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Dear Oregon DKG Sisters and Friends

Attached is a pdf of the latest issue of The New Oregon Trail, as it was scheduled to be released this week. Thank you to editor Marie Mueller and to the chapters and members who submitted articles. A special thank you to the Conference Steering Committee chaired by State Vice President Brenda Jensen and local Chair Sandy Bartnik. The committee and members of Beta Beta are to be commended for their hard work in planning an informative, fun-filled conference for you to enjoy.

In response to the Corona virus pandemic and in keeping with recommendations set forth by the CDC, our Oregon State Executive Committee has voted to cancel our state conference scheduled for April 24-26 at the Oregon Garden Resort.

Due to the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 outbreak and uncertainty about when guidelines for social distancing will be lifted, plans are on hold as to rescheduling state events at this time.

Stay safe and healthy during these challenging times.

Darlene Cook

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2020 Spring Conference Updates April 24 - 26, 2020 -- DKG: Oregon State Organization

CONFERENCE V. COVID-19 VIRUS

Q: Will the 2020 DKG Oregon Spring Conference be cancelled?

A: CONFERENCE CANCELLED

SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE REMINDERS

1. Early Bird Registration ends April 4.
2. Remember to bring baskets and auction items.
3. All money raised at the luncheon and the photo booth will go to the International Emergency Fund and is tax deductible.
4. As of March 6, rooms were still available. If you haven't reserved your room, you should right away.
5. DKG merchandise will be for sale at the Unique Boutique.
6. You still have time to register for a Friday afternoon tour.
7. Come join us on Friday evening for games, fun, and fellowship.
8. There are nine workshops and twelve 10-Minute Take-Aways.
9. Five PDU's and one college credit are being offered at the conference.

NEW: PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS AVAILABLE!

Try the photo booth at the conference. The funds from the photo booth will go to the International Emergency Fund. **The cost will be \$5, so bring cash.** Your digital photo will be sent to you after the conference. Wendy Hacke and her husband will be our photographers. They will be open during the game night Friday and before dinner Saturday night. Any additional times will be announced. Wear your favorite silly hat or weird dress-up costume with a mask? Just for fun.....

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CONFERENCE WEBSITE:

[https://dkgoregonconvention.
weebly.com/](https://dkgoregonconvention.weebly.com/)

Finding the Oregon Garden

When you near Salem on I-5, you'll see signs for the Garden on Exit 213. Once you exit, the brown tourist attraction signs will guide you wherever the road changes. The garden is about 12 miles east of I-5.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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

WELCOME, SPRING!

The days are getting longer, and spring is almost here! Today, that seems hard to believe as I watch the snow falling gently outside my window. Traveling around the state and seeing all the wonderful projects and events our Oregon chapters are sponsoring makes me realize, however, that spring is indeed on its way to our state organization. Check out our Chapter Chatter section in this issue to see all that is happening! DKG Oregon is alive and flourishing!

Last Fall our district conferences gave us an opportunity to connect with chapters and members in our area. This last month, three of our Oregon members reached out to connect with an International Society event as well. In February, I joined Jennifer Cole/Alpha and Dana Murphy/Beta Beta at the United Nations in New York City for the annual conference of CTAUN (the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations). DKG plays a pivotal role as a Non-Government Organization (NGO) of the United Nations Department of Information. The theme of this year's conference was "War No More." The speakers were great, and we even had time to do some sight-seeing and enjoy a Broadway show

or two! Check out Jennifer's article in this issue and come to her ten-minute takeaway at our conference to hear more about this awesome experience!

While in New York, we began to hear increasing updates on the Coronavirus. Although there were no reported cases in New York, the three of us knew that the Northwest was beginning to see a community spread of COVID-19. Dana and I had decisions to make, as we were both registered for the National Legislative Seminar scheduled for March 15-18 in the Washington, DC, area. In the end, the US Forum Steering Committee was sadly forced to cancel the seminar as Washington, DC, basically shut down. The Coronavirus outbreak is creating a very challenging situation for all of us.

Our state conference, scheduled for April 24-26 at the beautiful Oregon Garden Resort, is less than six weeks away. Remember to complete your registration and make room reservations if you have not already done so. Kudos to our conference steering committee for planning the many activities and to members who have stepped up to present a workshop or 10-minute takeaway. Everyone has been working hard to provide an outstanding event for you to enjoy.

