

# 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 CONFERENCE 2022



Photos by Carl Hacke. Check out others at [dkgoregon.com](http://dkgoregon.com).



1. Conference Attendees
2. Discussing Post-Its from Revitalization Groups
3. Lambda Ladies

4. Some of the Beta Beta ladies, including (center in red) our presenter, Kim Brown, Co-Pres.
5. Socializing during a break

## VOTE!

**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.*

According to *AARP Bulletin*, October 2022, p. 42, this is a significant vote because "... we'll be choosing 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 34 U.S. Senators, 36 governors, and more than 6,000 state legislators. . . the outcome of this election will determine control of Congress until the 2024 election." Vote your choice!

More information and resources are inside, provided by your Legislative Chair, Kate Kelleher.



### For your 2023 calendar:

1. Jan. 14 President-to Pres.
2. Jan. 15 Trail deadline:
3. Feb. 25: Convention Trail
4. Mar. 18 President to Pres
5. **April 28 - 30** Spring Convention 2023 at the Independence Hotel

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



Welcome to the beautiful fall colors and cooler weather!

On October 8<sup>th</sup> we had a successful fall conference. We had a great turnout, and we were able to get together with our sisters and catch up with our lives. The venue was excellent, and I thank Kaye Jones and Kappa for the delicious luncheon and goodies. Kim Brown (Beta Beta) presented an excellent leadership program. We have very talented sisters within our chapters. I would like to encourage other members of OSO to share information they feel important and enhance our membership knowledge and lives. You could present at a future conference, a training, a President-to-President meetings, or a convention. Please contact me, Bonita Fillmore, or Dana Murphy and we can schedule you. It's great to learn from our own members.

During the fall conference, we shared results from the revitalization survey. I was impressed with participation: over 30% responded. Most chapters and some state members responded. At conference, members divided into four groups (communication, relevancy, leadership, and membership), discussed the survey results, and shared their ideas to improve these areas. Revitalization is member-driven and ongoing throughout the year. Please keep the discussion alive within your chapter meetings.

The following is the information that was shared in the large group:

**Question: How will you be involved in your chapter?**

- Create mentorships for incoming officers
- Rotate within the committees those who give reports at meetings and/or newsletters
- Delegate jobs within the committees (President or chairperson not having do everything)
- Give incentives for members attending state and/or International conventions/conferences

**Question: What is holding you back from being more involved at chapter, state, or International level?**

1. 42.2% Family obligations
2. 20% Workload
3. 23.3% Health Issues
4. 1% Never asked
5. Busy and active in other organizations
6. Aging brings health issues
7. I've done it all and it's time to sit back.
8. Be more specific about committees' responsibilities and time commitments
9. I choose to devote energy to local chapter activities and not state or International

**Question: What would encourage you to be more involved?**

- 45.7% Ask
- 14.3% Mentorship
- 12.9% Be encouraged
- Been there done that, tired; need others to step up

**Suggestions:**

- Co-Officers
- Streamline positions
- Mentoring

**Question: If you could change one thing about your chapter and how it operates, what would it be?**

1. Social: time to adjust to group needs: fun activities, such as book group, and interactions between meetings
2. School to Chapter connections: guests, new teachers, speakers
3. Communication: relevant use of technologies, phone tree, website, personal invite
4. Mentoring: in organization committees, executive board, new teachers
5. Stable and inclusive leadership

**QUESTION: What are the areas where YOU could contribute to Oregon and to your chapter?**

**Volunteer to be a leader today!**

**Opportunities follow.**

**Check them out!**

**Choose one to join this year!**





# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES OPENINGS

A great opportunity to develop and use your leadership skills!

Elections for the State Officers, three (3) Nomination Committee members, and three (3) Finance committee members will take place at our 2023 state convention. **You can take an active leadership role and represent your chapter at the state level.**

1. Nominations are now being accepted for the offices State President, State Vice President, and State Secretary.
2. Nominations are also being accepted from Districts 4, 5, and 6 for both Nominations Committee and Finance Committee.

Interested? Email, call, or talk to Debbie Wells, Nominations Chairman. The nomination form link to fill in can be emailed to you or see the link below to print a form.

