved ahead of time, but there will be no tickets sold - it will be donation only.” All donations will be forwarded to World Central Kitchen, which has been providing aid to Ukrainians impacted by the devastation of the ongoing war. **Those wishing to reserve seats need to contact Karen Olsen to secure their seats:**

Cell: 541-232-3887 or Email: [mk1215olsen@yahoo.com](mailto:mk1215olsen@yahoo.com)

In addition to wanting to help Ukraine, the performers hope to further introduce themselves to the community as they consider future shows. They plan to perform *Grease* as their spring musical.

Upon her retirement this year, Karen obtained non-profit status for The Non-Stop Players, so they are now a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations to them are tax deductible.

## ALPHA PHI MEMBER TO SPEAK

### Something good is happening at North Clackamas

Tracy Fisher, a teacher at Alder Creek Middle School and a member of Alpha Phi Chapter is presenting in Los Angeles! “North Clackamas School District is constructing a more equitable mathematics pathway for all learners. Two teachers and one district coach will share our ongoing journey as we’ve moved from a grassroots movement at one school to a district-wide initiative to change mindsets, teaching practices, and district structures, while highlighting our successes and struggles.” *(Program blurb)*

Earlier this year, teachers from the district applied to be presenters at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Los Angeles, CA, on September 29, 2022—and were chosen to do so! Their conference strand is labeled: *Create Equitable and Anti-Racist Structures in Schools and Systems.*

Special thanks to our faithful and eagle-eyed proofreader!

Christine Luehring, Lambda/3

## CHAPTER CHATTER



### District 1

**Zeta (Union County):** As DKG enters a new biennium, we are reminded of how COVID affected the officers' work and the adaptations they had to make. This led us in a new direction, down a new road. Questions that Zeta needs to answer are (1) what is revitalization in DKG? and (2) what will it mean in Zeta Chapter? (3) what projects and programs will be focused on during the next two years? (4) where is that road going to take us as a Chapter? Zeta is excited to find out.

Our road continues to support family activities. Once again this summer, Zeta held a family picnic (photo below), hosted by Dale and Charlene Counsell. They have a beautiful yard with huge trees, with a creek running through it. Most people attending were older, so this led to lots of reminiscing. It was a beautiful day that was enjoyed by all of those attending.



### District 2

**Alpha (Klamath Co.):** Alpha Chapter Is Excited! Our member participation and plans for this DKG year are exciting, encouraging, and interesting. Katrina Meyers will be taking over the newsletter and Face-

book. Heather Crowder has stepped up to take over our Website. Also, Joanne Skinner has volunteered to manage our phone tree. Thank you ladies.

As for interesting events, we will hold meetings one month and a socializing activity the next. Speakers and topics Our first meeting will feature Jen Cole and Stacy Johnson speaking on the Mentor program in the Klamath Basin. With 40+ new teachers, mentoring is a big operation. We've asked them to share ideas to share about how we can support these new teachers. We will be bird watching and will review Social Emotional Learning.

The exciting activities that we have planned include: a garage sale fundraiser his month at Joanne Skinner's home, Members are invited to bring donations. October Teacher and Kid Treats, December Christmas Brunch Bunch-- with entertainment, February Bunco and Soup Bar, and finally to end the year, a June Picnic Celebration. And, of course, an October OSO Conference and an April OSO Convention.

Alpha members are excited about the possibilities for our chapter to grow in 2022-23.

### District 3

**Kappa (Corvallis & area):** Kappa is our "hostess" for the Fall Conference. Be sure to tell them "Thank You!" for all their work.

**Lambda (Lane Co.):** Co-president Dr. Karren Timmermans was installed at our Aug. 27 meeting. She missed the original ceremony, as she was presenting at a conference. She and her co-president, Dr. Yvonne Fasold, led the day's program of the benefits and supports of DKG.

**New Co-President Karren Timmermans with outgoing President Ing.**



**Ruth Michaelson** (right --above) with **President Priscilla Ing**, was reinstated at that same meeting. She had resigned a few years ago due to family issues but decided to rejoin us this year. She and her husband sold their home and moved into The Springs retirement community in March. As Ruth was reinstated, all members present took part in a recommitment ceremony to show their support for her and for the Society.