At this time, we are expecting the conference to go on as planned. Your Executive Committee will, however, be in contact with the resort and be monitoring public health recommendations. Our major concern is first and foremost the health and well-being of you, our members. In the words of International President Cathy Daugherty, "As educators, both practicing and retired, our resourcefulness can shine through during this crisis and set an example for other associations and groups to follow. As Key Women Educators, we will stay informed. We will stay the course. And we will stay healthy."

Darlene

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YOUR 2020 CALENDAR

April 24 - 26, 2020 Oregon State Organization 2020 Spring Conference

The Oregon Garden Resort
895 W. Main St.
Silverton, Oregon 97381
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*Check the Oregon DKG website
for the latest information.*
<https://dkgoregonconvention.weebly.com/>

July 7 - 11, 2020

International Convention
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, PA

April will be here before we blink twice! Are you registered? If not, don't delay...forms are available on the state website. This promises to be a weekend filled with stimulating and informative activities. Come for the Friday afternoon field trips! Come for game night! Come for the workshops! Come for the guest speakers! Come for the garden! Come to spend time with your DKG sisters from chapters around Oregon! Come for the fun! **Hope to see you there!**

Sandy Bartnik
Hostess Chapter: Beta Beta

NEED SOME PDU'S?

Five PDUs will be available at our Oregon State Conference: one for each of the three workshop sessions: 0.5 for attending three ten-minute take-aways; 0.5 for the keynote address by Dr. Heidi Olivadoti and one for the table talk activity during lunch.

Participants will receive one form listing all the PDU opportunities. Everyone will keep track of her own professional development units.

COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE

Members attending our Oregon State Conference have an opportunity to earn one quarter hour continuing education graduate credit from Western Oregon University (WOU). The registration form and syllabus will be available at the conference registration table. The cost is \$60 for the quarter hour plus a \$20 administration fee. Registration paperwork must be completed online.

To earn the credit, applicants must complete a reflection paper on the events they attended. Oregon DKG past president and WOU instructor Dr. Cindy Ryan will oversee the credit.



Join Us For
Bunco de Mayo
Friday, May 1 at 6 p.m.

Hosted by Alpha Omicron Chapter
(Scappoose & St. Helens)

St. Helens Best Western Hotel
585 S. Columbia River Hwy. (Hwy. 30)
Cost \$20

Includes a light dinner, raffle tickets and BUNCO!

Extra raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Proceeds benefit our local teachers and students through grants and programs.

DAILY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 24, 2020

1:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00-6:00 p.m.	Tours
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
Set-up p.m.	Unique Boutique
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
7:00-?	Game Night/Photo Booth

Saturday, April 25, 2020

7:00-8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Registration
Varied times	Unique Boutique
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Welcome/Opening Session
9:00-11:50 a.m.	Workshops
12:00-1:50 p.m.	Luncheon
2:00-2:40 p.m.	10-Minute Take-Away Sessions
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Round Table Discussion with International Guest
3:30-4:00 p.m.	White Rose Rehearsal
6:00-7:00 p.m.	No Host Happy Hour Photo Booth Reception for International Guest & Chapter Presidents
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Dinner/Keynote Speaker

After dinner, the Hospitality Room will be open for fellowship

Sunday, April 26, 2020

7:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30-9:00 a.m.	White Rose Ceremony
9:15-10:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
10:30-12:00 a.m.	New Officer Training

CONFERENCE UPDATE

Bonita Fillmore, Administrative Secretary

As of this morning on lucky Friday, the 13th of March, I have processed 52 registrations. Here are some of the more interesting facts. Beta Beta Chapter has 16 members registered, Alpha Omicron has 9, and Lambda has 7 members registered. They are the top three chapters, so far. There are 3 past state presidents coming. A keynote speaker and 2 California sisters will attend. Two guests have been identified. At least 2 husbands will participate in a few activities. Six conference first timers have been listed. One registrant became a member in 1970, which makes her experience 50 years of joyful Delta Kappa Gamma sisterhood.