[https://www.dkgoregon.com/uploads/8/4/3/3/84337872/state\\_nomination\\_for\\_office\\_form\\_2021.pdf](https://www.dkgoregon.com/uploads/8/4/3/3/84337872/state_nomination_for_office_form_2021.pdf)

Debbie Wells Nomination Chair  
503-913-1349  
[wdjwells@aol.com](mailto:wdjwells@aol.com)

## **BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS AND ELECTED COMMITTEES**

### STATE OFFICERS

#### **President shall:**

1. Recommend to the Executive Board a treasurer and an administrative secretary. Appoint a parliamentarian, editor of *The New Oregon Trail*, all standing committees, special committees and special personnel, District Coordinators.
2. May recommend to the Executive Board a local Convention/Conference Coordinator.
3. Serve as an ex-officio of all committees except Nominations.
4. Name an official representative for meetings if the president is unable to attend.
5. Be responsible for leadership development throughout the state.
6. Serve as chair of the Executive Committee.
7. Appoint three members of the Executive Board to review and recommend for approval the minutes of State Executive Board meetings.
8. Be responsible with the Membership Committee for orientation and initiation of honorary members.
9. Consult with the Expansion Committee and/or sponsoring chapters regarding new chapters and the candidates for membership in these chapters.
10. Secure the incoming state president's pin for presentation at the state convention.

#### **Vice President shall:**

1. Serve as general coordinator for all state conferences/conventions, district and/or combined district workshops and retreats.
2. Perform those duties assigned by the president and/or the Executive Board.
3. Serve as presiding officer in the absence of the president.

#### **Secretary shall:**

1. Be responsible for minutes of Oregon State Organization.
2. Prepare an Executive Board roster and present a quorum report of Board meetings.
3. Maintain a file of correspondence, reports, and minutes from the previous and current biennium.
4. Perform those duties assigned by the president and/or the Executive Board.



# STANDING COMMITTEES

Requested from Districts 4, 5, and 6 for terms in 2023

## General Description of Committees

The Finance and Nominations Committees shall consist of one member from each district elected for a term of two biennium. Nominations for members of the Finance and Nominations Committees shall be received from the districts by the district coordinators and submitted to the Nominations Committee by December 15 of even numbered years.

Election of members to the Finance and Nominations Committees shall be by ballot by members of the Executive Board from the districts of the candidate. Election shall be by a majority of the ballots cast.

A member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms on the same committee.

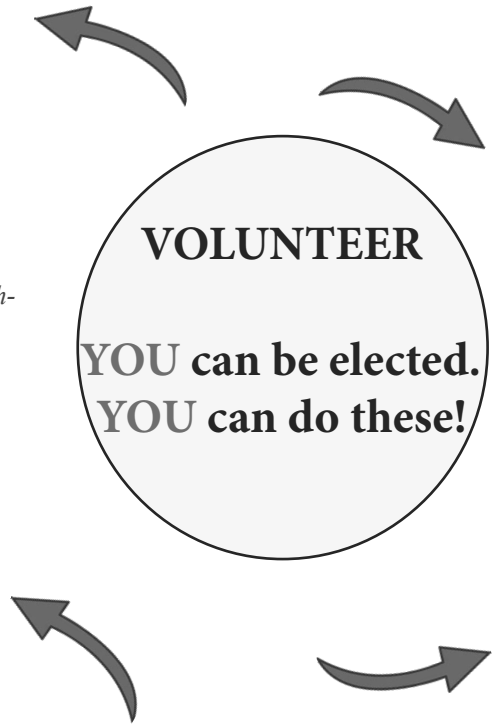
*Comment: Committee meetings are generally held prior to major conferences and conventions, by Zoom or in person, and at state conferences and conventions in person.*

**Nominations Committee shall:**  
Be responsible for seeking qualified candidates for state offices and elective positions, preparing recommendation forms, providing information for *The New Oregon Trail*, preparing the ballots, conducting elections, and installing officers.

*Comment: Continuing members from other districts are present on the committee to train and share information with new members.*

**Finance Committee shall:**  
Be responsible for supervision of the financial affairs of the state including recommendations for the expenditure and investment of funds, preparation of an annual budget for adoption by the Executive Board, and arranging for an annual financial review.

