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Oregon State Organization

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

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JOIN IN!
EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING THIS SPRING & SUMMER!

OREGON STATE CONVENTION
VIRTUAL! APRIL 23 & APRIL 24

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- **Recognition of Chapter Presidents**
- **White Rose Ceremony**
- **Celebration of New Members**
- **Scholarship Awards**
- **Service Awards**
- **Chapter Awards**

2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
PORTLAND, OR, Downtown Marriott

July 6 - 10, 2021

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Rejuvenating Your Chapter
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Takeaways

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10 **Banquet**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DKG OREGON!
MAY 22, 2021

- **How did the chapters begin?**
- **What attracted so many women?**
- **What does DKG offer to today's teachers and other eligible individuals?**
- **Learn the stories of Oregon's pioneering teachers.**
- **Brag about your chapter.**

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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

We have set our clocks forward and Spring is in the air. After the snowstorm a month ago, I am enjoying the sun and warmer weather. It is hard to believe that we are well into March! It is almost a year to the day that our way of doing business changed overnight. Schools were closed, events and activities were canceled, and everyone was asked to stay at home.

DKG Oregon canceled the state conference scheduled for April 2020 at the Oregon Garden Resort. The Steering Committee, Chair Brenda Jensen, and many Beta Beta (& other) members had planned an outstanding event. With hopes of rescheduling, DKG reserved a weekend in October; however, with a surge in COVID cases, that too was cancelled. Surely April 2021 would allow us to meet? No! By January it was obvious that meeting at The Oregon Garden in April was off the books.

Despite those disappointments, the pandemic will not stop us from meeting to socialize while completing the work of the Oregon State Organization.

I am pleased to invite you all to our first virtual convention on Zoom April 23rd and 24th! Please join us.

We have a full schedule with a social Friday evening; Saturday includes a presentation by Candace Martin, our International guest from Arkansas, and a choice of eight great workshops. We will welcome our new officers for the 2021-2023 biennium, adopt the budget for 2021-22, and vote on proposed changes to the *By-laws and Standing Rules.*

Our Awards Committee will announce the recipients of our State Achievement Awards, and reward chapters who have completed requirements for the Order of the Rose and Rosette Awards. A White Rose Ceremony will honor members who have passed away since April 2019. Hats off to our Steering Committee, especially Beta Beta members who stayed with us throughout the 1.5-year planning process!

Soon we will welcome new state leaders for 2021-2023. As we move forward as a state organization, I encourage you to become a part of the work in this new biennium. Consider becoming a member of our state leadership team. As of March 15, we still need a Finance Committee member from District 3. State committees are welcoming new members. Step up! Accept a position. OUR STATE ORGANIZATION NEEDS **YOU**! Working together at the state level is rewarding and a lot of fun!

Two unique opportunities are coming. On May 22, DKG will celebrate the 80th birthday of the Oregon State Organization. On May 23, 1941, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton installed Oregon (then named Alpha Rho State) into our International Society. During this special virtual event, we will recognize our 19 chapters, remember the past, and look forward to our future with the installation of new state officers!

In July we will welcome DKG members from throughout the Society to our hybrid International Conference in Portland. Many Oregon members are working to plan this exciting event. Jump on this chance to experience an International Conference in our own state!

This past year has been a challenge for all. Changes were made in our standard operating procedures; and, for the most part, Zoom became that instrument of change. I am amazed at and deeply appreciate the creativity, resiliency, and caring of Oregon members. You found ways to support each other, to "virtually" embrace each other, and to carry on with chapter projects and activities. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your State President!

With warm regards, ***Darlene***

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2021 OREGON STATE VIRTUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 23 & 24 by Zoom

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

6:00-7:00 p.m.

1. Budget Hearing--Vickie Jackson: Vickie will explain the proposed budget and answer any questions you may have at this time. The budget will be adopted on Saturday at the Executive Board meeting.
2. *Bylaws/Standing Rules* Hearing --Jean Fairbairn: Jean will explain proposals to the *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. She will answer questions. Members will vote Saturday on the proposed changes.
3. Unique Boutique--Catie Thurber-Brown

7:00 p.m. GAMES: See the Registration form for details: ChatSCat, Rubber Bridge, Pinochle, Bunco

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker Candace Martin--What's Happening in DKG (International Guest from Arkansas)
Meet the Candidates: Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

10:30-11:15 Workshops:

- Highlighting the Benefits of Membership (Candace Martin--Arkansas International Guest)
- Cultivating Resilience Through Travel (Nancy Lewis--Beta Beta)
- Tai Chi Chih (Jo Ann Brinkman--Beta Beta)
- Virtual Education: Blessings and Challenges of the new Normal (Priscilla Ing-- Lambda-Moderator)

11:25-12:10 Workshops:

- Just One More Thing (Melissa High--Alpha)
- From Exclusion to Inclusion, Special Education at Huruma in Tanzania (Bertha Haas--Psi)
- Cultivating Resiliency Through Yoga Mind, Body, and Soul (Kim Brown--Beta Beta)
- DKG Zoom Olympics (Amber Roberts--Tennessee)

12:45 p.m.