The tours in beautiful Silverton are making a choice difficult, but there is still room and time to sign up for the extra fun stuff. Five have chosen to be really active and walk at Silver Falls State Park to see the gorgeous falls. Seven have chosen to see the amazing murals in downtown Silverton finishing with a casual dinner at Mac's. Antiques and a tea party-- who could refuse? At least 8 of my DKG sisters couldn't. (Wish I could go.) The big hit so far is the tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright house with 13 signed up. (This is another one I really want to go on. I thought I wanted to be an architect in high school, but became a teacher instead. I still love seeing Wright's designs and go every time I can.)

So, if you haven't signed up yet, the only thing we're missing is you! Be there to find out who our active 50-year member is. Be there to experience the luscious Oregon Gardens. Be there to bond with your friends and sisters around the state. Be there because it's **fun!**

8:30-9:00 Opening

Saturday, April 25, 2020: **WORKSHOPS & 10-MINUTE TAKE-AWAY SESSIONS**

Time	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop
9-9:50 Session 1	6 Words That Sparked a Revolution- Dr. Heidi Olivadoti Room Assignment: Orchid B	Cultivating New Members- Linda McCoy & Fonda Lawson Room Assignment: Lotus	Love & Logic Tips- Kate Kelleher Room Assignment: Trillium
10-10:50 Session 2	Models of Resilience- Barbara -Mills Room Assignment: Trillium	World Fellowship, DKG & You- Brenda Kirk & Paty Fernandez Guajardo Room Assignment: Orchid B	Creating New Chapters – Janis Barr & Daphne Cagle Room Assignment: Lotus
11-11:50 Session 3	Emotional Intelligence- Cindy Coe Room Assignment: Trillium	Tai Chi Chih- Jo Ann Brinkman Room Assignment: Orchid B	How to Get Started to “Go Digital”- Eloise Gibson & Committee Room Assignment: Lotus

Lunch 12:00-1:50

Time	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop
2:00-2:10 A	The DKG Educational Foundation Supports Excellence in Education- Kathy Martell Room Assignment: Orchid B	What is Your Color? - Brenda Jensen Room Assignment: Trillium	Unique Boutique: What, Why & How You Can Help Catie Thurber-Brown Room Assignment: Orchid B	Expand Your Horizons; Travel the World! - Nancy Lewis Room Assignment: Lotus
2:15-2:25 B	BEAR Reading Successes- Judy Brimmer Room Assignment: Trillium	Becoming a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)- Donna Rhinevault Room Assignment: Orchid B	Funds for Lifelong Learning-Roberta Hutton Room Assignment: Lotus	What is Changing at International - Aurora Vignau (International Guest) Room Assignment: Orchid B
2:30-2:40 C	New By Laws/Standing Rules- Jean Fairbairn Room Assignment: Lotus	Steps to Becoming a NBCT- Kelly McIntyre Room Assignment: Trillium	The United Nations and DKG. What is the Connection? – Jennifer Cole Room Assignment: Orchid B	Why Current Teachers Need More Help than Ever - Cindy O’Mealy Room Assignment: Orchid B
2:45-3:30	Round Table			

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kate Kelleher Oregon Legislative Liaison

Our 2020 short Legislative Session was a frustrating one for Oregonians. Only three bills were signed into law, due to bipartisanship over Senate Bill 1530. Those that made it: increased by \$10 the fee for cultural registration license plates; required the Department of Education to create a form for schools to use after a student is diagnosed with a concussion; and declared that Happy Valley is no longer part of a county parks district, settling a dispute.

Here are some links that share more perspective of the session:

- <https://www.opb.org/news/article/oregon-2020-republican-walkout-legislative-session-ends/>
- <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2020/03/07/oregon-legislature-bills-2020-session-cap-and-trade-gop-walkout/4975806002/>
- <https://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/>



UPDATES ON THE STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

Remember, it passed last year and mandates that school districts listen to the input of all school employees, and **students** and parents of specific **student** groups. Here is an example of what is happening in Sherwood, where I am currently working part-time as a Middle School Counselor. This is posted on our District Home Page:

The Student Success Act passed the legislature in the spring of 2019 and provided approximately \$2B in new funding for K-12 education. Half of those funds come in the form of direct aid to districts through the Student Investment Account (SIA). The Sherwood School District's allocation is approximately \$3.9M. This is a truly historic opportunity for our schools!