*Comment: Continuing members from other districts are present on the committee to train and share information with new members. The state treasurer is present to guide and assist as needed.*



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## THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA U.S. FORUM PROUDLY ANNOUNCES A VIRTUAL SESSION

### COPING WITH HOLIDAY BLUES

**DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022**

Time: 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time, **4:30 p.m. Pacific Time**, 6:30 p.m. Central Time, 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Dr. Ellen Williams will be our featured speaker. She has presented to many groups about holidays and anxiety and depression. Dr. Williams earned her doctorate in Psychology from University of Florida, practiced clinical psychology, served as a psychologist in the prison system, had her own practice and, after 50 years of practicing, she has retired. Dr. Williams continues to assist past patients and runs meditation groups. Dr. Williams served as President of the Arizona Psychologist Association, has been active in the Red Cross during crisis situations, and taught psychology in the community college. Join in!

To Register click on the link: <https://forms.gle/gZGhQ7vb8vdne5y36>

**QUESTION: What are the areas where YOU could contribute to Oregon and to your chapter?**

**ANSWER: You have many options besides just the elected offices and elected committees.** Some are appointed positions waiting for you to say that you have the skills to do the work, but the majority are just waiting for you to raise your hand.

## OREGON LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

**Helping make the Oregon State Organization run smoothly.**

### **DISTRICT COORDINATORS:**

Support chapters in their districts and function as liaisons between chapters and state president. They serve on the state convention committee.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** An expert in parliamentary procedure who sits next to the presiding officer during meetings. The parliamentarian speaks to the assembly only when requested and may provide explanations or advice, but not rulings, which are always made by the presiding officer. Training is available at International events.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Performs basic clerical, organizational and office responsibilities. Attends and serves as registrar for state events.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** Reviews STATE by-laws to determine accuracy and alignment with International.

**Recognizing members and those in our community who stand out for their educational work and interests.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE:**

This committee shall promote interest in and support for the scholarships. They shall review scholarship applications for accuracy and submit to appropriate level.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** Receives and reviews nominations for the various state awards and determines who will be receiving them.

**Strengthening Oregon educators and education with information and training.**

### **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE:**

This committee shall promote programs and projects for excellence in education. The committee shall identify long-term and short-term programs and projects that focus upon topics adopted by the Society. The committee shall support programs of action that promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators; encourage a focus on the arts at state and international conventions and conferences. Committed to developing strategies that will enable chapters to encourage their members to become leaders, Education Excellence includes sub-committees with a strong focus:

- **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS & WORLD FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:** The World Fellowship committee shall grant world fellowships, when sufficient funds are available, to women educators who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and who live in countries other than the United States of America and Canada.
- **US FORUM / NGO / U.N. LIAISON COMMITTEE,** which supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators. DKG provides U.S. members with relevant information on pending issues and legislator contact numbers to enable more effective

advocacy.

- **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Works with US Forum to monitor educational issues within the national and state legislatures. Alerts members to upcoming relevant legislative topics.
- **LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Works closely with the Educational Excellence Committee to plan leadership development activity for at least one meeting per year.

**Supporting the work that DKG goes and providing accompaniment for ceremonies and events.**

**MUSIC COMMITTEE:** Facilitate and implement music at state events; e.g., Alpha Rhoes choir and accompaniment for ceremonies or prior to events while members gather.

**Note:** If you like the games that entertained us on Friday evening at the last convention, you could add a new group to be in charge of arranging that activity.

**Keeping every member “in the know” and “in the loop” through communications: printed, digital or electronic, and on various social media platforms that attract educators and other professionals.**

**COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** The purpose of this committee is to provide the linkage of member to member, Chapter to State, and State to International and to encourage communication

with constituents. Recommendations concerning publicity and printed publications shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. Communications/Technology committee is responsible for updating the website, linking it to State and International websites, and sending in quarterly reports for the state newsletter. The editor of The New Oregon Trail and the Webmaster both serve on this committee.