- General Meeting: Voting for officers, voting for *Bylaws and Standing Rules*
- Executive Board Meeting: Voting on budget, affirmation of treasurer and editor
- Awards Presentation
- White Rose Ceremony

Ending Remarks

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021--Yes, May!

Time TBA: Oregon's 80th Birthday Party
Installation of Elected Officers and Committee Members
Details later, as both are still being organized.

MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL GUEST

CANDACE MARTIN

Candace (Candi) Martin is a retired Health and Wellness teacher. The first seven years of her career, she was a girls' basketball and track and field coach. She and husband Edward have two daughters, both educators, one an elementary teacher and the other at the college level. Candi was inducted into Chi Chapter of DKG Arkansas in 2002.

She has served in various positions and offices at all three levels of the Society. These include: chapter committee chairs and president; state committee chairs, second vice-president, parliamentary advisor, and president; Southeast Regional Representative to the US Forum, International Membership Committee, and Southeast Regional Director. In 2012, Candi attended the International Leadership/Management Seminar. Candi says that she is honored to be a member of DKG and has met some of the most talented, intelligent, encouraging, inspiring, generous, and caring ladies through her DKG experiences.

In her retirement, Candi enjoys playing dinosaurs with four-year-old Greyson, her only grandchild. She is an avid golfer, baseball fan, and jigsaw puzzler. She and her husband like working together on woodworking projects. Candi also enjoys spending some of her time working to promote DKG and doing her work as regional director.

VIRTUAL = NO COST

BUT YOU MUST REGISTER

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: Games & Conversation

Activities for the Oregon State Organization's 2021 Spring Convention

Several options for socializing await you on Friday evening, April 23. **TO PARTICIPATE: You must register for the conference.** Please choose an activity when you register to give us time to set up the logistics. **Your email address is essential to receive info about how to get set up and connect to the activities.**

On the registration form **(see page 8)**, please indicate which of these options you would like to do:

- General **Zoom chat** for socializing
- Play **rubber bridge** on trickstercards.com (each table can be 4 people; but we will have as many tables as needed to accommodate all who wish to participate) Eloise Gibson will contact you to be sure you are set up to play on Trickster and explain how the process works.
- Play **pinochle** on trickstercards.com (each table can be 4 people; but we will have as many tables as needed to accommodate all who wish to participate) Eloise Gibson will contact you to be sure you are set up to play on Trickster and explain how the process works.
- Play **bunco** on-line; the leaders of this group will contact you with more information to set up.

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Cultivating Resiliency in Ourselves and Others
Virtual Oregon State Organization Convention
April 23-24, 2021

Dr. ____ First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____-_____-_____ Email address **(required):** _____

Please check all that apply:

____Current Chapter President ____State Exec. Officer (position)_____ ____became a member in 1970 /71
____Proxy for Chapter President ____State Committee (position)_____ ____became a member in 1995/96
____Past State President ____Convention First Timer ____ Currently working ____new member since 4/1/2019

By registering for this convention, you give your permission to have your name and picture appear in DKG promotional media.

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Unique Boutique-Catie Thurber-Brown
Catie will highlight her DKG items and explain what the profits go for and how to access them.

7:00 p.m. GAMES: Choose one activity.

____**ChatScat** Time to chat with members and play an informal Scattergories Game.
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Executive Board Meeting: Voting on budget, affirmation of treasurer and editor.
Awards
White Rose Ceremony
Ending Remarks

Please email to Bonita Fillmore at bfillmore55@q.com

RED ROSES 2019 - 21

Inductees, Reinstatements, & Transfers-in

WELCOME TO DKG OREGON!

Beta Beta/5
Sheila Kleinheinz
Kelly J Mohr
Jerry Ann Pappelis
*Ginny Goddard
*Eileen MacPherson
*Carol Duncan
**Ginny, Eileen and Carol: Inducted 4/12/21*

Alpha/2
Bethany Osborn
Melissa High

Omicron/2
Laurel Santos
Kristine Stolz - Reinstated

Chi/6
Cindy O'Mealy

Psi/5
Sue Pass - Transfer from CA

Omega/2
Dianne Agricola -Transfer from Virginia
Carrie Simpson

Lambda/3
Ana Diaz Hansen
Linda Mooney
Nanci McChesney-Henry - Reinstated

Zeta/1
Kate Bottger
Audrey Cant
Mandi Parsons

Alpha Omicron/4
Chris Stewart
Barb Shriver (to be inducted April 1, 2021)

Alpha Epsilon/5
Marie Mueller—Transfer from Omega

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DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
JULY 7 - 10, 2021 (July 6 for tours.)