Funds allocated via the SIA must focus on two critical areas: (1) improving student achievement while decreasing disparities in achievement, and (2) improving students' mental health. Based on an extensive community engagement process, thorough analysis of district data, and consultation with the Board and district administrators, staff has prepared the final SIA application for review and adoption by the Board. We look forward to implementing our plan next year to better serve our students and their families!

Plan to contact your local district via their website to take a look at their implementation plan. All members need to pay attention to local Senate and House races and, as always, to participate in our amazing democratic process by exercising your right to vote!



BIRTHDAY LUNCH DONATIONS

All money collected during the Birthday Luncheon will be donated to the International Emergency Fund, rather than to State scholarships. Our scholarship funds are very strong, and few members have applied for assistance. Therefore, it was felt that there is no need to add to those funds at this time.

With the various devastating disasters around the country (floods, fires, tornadoes, etc.), the Emergency Fund has been hit hard. Members whose State presidents have requested aid for them have been sent \$500 from the Society. This may not seem like much, but it may replace something necessary or essential to those who receive the money. It also serves as a sign of support from our organization as evidence of our "genuine spiritual fellowship."

For Oregon members, it is important to remember that the Emergency Fund was established after the Vanport Flood (west of Portland) in 1948. At that time, \$1,000 was transferred from the International Permanent Fund to set up the Emergency Fund. An additional \$3,437 was donated in 1948-49. Victims of the Vanport Flood and a flood in Fort Worth, Texas, shared a total of \$1,000 from the Emergency Fund.

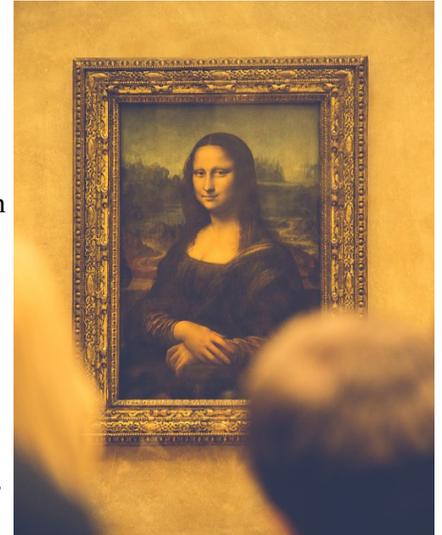
WE ARE GOING TO HAVE **FUN** AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE AT THE OREGON GARDEN!

Imagine the opportunity at our Silent Auction: find treasures of all kinds, like crystal glasses, pretty dishes, linens and bedding, knick-knacks, stationery items, games, those beautiful shoes someone paid a fortune for and only wore once, camping equipment, wine, champagne, spirits, etc. all can be yours for a winning bid. And think of the **fun** of bidding your friends and sisters up on the item they really want. And the **joy** you will have knowing that the proceeds of this auction will assist members in attending state, regional and international meetings. The auction and bidding will be open all day and close when the banquet is called to order at the end of the day.

To make this work, we will each bring an item to the auction. It should have value, be clean, and sparkle to attract buyers. You can suggest a starting bid if you wish or leave that for others to do. This fundraiser will work if we all bring something to contribute. Encourage members at home who are not attending the meeting to send something with those that are attending. You can leave your things at the registration desk and the auction committee will pick them up – or you can bring them down to the main dining room where the committee will be setting up. **Thank you** for helping the auction/raffle committee.

We strongly suggest that you bring cash or your checkbook to take care of things when your bid wins a treasure.

If you would like to help with the auction, let Nancy Lewis know, as there are lots of short little jobs to do: nancyjolewis@gmail.com. 503-639-7050



Fair warning: You probably shouldn't expect to find the Mona Lisa for sale in Silverton!



BASKETS ARE BEAUTIFUL! BASKETS HAVE TREASURES! BASKETS ARE **FUN!!**

The raffle baskets from each chapter will be on display in the large meeting room. Check them out !

A basket can be yours! Tickets for the raffle baskets will be available from the ladies wearing green aprons and selling tickets throughout the conference. For \$1.00, you can buy one ticket. For \$5.00, you can buy six tickets and for \$20, you can get 25 tickets. Plan to go big and get 25 tickets. You will need to put your name on the back of each ticket (or bring return address labels to stick on the back of each ticket). Put those tickets in the paper bags in front of each basket you wish to win. Winners will be drawn Sunday morning.