- **WEBMASTER :** Responsible for maintaining the Oregon State Organization website, making sure that it contains the information relevant to the needs of the times, and ensuring that the website is user-friendly and working properly.
- **EDITOR:** Responsible for the clarity and accuracy of content that is published or broadcast. Publish the New Oregon Trail newsletter and disburse to members four or more times a year. As needed, prepare, and edit state brochures or other documents.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR:** This is a fresh focus for 2022-2023 which would improve our members' opportunities to contact younger professionals. Possible work could include: Provides information and training on use of and benefits of various social media platforms to better connect with the educators and trainers in this century! Examples might include Linked In, Instagram, Pinterest, Facebook Groups, Google Groups, and many more, including those linked to International Office, such as DKG blogs, the DKG app, and DKG groups.

**100  
YEARS YOUNG  
THIS OCTOBER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
HELEN!**

### **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Helen Benscheidt, Beta Beta!**



What do centenarians have in common? Positivity, a strong work ethic, close bonds with family, and ties to the countryside. That list of attributes describes Dr. Helen Benscheidt. On October 26, she will be 100 years young.

Although she faced adversity, she gets on with life. As a young, widowed, single mother, Helen went back to school to earn a teaching certificate, and she kept going until she earned a Doctorate in Education at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. If she sees a need, she fills it. Her niece was the impetus behind her 1969 founding of the Marie Mills Center in Tillamook, a non-profit that serves needs of the developmentally and intellectually disabled.

Helen was in Germany with her husband in 1947, immediately after World War II. One of her sons was born in Munich. When Helen remarried, she

added another son to her already existing three. Her greatest satisfaction, she says, in a life filled with accomplishments and benchmarks, is pride in the way her sons turned out. They are successful, happy, and have created their own wonderful families. Helen has ten grandchildren and several great-grandchildren – with another one on the way.

Helen Benscheidt is a Royal Rosarian, a Delta Kappa Gamma member, an Assistance League member. . . Helen is a joiner and a worker. She loves to garden, play bridge, and in the recent past, golf. In fact, she misses golf more than she misses driving. A golf cart is still parked in her garage, taking up valuable real estate, but it provides a reminder of the allure of the golf course and the beautiful outdoors.

Born in east Portland, Helen grew up in various lumber camps which her father owned and, being Helen, she learned to manage one camp. She attended Jewell High School, the University of Oregon, and claims Tillamook is her 'home town.'

A conversation with Helen is a fascinating walk down memory lane. What she has crammed into 100 years is a novel waiting to be written. "How did you learn to play golf, Helen?" "Two fellows at the Tillamook Naval Air Station taught me," she replied, and smiled. You can fit a lot of memories into 100 years!

## FALL CONFERENCE

**October 8, 2022**

*Marie Mueller*

Written for Alpha Epsilon Chapter.

Shared on request

from Kate Kelleher

Held in nearby Jefferson, the fall conference was a great deal of fun and had opportunities to learn, share, and participate. We counted heads several times and settled on 44 in attendance.

Alpha Epsilon was well represented with Kathy Martell, Dr. Cindy Ryan, Lark Abrahamson, and Marie Mueller in attendance.

Because our bookseller and her family all came down with COVID, that activity was moved to an online Christmas gift option. Kathy will see that contact information for the bookseller is distributed widely throughout Oregon. Please share with your family and friends, too, when you receive it. Not only will you get top-notch books, but they represent the diversity of our culture and language preferences. In addition, 20% of the purchase price will go to the Alpha Rho Foundation to further support education.

Our hostesses from Kappa Chapter joined right in, not only providing a great brunch and a delicious lunch, but also participating in the various sessions. Thanks, Ladies!

Not all chapters were able to send someone, but most areas of the state were represented. We all had fun--getting acquainted with new friends and greeting old pals. Kim Brown from Beta Beta skillfully led us to recognize the benefits of being part of the state or even international workforces. We were reminded that now is the time to volunteer or to recommend folks to become our new officers and committee chairs.

Four committees took a fresh look at

the Revitalization groups: Relevancy, Leadership, Membership, and Communications. You'll be hearing more about that as the year progresses.

President Brenda Jensen would welcome your help on the Spring Convention Steering Committee for the April 28-30, 2023, event. Sign up! It's close to us in Independence.