GETTING READY AND EXCITED ABOUT IT!!

Oregon State Organization DKG members have a unique opportunity to be a part of an International Conference from July 7-10, 2021. Our site is the downtown Waterfront Marriott Hotel, and our goal is to provide information from International and to entertain you with the best people.

The Steering committee has arranged for over 40 workshops, outstanding meal speakers, a "rocking" conference choir, tours and short trips, a "best" hospitality room, knowledgeable and friendly volunteers, and a Welcome to Oregon Night that you will not want to miss!!

If you are interested in volunteering during the conference, please contact Kathy Martell or Sandy Watts. Learn about fun ways in which you can participate in the conference. Whether you wish to attend for the whole conference or just one day, please go to the International website and register.

On pages 13-14, you will find many suggestions as to how you or your chapter can assist. Please read these ideas and respond accordingly. If you are an artist, plan to display an item or two in the Gallery. This is a new and exciting opportunity for Oregon. If you like to sing, join the chorus; you will be delighted to work with June Bowers.

So…let me say again, please plan to join the International Conference in July in Portland. Your days will be delightful and your memories everlasting!

See you there!

Jean Fairbairn, Oregon Chair.

WELCOME TO OREGON NIGHT!

Thursday's event is the Welcome to Oregon Night which will feature an hour-long show highlighting Oregon performing youth who will entertain us with their artistic skills in theater, dance, and song. Jo Strom Lane, Chi, a Portland high school teacher will select the performers, direct the evening, and end the show with "The Symphony."

In addition to the performance, the evening features an open bar, an optional dinner, and a hospitality room where we will have the opportunity to meet and greet other conference registrants. Brenda Jensen and Bonita Fillmore will chair the Hospitality room and are looking for volunteers and goodies to share with everyone.

We look forward to some short tourism videos to show during the pre-performance time. This will be one of the only times where we will feature some of the wonders and scenery of Oregon. **If you are able to provide one of these videos, please contact Yvonne Fasold.** Enjoy this entertaining and fun-filled evening.

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

DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
JULY 6 - 10, 2021

2021 International Conference: Portland, OR

Schedule at a Glance

Tues, July 6	Wed, July 7	Thurs, July 8	Fri, July 9	Sat, July 10
(Private Optional Tours)	(Private Optional Tours)	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration	7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration	7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration
	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Rejuvenating Your DKG Chapter Check In 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	11:00-11:45 a.m. First Timers Gathering	7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Ticket)	7:00-8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Ticket)
	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Parliamentary Proc. Made Easy Training Check In 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	12:00-2:30 p.m. Luncheon (Ticket) General Session	7:30-10:00 a.m. Marketplace & Member Art Gallery Set up	10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Browsing Market Place/ Member Art Gallery
		2:45-3:30 p.m. Workshop 1	8:30-10:00 a.m. Second General Session	8:30-10:00 a.m. Third General Session
		4:00-4:45 p.m. Workshop 2	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Browsing Market Place/ Member Art Gallery	10:45-11:00 a.m. Fifteen-Minute Take-away 1
		4:45-5:45 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal	10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Workshop 3	11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Workshop 5
		4:30-6:00 p.m. Oregon Dinner (Ticket)	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Celebration Luncheon (Ticket) Session	12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own (Grab and Go Ticket)
		6:30-8:00 p.m. Oregon Welcomes You!	1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Workshop 4	1:00-1:45 p.m. Workshop 6
			2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Forums	2:00-2:15 p.m. Fifteen-Minute Take-away 2
			5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal Evening on Your Own	2:30-3:15 p.m. Workshop 7
				4:30-5:30 p.m. Chorus Rehearsal
				5:00-6:00 p.m. Reception
				6:00-8:30 p.m. Banquet (Ticket)
				8:30 p.m. Lobby Sing Along

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2021 International Conference: Portland
DKG: A World of Opportunites, Contributions, Impact

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DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
JULY 7, 2021 PRE-CONFERENCE SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, July 7, 2021
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FREE Pre-Conference Workshops
Apply at registration on a first come, first served basis! Offered in person (or virtually if the conference is cancelled).
Be prepared to buy your lunch if these are in person.