Reminder: The basket raffle works because each chapter goes together to create and bring a basket Thank you all for your help.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR (NLS) & US FORUM March 2020

Update: Due to the Coronavirus, Darlene and I made individual decisions to cancel our travel plans to Washington DC for the DKG US Forum/National Legislative Seminar. We felt it was the socially responsible thing to do. Just hours after we made our decisions, the Capitol was closed to visitors, The Smithsonian Museums were closing and our tour busses were shutting down..... simultaneously, we received an email that the NLS was cancelled, too! These are difficult times.

Here is our original plan: Having recently returned from the CTAUN Conference at the United Nations,(see the next article by Jennifer Cole, Alpha) Darlene Cook and I were re-packing for the coming National Legislative Seminar (NLS) in Washington DC, March 15-18, 2020. From past experience, we knew this would be time well spent with lots of information, sharing of ideas and activities, and active networking. The proposed speakers included Lisa Matz who has led several successful, multifaceted coalition efforts addressing such issues as getting out the women's vote, equal pay, violence against women, educational equity and Title IX, workplace opportunity and advancement, retirement security, work-life balance, and women's leadership. A second speaker was to be Gayle Seymour. She is a strong supporter of the ERA and a champion of the arts and legislation funding for those programs.

Other activities were to be a legislative briefing on Capitol Hill and time to meet with our own legislators for some informal lobbying. Key fun stuff we had planned included meeting DKG members from all over the country and enjoying some fabulous private tours of Washington, DC! Consider attending the NLS in the future! NLS will be back when things return to normal! **US Forum I at Convention:** July 8, 11:30 - 12:30, Grand Ballroom, *Embracing Diversity*. **US Forum II at Convention,** July 11, 2 - 4 p.m., *Legal Monumentun*, Location TBD.



Dana, Darlene,
and Jennifer
(L to R) at
CTAUN in
New York City

*Stay Healthy Everyone,
Dana Murphy
Educational Excellence Committee Chair
<http://www.usforumdkg.org>*



WAR NO MORE – A Day at the UN *Jennifer Cole, DKG Alpha Chapter Co-President*

On February 28, 2020, Darlene Cook, DKG State President; Dana Murphy, Beta Beta; and I attended and the 21st Annual Conference on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) at the United Nations in New York City. It was exciting to enter the vast Trustee Council Chamber and to find it filled with students from around the world! I can only imagine how empowering it was for so many international youth to experience such an event.

The conference was sponsored by the Permanent Mission to the Republic of Korea, and we were greeted by Ambassador Cho Hyun and Virginia Gamba, Under-Secretary-General and the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. I was particularly moved to hear U.S. writer, political activist, and feminist organizer Gloria Steinem and Liberian peace activist and 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee. Both Ms. Steinem and Ms. Gbowee shared their perspectives on the impact of war upon the lives of women and children and discussed how uniquely women are impacted by war and the vital role they are playing in ending war and impacting lasting peace in their countries and communities.

Another highlight from the conference was listening to Cora Weiss, recipient of the 2020 CTAUN Global Citizen Award, who has spent her entire life devoted to peace education. She was a teacher in Harlem in the 1960s, and she continues to be a central figure in the movement for human rights, civil rights, women's equality, and peace. She is the UN Represent-

tative of the International Peace Bureau and an International Honorary Member of DKG. She closed the conference by discussing “The Future We Want.” Listening to Cora speak so passionately about the future we want was very impactful, especially her comments on how important young people and teachers are to the world. If you are interested in hearing her yourself, you can watch her by following the link below and going almost to the very end of the afternoon session: <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/watch/2020-ctaun-war-no-more-conference/6137094687001/?term=>.

The topics were very diverse and included:

- Peace Education and Transformative Education
- New Technologies
- Hypersonics, Artificial Intelligence, and Drones
- Women, Peace, and Security
- Disarmament
- World Peace Through Law: Force of Law, Not the Law of Force.

Speakers included young innovators and experienced ambassadors. While I had pictured myself sitting at one of the long, arching UN tables, microphone in front of me, that was not the case. With so many visitors and students, Darlene, Dana, and I were lucky to find chairs from which we could see and listen to the speakers.

Our day included time to explore the *InfoFair* in the lobby, the conference posters designed and presented by students from around the world, and the UN bookstore. The opportunity to visit and participate at the UN is something I’ve dreamed of for more than ten years. I am grateful to DKG for helping make this dream a reality.