## Due Dates

### OREGON STATE ORG.

#### December 1

Scholarship Applications Due

#### December 15

Nominations for Offices & Committees Due

#### March 1

Scholarship Applications Due

#### March 15, 2023

- Service Awards Due
- Order of the Rose Due
- Rosette Awards Due

#### April 28-30

### OREGON SPRING CONVENTION

Independence Hotel

201 Osprey Lane, Independence

## INTERNATIONAL

#### November 1, 2022

- Chapter Treasurers: File Form 990N with IRS before today.
- Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award Apps. Due
- Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award Apps Due

#### February 1, 2023

International Scholarship Apps Due

*Thank you!*

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

**Donna Rhinevault, Beta Beta's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, received a \$2000 Personal Enrichment Commemorative Scholarship in December 2021 for a trip to France in May 2022.**

Dear OSO,

Viewing the Paris landscape from the Sacre Coeur, walking the cobbled streets of an 12<sup>th</sup> century hill town, seeing a fabulous digital art and music show in a huge ancient quarry, mingling with black bulls and white stallions on the Camargue Plains, cruising for a week down the Rhine River past ancient towns ending in Nice on the Cote d'Azure--all were possible because of our organization and the Beta Beta-sanctioned tour.

Thank you for your generous contribution to this fabulous trip in May 2022. I am enriched, changed, and so appreciative about our world. This scholarship provided to me the increased ability to appreciate both the diversities and similarities of another country and continent. In addition, my genealogical research has historically connected me to France and other northern European countries as a place of my ancestors.

Thank you for support for my wonderful travel opportunity by presenting me with this Personal Enrichment Grant. I hope many more members will apply for future grants as well.

Traveling Smiles,

***Donna Rhinevault***



## ANOTHER WHITE ROSE . . . FORMER OSO PRESIDENT PASSES



**Nancy Ann Garrett**  
**(July 11, 1929 – September 17, 2022)**

Ms. Garrett was born in Libby, Montana, grew up in Eastern Oregon, and graduated from Marylhurst College in Lake Oswego. For 50 years, she lived and taught mathematics and PE in at Vale High School and Baker Junior and Senior High Schools, only moving in 2007 to join her sister in Beaverton, then in Eugene.

Nancy Garrett served as Alpha Rho State (OSO) president from 1981-1983. She was then elected to serve DKG International as Northwest Regional Director. Nancy could always be found helping others, as she tutored students, mentored adult leaders and served as a senior advocate in rest homes and rehabilitation centers. Nancy loved to ask questions in order to have answers, but one of her great skills was remembering peoples' names and faces and greeting everyone around her by name and with a genuine smile.

Nancy was passionate about education as a member of the Baker Education Association and of /zeta /chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Nancy is remembered with fondness and appreciation by her DKG sisters.

## THE FUTURE IS HERE

*Dr. Wendy Hacke,  
Modern Classroom Project Participant*

The future of education has arrived, and I am excited to be on the ground floor of an innovative approach to meeting every students' needs. For nearly four decades, I have been working in the field of education and the one elusive answer I could never completely find has been answered. Renowned researchers like Carol Tomlinson and Howard Gardner reported that students' learning outcomes significantly improved when teachers use differentiated content that responds to a student's learning preferences.

Until now, what has not been readily apparent is how to effectively manage a classroom with significant numbers of learning preferences and one teacher. The Modern Classroom Project, which is a research-backed instructional model, responds to every student's needs by providing blended, self-paced, mastery-based units that meet grade level standards.

As a special educator, I know the value of differentiated instruction, so when my district offered me the opportunity to participate in The Modern Classroom Project, I researched: (1) What I found was that the project offers a free online course that prepares educators to provide instruction that fosters human connection, authentic learning, and social-emotional growth for all students!

(2) They also pair teachers with an expert mentor who teaches your content and uses the Modern Classroom model every day. The mentor provides one-on-one coaching and research-backed feedback throughout the program, which allows participants to ask questions of their mentor whenever they need support/info.

If you are tired of administrators asking how you differentiate instruction to meet student needs and if you are coming up short of words when you try to answer, check out the Modern Classroom Project at <https://www.modernclassrooms.org/>



## ARE YOU WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS?

If you are inducting new members or reinstating returning members, take a few minutes to review the current membership materials. Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) Sign in, then click on **Resources**, then **Ceremonies**.