Robert's Rules Made Easy

Dr. Helen Popovich, PRP, DKG International Parliamentarian, and Lynna Gene Cook, PRP,Nebraska State Organization Parliamentarian will present a workshop on *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief* (3rd ed.) Participants will receive an assignment prior to the workshop for purchasing and studying major procedures. The workshop will include explanations, practice, question and answers, and preparation for the newly stream-lined National Association of Parliamentarians' membership examination, which participants may take during this workshop. *RONR (12th Edition)* will be given to each participant. RONR in Brief, the ticketed lunch, and cost of the test/NAP membership will be the only fees for participants! Funded by the Holden Fund and the Cornetet Professional Development Awards—your DKG support!

Rejuvenating Your DKG Chapter

What does a healthy, stable chapter look like? Discuss issues: membership, finances, leadership, engagement, & relevant programs. Develop a customized, effective action plan, and consider ways to revitalize and lift your chapter to more success. Chapters may send a team of two DKG chapter members to examine the health of the chapter, consider strategies and make a plan to strengthen their chapter, and leave with many new ideas. Existing DKG and new resources will be used. Come prepared to brainstorm new ideas and leave with a plan. Sherri Wagemann, WA 2017-19 state president and Daphne Cagel, CA 2019-21 expansion chair will present this interactive workshop with lots of brainstorming. The workshop is free with the only expense a ticketed lunch. Open to teams of two from the same chapter, so sign up early!

DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
JULY 7 - 10, 2021 --Portland, Oregon --Marriott Downtown Waterfront

REGISTRATION --HOTEL

HOTEL Portland Marriott Downtown
1401 SW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97201, USA
A deposit equal to one night's stay is required to hold each individual reservation. The deposit will be refunded in full to any guest who cancels the reservation before 3 days (72 hours) prior to the day of arrival.

BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW on the International Webiste
https://book.passkey.com/gt/218111129?gtid=a1f1aa55574cd787212af4055fe2e47

REGISTRATION --INT'L CONFERENCE

REGISTER

REGISTER by one of two methods below. Online registration is recommended

REGISTER ONLINE | REGISTER BY MAIL

Regular Ticket Prices:
Member: $160
Non-Member: $180

Member one day: $80

* Prices are the same whether Virtual or Hybrid

*Early registration ends June 8th, 2021

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INT'L CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Member Art Gallery

We will host a Member Art Gallery to showcase our members' talents. This exhibit will take place and be open for viewing on Friday and Saturday.

DUE BY 11:00 p.m. PACIFIC time on June 5, 2021 (Date extended to June 5.)
Online applications are on the DKG Website

Vendor/Exhibitor

Application
Vendor and Exhibitor Application • Table Rental

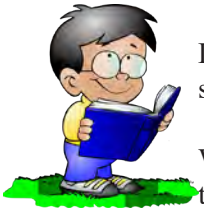
DUE BY APRIL 15, 2021
Online applications are on the DKG Website

TOURS TO TAKE -- July 6, Pre-Conference
Come Early? Stay Later?

Rent a car or sign up for a trip with one of the local vendors (check at the information booth).

Consider a trip to the Columbia River Gorge with Multnomah Falls, venture to the first western settle ment along the Pacific Ocean (Astoria), take a boat trip on the Spirit of Portland (dinner cruise). Sightsee the beautiful Rose, Japanese, and Chinese gardens in the city of Portland. Shopping at the home of Nike, Columbia Crest, Adidas, and Pendleton Woolen Mills is in your future.

ARE YOU GOING TO SAN ANTONIO?



Do you have a special children's book you love to share with children? We know of a way that you can share several favorite children's books with some special children.

We are asking every DKG member that attends the International Conference in **San Antonio,** July 21-24 to bring a new book or books with you to the conference. The books that you bring will be displayed on the tables at the luncheon that week. The ages of the children are newborn to 17 years of age, but we are asking for books that would benefit newborns to 8th grade level.

We will be sharing the books with several children's agencies in the San Antonio area. St. Peter-St. Joseph Children's Home, Children's Shelter, and Boysville, Inc.

We want to shower these children with wonderful new books and be a service to these great agencies. Thank you so much for your support.

Cathy Criner and the Events Committee
International Regional Conference, San Antonio

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

2021 International Conference

July 7-10 • REGISTRATION FORM • Portland, Oregon

REGISTER by one of two methods below. **Online registration is recommended**. Please print or type one member's registration per form. Include guest information on member's form. Register online at www.dkg.org.

1. Internet: www.dkg.org

2. Mail form and payment to: Delta Kappa Gamma c/o Bill Staples
416 W. 12th St., Austin, TX 78701-1817

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: ____ Badge Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Chapter: _____ State Organization (Geographic): _____ Year of Initiation: _____

Name of Guest/s: _____

Member ID: _____ ❑ Diabetic ❑ Vegetarian ❑ Gluten-Free ❑ Vegan ❑ First International Conference

Position held as of July 2021: *(please specify)*

❑ State Organization _____

PHOTO RELEASE: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, audiotaped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Prices include tax/gratuity. No meal tickets sold after **June 23**.