Iota's Paper Project in Progress



**L-R: Betty Krause, Lynne Burnham, Nikii Murtaugh, Karen Shelton, Crystal Wortman, Liatris Cottam
-- Photographer: Brenda Kirk**

CHAPTER CHATTER

Finished Projects



CHAPTER CHATTER

District 1

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.):

Iota members held their March meeting at Central Middle School in Milton-Freewater where DKG member Lynne Burnham, the Visual Arts teacher, opened her classroom to us. The business meeting was quickly conducted over snacks, so we could get to the art project Lynne always prepares for us. Treasurer Nikii Murtaugh gave a financial report. World Fellowship Chair Brenda Kirk reported on her trip to the AZ / Mexico border where she participated in a water run. The group also selected a theme for their state convention basket and set a date to meet and greet prospective new members at the Tap House Pub on April 3.

We adjourned to begin the paper embossing project Lynne had prepared for us. We soaked, then blended cotton fibers with pre-soaked white copy paper to create pulp. The pulp was then added to a vat of water and stirred to suspend the fibers in the water. A frame covered with window screen and another open frame set (called a mold and deckle) were dipped in the water to capture the suspended fibers and form a sheet. The sheets were carefully pulled from the frames. A variety of soap molds were used to create fiber castings of different designs, pushing the wet sheets into the molds. We had the option of including additions to our paper creations such as flower petals and seeds, glitter, scents, and color. [See photo, p. 9](#)

Our April potluck is at Betty Krause's home on April 7.

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): Alpha's year started on a sad note with the passing of our long-time member and

treasurer, Judy Smith-Clifton. Her celebration of life, which was held in the school gym where she taught the majority of her career, was a wonderful tribute to her life. Donations were directed to Alpha and will be used for yearly grants for teachers in the district.

What a fun day on November 9th! We joined the local pickle ball association to learn how to play the game. We invited area teachers to join us for the instruction time. It was an enjoyable experience for all of us. Afterward, Alpha members enjoyed a luncheon meeting at a local Thai restaurant. Our planned Bunco party in January was cancelled because of major snowfall here in Klamath Falls.

Alpha Chapter fun



Alpha members are very excited that we will be inducting a new member. The induction was scheduled at our March 14 meeting; however, it was cancelled because of the Corona virus and has been rescheduled for April 4.

It's exciting that we have three members presenting 10-Minute Take-Aways:

- Jennifer Cole, The United Nations and DKG; What is the Connection?
- Judy Brimmer, BEAR Reading Successes
- Brenda Jensen, What is Your Color?

Upcoming are our Education Excellence Awards, new officer installation, and awards social on May 14. It's always an exciting and fellowship event

Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.):

Omega Chapter launched its annual BEAR, Building Early Academic Readiness, program. Facilitators Tawnya Campbell and Sara Kinstler presented backpacks to students and their families. This program has been a huge success for promoting family togetherness and reading experiences at home. Omega continues to implement BEAR with great success at Evergreen Elementary in Cave Junction. To date, \$3,000 in grants have been received to sustain the program. In prior years, 110 students have participated including 97 younger siblings with 3,658 books read together at home!! Currently, 24 students including 28 younger siblings are enrolled.

Brother reads to little sister



Upon the launch assembly, third grade student Karma, inquired about the program. Karma is reading at benchmark and asked if, instead of having books at her level, she could only have children's storybooks. As she explained, "Mrs. Campbell, you understand that there's no way I can keep my little brother paying attention to chapter books." With much enthusiasm, she expressed her understanding of how important it is to learn to read. She is her brother's biggest motivation for a love of reading. It is inspirational stories like this that drive Omega to provide this rewarding opportunity for students and their families.

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): The program for Lambda's January meeting was

A Grand Tour of the Universe, presented by John Cowens, Astronomer-in-residence for OSU and Oregon Solar System Ambassador for JPL/NASA. The visual presentation was fascinating and John, a retired public school teacher, was open for questions. His wife, Peg, is a Lambda member.

Nanci McChesney-Henry was reinstated during a Recommitment Ceremony. Nanci is a teacher at Sheldon High School in Eugene and recently was named "Dance Teacher of the Year" by the Oregon Dance Educators Association.