- Under Ceremonies, check out the “Chapter Induction Ceremony.”
- Under Chapter Tools, you will find a “New Member Kit” to share.
- Under Chapter Tools, you’ll also find information labeled “Keeping New Members Engaged.” Good ideas!
- If your new members are also new teachers, scroll down until you find “Helping New Teachers.” It goes along with the Supporting Early-career Educators project goals too.

Try a new tab: Under **Resources**, **click on**

- **“Presentation Materials: Videos, PowerPoints, and Templates.”** Among the wealth of resources on that tab,
- Review the video on **“Membership Training”** and
- Check out the PowerPoint labeled **“Pride in the Big Picture: Orientation”**
- **There’s more. Explore!**



## BETA BETA FALL AUCTION

Fall Auction Committee

Register at <http://evite.me/yg8vBAYwBw>

going going  
ONCE! TWICE!

Monday, November 14 from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: RISE CHURCH at 10445 SW Canterbury Lane in Tigard

YOU—all DKG OSO members—are invited to the annual fall auction. This year's auction will be slightly different from last year's as we're holding a silent auction on-line the week before our in-person oral auction. The start/end date of the silent auction is yet to be determined. The in-person oral auction is November 14 at Rise Church in Tigard, OR. You can register for the auction on our e-vite at: <http://evite.me/yg8vBAYwBw>

Please invite your family and friends to join both the silent and oral auctions. Items in the oral auction include group events as well as higher-ticketed items with values over \$50. We are providing room for distancing and a somewhat shorter event. If you cannot attend, don't worry. We are working on a virtual way to reach everyone with the Zoom camera facing the auctioneer and items up for bid. Those at home (or your representative) would be on the phone while bidding takes place, just like the "high rollers" do at Sotheby's auctions.



Top: Cari Hinesly, Omega Treasurer



## CHAPTER CHATTER



### District 1

**Zeta (Union County):** Zeta reports that long-time DKG member Karen Spencer has a terminal disease and has chosen hospice over extreme treatment. She's still feeling fairly well and enjoys cards or notes from friends:

Karen Spencer  
2895 17<sup>th</sup> Street, #134  
Baker City, OR 97814

### District 2

**Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.):** Omega Chapter's "Meet and Greet" was Wednesday, September



14, at 4:30 p.m. in the home of Pam Boston. We enjoyed social time with potential members, followed by a meeting where we approved the 2022-23 budget.



Potential new members include Katie Rico, Karreen Ghena, and Shauna Bland. Allyson Kelly is also interested, but she was unable to attend.

Congratulations to Shauna for winning the drawing for a \$40 Amazon gift card.



### District 3

**Lambda (Lane Co.):** Lambda was represented at the OSO fall conference in Jefferson by Priscilla Ing, Chris Luehring, and Mary Jo Huisman. They were pleased to reconnect with many members from around the state and to participate in a strong leadership program.

Six members met Oct. 2 to discuss *Crying in H Mart*, which we read during the summer. Several others read the book but were unable to attend this event. We decided to donate the eight copies we have to the Eugene Library where sets of books can be checked out.

Our Oct. 27 meeting will feature a Zoom presentation by Nancy Schaal-McHarry on the research she has done regarding using data for decision making. Nancy is a K-5 English Language Development Specialist for District 4J in Eugene.

There will be no meeting in November, but we will have a social gathering on Dec. 10 to celebrate the holidays. This may be a hybrid meeting, to allow those unable to attend in person to still participate. The in-person part will be at Camelot Village recreation room. This is where Yvonne Fasold and her husband, Dennis, moved during the summer.

### District 4

**Alpha Omicron (St. Helens):** Alpha Omicron donated large trays of treats to staff rooms in each of the seven schools in St. Helens School District. The serving trays were filled with baked goods, granola bars and candy. DKG trifolds and Chapter information cards were included with each tray. We have already had a response from an educator wanting more information about DKG. She has been invited to our next meeting; we are looking forward to meeting her – possibly a new member for our chapter!

### District 5

**Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.):** On November 1, chapter members are off to visit with Salem for Refugees where their school enrollment coordinator and volunteer coordinator will provide us with a tour, describe what the group does for refugees, share ways we can help—and then we're off for dinner at Better Than Mama's restaurant.