International Conference Events	Cost (USD)	Number	Total
Registration Fee (paid by ALL) Postmarked on or before June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$160		
Postmarked after June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$240		
Non-Member Registration Fee Postmarked on or before June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$180		
Postmarked after June 8 ❑Virtual ❑In Person	$270		
Member one-day (specify day) ❑ Thu. 7/8 ❑ Fri. 7/9 ❑ Sat. 7/10	$80		
Family/Medical Companion Registration Fee (no conference materials)	$25		
Pre-conference: Parliamentary Procedures Made Easy with lunch, 40 max (Wed., July 7)	$62		
Pre-conference: Rejuvenating Your DKG Chapter with lunch, 50 max (Wed., July 7)	$62		
Luncheon Session with Speaker Wintz (Thurs., July 8)	$62		
Taste of Oregon Experience Dinner (Thurs., July 8)	$88		
Oregon Welcomes You! (Thurs., July 8)	Free		
Riverfront Breakfast (Fri., July 9)	$48		
Celebration Luncheon with speakers (Fri., July 9)	$57		
Riverfront Breakfast (Sat., July 10)	$48		
Grab/Go Lunch (Sat., July 10)	$63		
Banquet with Speaker Sadowski (Sat., July 10)	$84		
	TOTAL ENCLOSED (USD)		$ _____

PAYMENT by check, money order or credit card information must accompany this form. **Those living outside the U.S. must pay by credit card.** For registration questions, call 512.478.5748 ext. 133 or e-mail bills@dkg.org.

❑ Check/Money Order (Payable to Delta Kappa Gamma) Credit Card: ❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard

Account #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3-digit code (back of credit card) _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Billing Address: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

CANCELLATION: Requests must be in writing to Bill Staples at bills@dkg.org by June 23, 2021. After June 23, 2021 only the registration fee will be refunded. No fees refunded after July 6, 2021. All cancellations, no matter when received, will be charged a $40 US fee. Returned check fee is $35 US.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE -- PORTLAND, OREGON -- JULY 7 – 10, 2021

WHAT CAN YOUR CHAPTER DO TO HELP?

Your chapter could:

- Identify a local business who would like to sponsor a speaker, post an ad in the program book, or sponsor a conference activity such as Oregon Welcomes You! If you know of such a business, contact Vickie Jackson for information and appropriate forms. dandvjackson@gmail.com
- Showcase (trifold? photos?) a project that is unique to Oregon (e.g., BEAR) for the exhibit table. Contact President Darlene Cook (dcook.dkg@gmail.com) to do so.

- **Sing** in the choir! Yes, a choir is being organized by June Bowers, skilled musician and Second International Vice President. Sign up on the website.
- Offer to sing or perform a duet—a music piece—during the conference.
- Buy a chapter ad for posting in the program book that every attendee will receive.

- **Volunteer!** There are lots of jobs to do. Contact Kathy Martell (kkm4dkg@gmail.com) or Sandy Watts (sandywatts269@comcast.net) to do so.
- If you are an artist, volunteer to help create a photo op background, using a plan already adopted.
- Sponsor or help sponsor a speaker (or join with another chapter as co-sponsors) or sponsor or help sponsor a conference activity like Oregon Welcomes You!

- **Contribute** wine to the Hospitality Room.
- Sponsor a table decoration at $10 per table.
- Donate a bouquet of fresh flowers. Several will be needed.

- **Help** with the Hospitality Room: Contact Brenda Jensen (bcjdkg@gmail.com) or Bonita Fillmore (bfillmore55@gmail.com). Foods must be commercially prepared. Wine, juices, tea, coffee, etc., would be welcome, or send a donation so items can be purchased in bulk.
- **Encourage** members to participate in the Art Gallery. Applications are on the International website and are due by June 5, 2021.
- Participate in the Unique Boutique with a table of craft items to sell. Contact Catie Thurber-Brown for details cthurberbrown@gmail.com 503-975-4405.

- **Secure** a "tour video" of an Oregon area that could be used for showing at Oregon Welcomes You Night. This is a nice way to feature your special part of Oregon.
- Assist in sponsoring ($$) a light meal (pizza) for students participating in Oregon Welcomes You Night.
- **Sew and decorate armbands** to identify conference volunteers. Material and a pattern will be supplied. If your chapter or a chapter member is interested, contact Jean Fairbairn (jeanf3777@gmail.com)

- **We are asking that each chapter donate 20 gifts** for the "goody bags" that will be prepared for registrants and guests. What should your chapter plan to give? Dr. Kelly McIntyre (kellymci@hotmail.com) has volunteered to organize this project, so contact her if you have questions or would like to assist in assembling the bags.