Lambda Chapter's first induction ceremony welcomed Ana Diaz Hansen in February. Ana is a bilingual teacher at River Road/El Camino del Rio Elementary School. She was sponsored by Nancy Schaal-McHarry and received her key pin from Peggy Lima, both fellow staff members of River Road/El Camino del Rio. **Photos page 13.**

February's program presenter was Chelsea Whitney, Lane County Public Health Nurse and supervisor of Lane County's Family Partnership & Maternity/Child Health programs. She passed out information about MCH (Maternal and Child Health) programs. They serve pregnant mothers and families with children ages three and under. They prioritize helping teen mothers. All services are free. Their nurses and parent support specialists support, encourage, help connect with services, and answer all those questions that new parents have.

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens):

In February, seven members of Alpha Omicron and three friends went to brunch and then attended *The Sleeping Beauty* ballet. Following our March meeting, nine members and two friends, enjoyed a potluck buffet followed by Game Night at Annette McCoy's home.

PS You are invited to Bunco de Mayo--see our ad, p. 3.

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.):

Alpha Epsilon would like to thank Priscilla Ing, Lambda Chapter Co-President and District 3 Coordinator, for being our presenter at our January meeting. Priscilla's topic was "Understanding the Holocaust." With the passing of Senate Bill 664 during the 2019 Legislative Session, school districts are required to provide instruction about the Holocaust. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2020. Priscilla helped us to understand the bill, and she shared websites and books where we could find more information about the topic. She brought books (so colorful and nicely designed) for various grades that are good to share with students, so they learn the value of all cultures and how to get along.



Dr. Cindy Ryan was our February speaker and her topic was "Celebrating Black History Month Through Literature." Both presentations focused on how many outstanding children's books are available that reinforce topics teachers discuss in their classrooms every day. Thank you ladies for your presentations!

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

Alpha Nu's September meeting was a time of fellowship as we shared a potluck dinner, participated in a fun get-to-know-you activity, and considered program plans for the year. An informative October program educated us on the many

aspects of recycling. November's program was an opportunity to learn about the Confluence Project in which the presenter took us on a virtual trip up the Columbia River where we learned the history, culture and ecology of each of the six sites.

In November and December we focused on donations to our community outreach organization, Beaverton Schools homeless students program, HELP. In November, members donated 41 personal hygiene bags and many dollars' worth of snack items. Along with that, \$300 of money budgeted in the chapter treasury was given in gift cards from Target and Fred Meyer. More donations in December brought our total HELP giving to about \$1,000.

At the December meeting, we gifted our working teachers with a variety of homemade cookies and we had a spirited Christmas themed gift exchange.

Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):

Psi Chapter donated gift baskets and participated in a "Taste of Tanzania," a fund-raising event which provides support for Huruma Special Unit, a school for students with disabilities in Tanzania, Africa. We were especially blessed with the attendance of several of our DKG Sisters. Thanks, ladies! Last year I believe we made a little over \$12,000. The numbers aren't in for this year yet, but attendance was down a bit (as was expected), so we expect something in the neighborhood of \$11,000.

Roberta Hutton, working at *Taste of Tanzania*



We are looking forward to a special evening on April 14, when we **honor** Anne and Vern Beeson for their years of dedication to community projects and their educational support of many students. You are welcome to join us for our annual Excellence in Action at the Forest Hills Golf Course in Cornelius, OR.

The dinner event on Tuesday, April 14, begins at 5:30 p.m. Payment of \$25 cash or check will be accepted at the door. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Meri Putzler by April 7 at mputzler13@gmail.com or call 503-830-7267. The Beesons (below)



Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): Beta Beta is hosting the 2020 OSO Spring Conference at the Oregon Gardens, and we have planned lots of fun activities. In addition, we are working on the implementation of our Vision 2020 project. This is all interwoven with our four “giving” committees: Music and Art Grants, High School Mini Grants, Literacy, and Scholarships committee. March is the IRS-required Beta Beta Education Foundation meeting, and we will summarize the work of the listed giving committees and also include our Business Partners “getting” committee. The theme of this meeting is “2020: A Year of Perfect Vision” and will be reinforced with fun glasses, eye charts, binoculars, and other tools for seeing clearly. It will include the work of discussing specifically our giving programs. See you at the Spring Conference!