Four members—Dr. Cindy Ryan, Kathy Martell, Lark Abrahamson, and Marie Mueller attended the Oct. 8 Fall Conference. We enjoyed it.



**Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):** It was great to gather after COVID cancelled our

wonderful beach meeting at Roberta Hutton's and our Homeplate Tour had to be rescheduled. Psi was well represented by eight members at Fall Conference, October 8, in Jefferson. The information on finding margins of free time and scheduling priorities was indeed useful. Revitalization of chapters will be revisited as we plan events this coming year. Thanks to all for an awesome meeting, a new digital calendar, and a fabulous lunch.

Psi members regrouped on Zoom on October 11, where Kathryn Warrior and Erin Sands volunteered as parliamentarians to keep us on track. We shared calendar links on Psi and State, and our "tech angel," Janet Schultz, volunteered to send our chapter calendar to members. We recapped the conference and discussed writing articles for the state as well as joining Instagram to reach young, active teachers. Next, we must get our other tech pro Erin Sands to teach us how to use them and to post our calendar!

\*Look for us after our **Homeplate Tour**, November 19 at 10 a.m. with a short meeting and a lunch to socialize! Thanks to all for the great input to maximize attendance and invite potential members.

Psi would also like to thank Beta Beta for the invitation to attend their Zoom meeting with a guest speaker on Early Childhood Development. Legislation needs to put more money up front into our elementary schools, and this is a campaign where we can join forces with active teachers to show value in DKG. We are shifting our meeting with The

Villages Without Walls, a nonprofit 501(c) that aids the elderly to stay in their homes with volunteer help. This will allow time to extend invitations to other chapters and potential new members. Dr. Kelly McIntyre and Roberta Hutton are hosting a **breakfast at Zion Lutheran Church on January 21** at 10 a.m. (**Tentative!** To be confirmed and posted on the state calendar!) RSVP required.

Once again, Bertha Haas delivered Spanish/ English dictionaries to Echo Shaw Elementary. The Taste of Tanzania at will be held at Grace Church in Beaverton on March 4 . Psi will be helping with the raffle of African goods. We will post an invitation on the state calendar as soon as the time is confirmed. All are welcome to attend and support the Humira School for Children with Disabilities. Thank you, Bertha, for your devotion to kids here and abroad.

\*Our **Christmas Brunch** is December 10 at 9:30 a.m., at Freda Boyles' home in Forest Grove. State officers are always welcome. Come to help us stuff gift stockings for Homeplate and enjoy the fabulous dishes.

**Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/ Sherwood):** During September, our members stepped into fall with a daytrip to Champoeg campgrounds, our book group met to discuss *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan, and Our Ladies With Duty-Free Lunch enjoyed an outing to Hunan Pearl in Lake Oswego. Our Literacy Committee delivered 342 dictionaries and bookmarks to elementary schools in the Sherwood School Dst.

Our Educational Excellence committee planned the program for our October meeting which featured guest speaker, Karen Twain, Program Director for The Children's Institute. Karen spoke to the importance of early childhood education, tying in developments in human brain development, the parent connection, and project-based learning. We plan to soon post a video of Karen's presentation on our YouTube account at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-vKh8DjtyrDpTmaLE10KA>.



### District 6

**Chi (Clackamas):** Chi Chapter held its first fall meeting at the home of Jean Fairbairn where everyone enjoyed a light dinner on the patio. President Liz Simmons, with the help of June Sprauer, designed a "Recognition of Our Members" presentation to all members who are celebrating a 5-year increment of service to DKG.



**Receiving a certificate, a service pin, and a red chocolate rose were:**

- Jo Lane, 5 years
- Emma Hartman & Taffy Carlisle, 15 years
- Sue Craig, 25 years

- Pat Howard, June Sprauer, & Liz Simmons, 35 years
- Norma Barney, 40 years
- Delores O'Connell, 50 years

It was a memorable celebration for all Chi Chapter members.

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**Brenda's Journeys**

**2022**

10/12	Spring Convention Steering Committee	6 p.m. Zoom
10/18	ARF Meeting	Zoom
10/19	Zeta 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