    - All 20 gifts do not have to be the same thing.
    - Nothing needs to be expensive. For example: A jar of strawberry, blueberry, marionberry, huckleberry jam; filberts; nuts; dried fruit (commercial); myrtlewood.
    - Oregon native seeds/bulbs.
    - Coupons from Oregon firms—Bob's Red Mill, Dutch Bros., etc.
    - Filberts (hazelnuts) in any form or walnuts, dried fruit, etc. (commercial).
    - Jerky or smoked salmon (commercial).

- A small handmade item: crafts, sewing, and so on
- A fancy bar of soap, perhaps made by a local crafter.
- Bath goodies
- Stationery and pens
- Something labeled from your town? "Made in Eugene, Oregon, by…"
- Clif® bars or the like for easy snacking (The Hospitality Room could use those, too.)
- Individual packages of something yummy? Whitman® samplers? See's® lollipops?
- Have each member donate one new book by an author she likes?
- A gift coupon for a Starbucks® coffee or other goodies
- Thinking bigger? Use your imagination.

- **Want to publicize your chapter?** Prepare a "Welcome to Oregon" note to accompany each gift:
  - "This is especially for you from Alpha Epsilon Chapter in Salem, Oregon. Our chapter represents the Mid-Willamette Valley (plus Lincoln City). This is a jar of Marionberry jam made by Huckleberry Haven, Inc., in Shady Cove, Oregon."

  - If you have enough energy, you could have every member sign each card. (Of course, change the red, underlined ink for the correct content.)

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE -- JULY 22-24, 2021

DKG: "Opportunities, Contributions, Impact."

The theme of this year's Conference in San Antonio, July 22-24, encourages us to take advantage of the many opportunities to make contributions and have a positive impact on our society. Join us for this Conference in a perfect place for a reunion with our DKG sisters--after some very challenging times. This beautiful city is a destination for so many with its famous Riverwalk and charming sites. We're always told that everything is bigger in Texas, and this conference is no exception!

You can register right now by going to www.dkg.org and clicking on Events and then on San Antonio. Don't forget to make your room reservations at the beautiful San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. That link is also on the Delta Kappa Gamma website.

- **Keynote speakers** will include Becky Sadowski, Dianea Phillips, Eva-Marie Kangro, and Wendy Gates Corbett.

- A **preconference workshop** sponsored by the Foundation will be held on Thursday, July 22. You will "Experience Historical San Antonio." The kick-off welcome reception will be held that same evening with yummy desserts and a chance to reunite with our sisters. Friday and Saturday will provide full days of sessions, keynotes, and more.

And don't miss out on these **additional opportunities**:

1. Be a **vendor** in the Marketplace. Contact Belinda Clift at belindaclift@mail.com or Tracey Crawford at randytracey@bellsouth.net
2. Be a **sponsor** or place an advertisement in the program book. Contact Dr. Debbie LeBlanc at dleblancedd@gmail.com or Candi Martin at going2bigflat@yahoo.com
3. Be a **volunteer**. Contact Kay Stuart at: dkg.stuart@gmail.com

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OREGON HAPPENINGS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: SPOTLIGHT SPECIAL

There's something special about Delta Kappa Gamma members. Maybe it's their educational background or professional development opportunities they provide for others. It could be that the community is a better place because they are involved in ways to enrich the lives of those around them.

Do you know a DKG member that you would like to place in the spotlight so all members could catch a glimpse of them? The 2020-2022 International Membership Committee developed guidelines to help you.

DKG International Membership Spotlight Guidelines (2021)

2020-2022 DKG International Membership Committee

An application form will be provided on the www.dkg.org website.

1. The information provided on the application will be used to determine the spotlight members as well as provide information for the spotlight article which will be written by the DKG International Membership Committee (IMC).
2. A headshot photo of the nominee will be sent separately at the time of the application and will not be provided to the committee. The IMC will not see this photo during the selection process.
3. A rubric will be used to score the nominees.
4. No more than three nominees will be selected at one time to allow for additional nominees to be submitted.
5. All nominees will be removed when a new biennium begins.
6. Prior to the end of the biennium, a member of the DKG IMC will notify nominee sponsors by July 1 to invite them to resubmit the member application.

OREGON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY COMMITTEE
MAY 22, 2021

Please research your chapter's history. When? Where? Founders? Unique things about your chapter? Who were the movers and shakers back then?