District 6

Eta (Portland): Eta Chapter’s January meeting was at Albertina’s Kitchen in Portland. We passed a white rose in memory of a long-time member and past president, Jeurine Marshall, who passed away in December 2019. Jeurine was a highly regarded teacher and librarian in Portland Public Schools. She was also instrumental in organizing a centennial celebration for the Sellwood neighborhood.

In February, we met for a docent-led tour of the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Remembrance in northwest Portland. There are three core exhibits:

1. Discrimination and Resistance in Oregon, which describes how discrimination was used as a tool affecting ethnic groups in Oregon;
2. The Holocaust, an Oregon Perspective, which told stories of Oregon survivors; and
3. Oregon Jewish Stories.

It was an eye-opening experience for all of us, and we encourage teachers to bring their classes (grades 6 and up) to visit, not just for Holocaust education, but to learn about all kinds of discrimination that occurred in Oregon. After our tour, we had a delicious lunch at the cafe inside the museum.

Chi (Clackamas): [See the article on the next page.](#)

Alpha Phi (Clackamas Co.): Alpha Phi Chapter has recently determined allocations for distribution of chapter scholarship/grant funds this spring. Monies will be given to the state scholarship fund and conference raffle and the Clackamas County Bookshelf, with a significant sum being given to the Trauma Informed Oregon (TIO) organization which provides community resources for various kinds of trauma care throughout the state. This is of particular interest to our members, as we had an informative

program on trauma informed classroom development as well as discussions concerning social justice issues where trauma may be at the forefront. (See TIO website for more information) We also awarded stipends to our working members for their classroom educational expenses and deliver monthly goodie treat bags to them.

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla): The speaker for our January meeting was, Steve Nelson, Director of the Canby Center. The Center provides reading mentors and backpack lunches for the weekend, along with other basic needs for children and adults in our community. Our chapter voted to give \$50 to the center to purchase books for their reading programs. We also gathered donations from our members for a total of \$185 for books! Our February meeting program was to look over the grant applications from our local school teachers and decide which to fund. We voted to award a grant of \$150 to each of our applicants. Some of the money came from our treasury and the rest from donations. .

SAVE THE DATE!

District 6 PAC Meeting

When: November 7, 2020

9 a.m.-Noon

Where: Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon

More information to follow.

Sheila Daniels

Beta Gamma Chapter

CHI CHAPTER CHATTER



In 2006, Chi member **Jo Lane** joined the Roosevelt H.S. staff in Portland as a theater arts teacher. There was no program and no theater (the school was being totally remodeled); however, a willing, friendly, hard-working teacher had great hope.

Now, 14 years later, Jo has decided to celebrate with a musical that celebrates the voices and feelings of Roosevelt students with the meanings of reality, friendships, loyalty, and jealousy as well as the power of understanding. Jo hoped for 20 auditioning students, but 75 showed up for the production of *Bring It On.* She was not only excited about the response, but Jo was determined to incorporate every student into the production and she has! Jo has been featured in two weekend issues of *The Oregonian* this past month due to her work at Roosevelt.

To Jo Lane, Chi Chapter members say, “Good for you and thank you for demonstrating how dedicated and caring educators can change lives.” Jo is completing her 23rd year in education and has worked in three states. She is passionate about the performing arts and believes deeply in the potential of students.

Below: Lambda’s newly reinstated member Nanci McChesney-Henry (L) and Dr. Yvonne Fasold. Both are wearing DKG scarves that belonged to our friend Carolyn Rayborn (died 2013) and given to Lambda by Carolyn’s nephew.



Below: Bev Emmons, Peg Cowens, and President Darlene Cook

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<<<At the Left: Lambda President Priscilla Ing and new member Ana Diaz Hansen

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Apr. 13	Alpha Nu	Beaverton
Apr. 14	Psi Excellence in Action Celebration	Cornelius
Apr. 24-26	Oregon State Conference	Oregon Garden in Silverton
May 1	Alpha Omicron Bunco de Mayo Fundraiser	Best Western in St. Helens
May 7	Alpha Omicron	Scappoose/St. Helens
May 14	Alpha Excellence in Education Award Celebration	Klamath Falls
May 21	Alpha Phi	Portland
July 7 - 11	International Convention	Philadelphia, PA

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