The first Lambda-sponsored Bunco event will take place Sept. 25, with proceeds to be used for chapter scholarships. It is open to families, friends, and others, as well as to members. It will be at Camelot Village in Eugene from 2-4 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per person.

Karen Olsen is directing *Sound of Music* at The Shedd for their December holiday schedule. This is in addition to the work she continues to do with The Non-Stop Players. ([See separate story, p. 14](#)). She is also hosting a Chinese doctoral candidate for the second year.

**Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon):** Sigma chapter met in Redmond on August 22, and all but one member attended. We talked about what we did over the summer. We revised our brochure and are waiting for Superintendent approval to put a note in all female teacher's mailboxes telling about Delta Kappa Gamma.

## District 4

### Alpha Omicron (St. Helens):

Alpha Omicron Chapter is ready to start the 2022-25 Biennium with the new officers:



*L to R: President – Sandy Watts, Recording Secretary – Linda DiPietro, Vice President – Betsy Penziol, Corresponding Secretary – Barb Shriver, Treasurer - Nancy Lessard. (no photo)*

## District 5

**Alpha Epsilon (Salem Area & Polk Co.):** After an epic summer of work for literacy and membership, Alpha Epsilon enjoyed hearing that registrations for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library are continuing, with an August 31 total of 304 kids. Our first meeting was September 15--a wedding shower for Emily Tarbell, our youngest and newly married member! In October, we're inviting the women who expressed interest at Western Oregon University.

**Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):** Psi members are looking forward to the October 8 conference in Jefferson. So far, over 50%

of members plan to attend and participate in the revitalization meetings.

This fall we plan to attend an invitation from the homeless youth at Homeplate in Beaverton to tour their newly renovated headquarters. Psi is proud to have supported Homeplate youth with meals, Christmas essentials from clothing to toys, and bus tickets to show support in the community. In November we will host a guest speaker from the Villages to share how their volunteer non profit helps elderly to extend their time living in their homes. For a monthly fee. Volunteers will drive elderly to their appointments , help them get groceries or even take their pet to the doctor.

(See Psi article, page 9)

**Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):** (See BB articles, pages 5, 11, 12, 13)

## District 6

**Chi (Clackamas):** What a wonderful August night Chi Chapter had as



*Chi's Picnic Vista*

we sat on the deck of Sue Craig's home overlooking the Willamette River and celebrated our opening fall picnic. Ten members and two guests were present, and our table was laden with good foods. Members played Blank Slate, chatted about summer vacations, admired the flower beds, and finally settled down to a short business meeting. As the sun went down and the river noises began to subside, a

cautious black and white kitty made an appearance. It only took a minute for Kitty to realize that this party was about over, and it was time for all to say, "Good night!"

**Alpha Phi (Multnomah Co.):** At our August meeting, enthusiasm, cheerfulness, high spirits, and joy were evident among all who attended! The setting was beautiful Willamette Park in West Linn where tall firs graced the sky and where the Tualatin River flows into the Willamette. What a lovely background for our meeting! After eating our sack lunches and reconnecting after a 2-year absence of in-person meetings, President Alice led our business meeting that reflected much preparation on her part.

The membership committee planned a program of "pairing-up" and asking each other questions that had been provided. Afterwards, we came together to share some of the member responses which both enlightened and surprised us! As the sun was setting, we were all feeling grateful for this long-awaited special time together.

(See Alpha Phi articles, pages 9, 14)

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### Brenda's Journeys

2022		
9/19	OSO Expansion Meeting	Zoom
9/26	Conference Steering Comm.	7:30 p.m. Zoom
10/8	Fall Conference 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. 1328 North 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Jefferson
10/12	Convention Steering Committee	6 p.m. Zoom
10/18	ARF meeting	Zoom
10/19	Zeta Chapter Meeting	
10/20	Beta Gamma Chapter's Octoberfest	
2023		
1/14	President-to-President	9 a.m.-11 a.m. Zoom
1/30-2/10	Brenda is “chillin’” on a cruise to Mexico!	Onboard
3/18	President-to-President	9 a.m.-11 a.m. Zoom
4/28-30	Spring Convention 201 Osprey Ln.	Independence