Send the info to Dana Murphy, Chair at **mudspud1@gmail.com** Save a copy in your chapter history files, too. Watch for updates!

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee is eagerly waiting for your Chapter Award Forms, so we can figure out what Rose and Rosette Awards we will be giving out this year. After receiving the forms, we will be busy making the certificates and getting ready to announce the chapters getting awards at our virtual State Convention in April.

Medallions for the three state awards arrived this weekend: Service to Society, Service to Education, and Service to Community. They will be ready to give out in April. By the time The Trail is published, hopefully all the nominee forms will be in and we can begin our selections. Thanks to all of you who turned in your forms by the deadline!

Kathy Martell & Sandy Watts, Co-Chairs

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
Lise Van Brunt, Yvonne Fasold, Kathie Hill

2021 SLATE OF CANDIDATES
STATE OFICERS

PRESIDENT: Brenda Jensen/Alpha/2

I have been a Speech Pathologist in the public schools for 46 years. Three years in Malheur County, Oregon 42 years in Klamath County, Oregon. My career has been very enjoyable working with school age children for 30 years and 15 years with 3- to 5-year-old preschool children. I did spend one year as a special education teacher in Chiloquin, Oregon. I live on my property that has been in my family for over 100 years with horses, a donkey, goats, chickens, cats, and dogs. In addition to teaching, I have held many positions in Alpha Chapter and have been active in Oregon DKG for years. I am looking forward to serving the DKG Oregon State Organization during the 2021-23 biennium.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bonita Fillmore, Alpha/2

Bonita is a retired educator who served students for 23 years. She was a Media Specialist, District Media Coordinator, Reading Teacher, and Art Teacher for the Klamath County School District. Bonita is a member of the Oregon Education Association Retired and the Oregon Retired Educators Association where she has served as a Unit President and is currently State Vice President. She may be State President for this group in the near future.

Bonita is a dedicated DKG member. She has been a Chapter President more than once and is currently serving again as President of Alpha Chapter. She has been Oregon State Organization Administrative Secretary since 2017 and served on the State Finance Committee in the past. Bonita is involved in the Parish Council as Vice President and President, CCD and assists with a Youth group. Her special interests include photography, stamp collecting, art and traveling.

SECRETARY: Kate Kelleher, Beta Beta/5

Kate has years of experience in DKG. Currently serving in the state secretary position, Kate wishes to continue. In Beta Beta, she served as co-president, co-vice president, and secretary, as well as supporting BB projects. In her professional career, Kate taught upper elementary grades for 18 years, spent 15 years as a school counselor, and she also ran a private counseling business. After initial retirement, she worked 9 years as counselor, liaison, and tutor. She is conscientious and follows through on her work.

Kate is the mother of two, is happily divorced, and has family on the East Coast, which gives her a good excuse to travel.

STATE STANDING COMMITTEES
FINANCE COMMITTEE

DISTRICT 1: Laurie Graves, Zeta/1

Laurie was a dedicated Elementary teacher for grades 2 through 4 for 32 years. After retirement she continued to sub for 6 more years. Laurie has been a member of Zeta Chapter since 2004. She served as Secretary for Zeta from 2016 to 2020.

Laurie has served the youth of her community as a 4-H leader/volunteer since 1997. She also served as the 4-H Superintendent of Food for Union County. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church where she has been an Elder and a Deacon. Laurie was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for Union County 4-H in 2016.

DISTRICT 2: Carolyn (Cari) Hinesly, Omega/2

Cari was a teacher for the Eagle Point School District from 1968 to 1998. She also worked as a Media Specialist for there from 1985-1998. She is now retired.

Cari became involved in DKG in 1975 as a member of the former Epsilon Chapter in Medford. She remained with them through 2016 until the Chapter dissolved. She then became a member of Omega. Cari was a leader in Epsilon, serving as Treasurer 1980-1992 and then again 2008-2012. She was Chapter President 2012-14, Co-President 2014-16. She became a Co-Secretary this year for Omega.

Cari serves her community as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Community Water District. She has very interesting hobbies: Cari loves sportscar and sled dog racing.

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DISTRICT 3: FINANCE COMMITTEE: OPEN!

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STATE STANDING COMMITTEES NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

DISTRICT 1: Sandra (Sandy) Rysdam, Zeta/1

Sandy has served in Education since 1986. She was an Associate Director of Financial Aid at Eastern Oregon University, Director of Leadership in La Grande, and an elementary teacher for Elgin School District. In 2010, Sandy received the Elgin School District Service Award. She currently is a substitute teacher.

Sandy is a member of Zeta Chapter and has served Zeta as a Vice President and President. Sandy is also a member and past chapter president of Beta Sigma Phi, which she joined in 1978.

DISTRICT 2: Kathleen (Kathie) Hill, Omega/ 2

Kathie retired after serving students for 39 years. She was a teacher for 24 years grades 4 through 8. She then became an administrator at K-5 level for 15 years. Kathie worked in North Carolina as well as in Oregon. She currently volunteers at a local elementary school when allowed by COVID rules.

Kathie served as President of Omega Chapter. At the state level she is currently serving as a *New Oregon Trail* proofreader. In earlier years, she served as photographer when needed and on several committees. Kathie was honored for her Service to Education by the Oregon State Organization in 2007.

Kathie served as the treasurer and secretary of the Administrators of Three Rivers Association (ATRA) at different times. She is a dog lover and enjoys golfing and travel whenever she can!

DISTRICT 3: Kaye Jones, Kappa/3

Kaye began working with students in 1980. She taught in Klamath Falls City Schools, Klamath County Schools, and Greater Albany Public Schools. She was a special education teacher, GAPS resource teacher, tutor/teacher at the Juvenile Detention Center and substitute teacher.

As a member of Kappa Chapter, Kaye was chapter president several times, co-president, treasurer, and immediate past president several times. She served on Kappa's scholarship and hostess committees. At the state level, Kaye was Secretary 2015-2017 and 2007-2008; Communications Chair; and World Fellowship Committee, 1993-1996. She assisted at many state meetings. Regionally, Kaye attended membership training in 2011, was a shuttle driver at Spokane (International Convention in 2010) and in 2009, was Hostess Committee Chair at NW Regional in Portland.

Kaye's professional organization roles varied: she has been on the Jefferson School District Board since 2011. She served on the AWANA Missionary Ministry Board 2005-2011 and was a short-term missionary to Senegal and Sierra Leone, Africa, in 2003 and 2008. She served on the Basin Transit Service Board of Directors from 1990-1997.

Kaye was honored by being elected to the Jefferson School Board, and she was given the Citation Award for *Bible* Memorization from AWANA Clubs International. Kaye's other activities include being Red Cross Lifeguard Trainer, Water Safety Instructor, and Women's Ministries at JBC.

Kaye's pix is from 2018 the convention folder.

***PROPOSED**

DKG OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION BUDGET

July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR CONVENTION

ESTIMATED INCOME		
ACTIVE MEMBERS	380 @ 24.00	$9,120
RESERVE MEMBERS	60 @ 14.00	$840
INDUCTEES	20 @ 2.50	$ 50
CONVENTION TRAIL FEE & Insurance		$125
CARRY OVER		$6,400
TOTAL INCOME		**$16,535.00**

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

OFFICERS//SPECIAL PERSONNEL 5000	
5001 PRESIDENT	2,775
5002 VICE-PRESIDENT	1,035
5003 SECRETARY	375
5004 PARLIAMENTARIAN	200
5005 TREASURER	725
5006 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	690
5007 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	375
SUB-TOTAL	**$6,175.00**

STANDING COMMITTEES 5100	
5111	
5112 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	260
5113 FINANCE	470
5114 MEMBERSHIP/EXPANSION ($500 in MM account for expansion)	290
5115 NOMINATIONS	200
5116 BYLAWS	200
5117 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (many sub-committees)	1,190
5118 COMMUNICATIONS	150
5119 MUSIC REPRESENTATIVE	250
5120 SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL & SOCIETY AWARDS	275
5121 DISTRICT COORDINATORS	
5121A DISTRICT 1	190
5121B DISTRICT 2	190
5121C DISTRICT 3	190
5121D DISTRICT 4	190
5121E DISTRICT 5	190
5121F DISTRICT 6	190
SUB-TOTAL	**$4,425.00**

BUSINESS EXPENSES 5200	
5210 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	400

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5220 AWARDS (service)	400
5231 BUSINESS FEES: financial review, etc	600
5232 THE NEW OREGON TRAIL	
5232A PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION	1,100
5232B EDITOR	400
5260 COURTESIES	40
5280 CONTINGENCY FUND & TRAININGS	2,995
SUB-total	**$5,935.00**
BUDGET TOTAL	**$16,535.00**

FINANCE COMMITTEE NOTES

- The State Finance Committee met on Saturday February 13, 2021, at 10 a.m. by Zoom.
- Investments are doing well.
- Budget was proposed as shown above.
- The stipend application (see the following page) was created. This DKG Oregon International Conference Stipend makes it easier for members to attend the July conference in Portland. An interactive copy will be on the Oregon website, or you may print and mail your copy.

NOTICE: There will be a treasurer training in the summer to start the new biennium.

REMINDERS

1. Treasurer Vickie Jackson needs to receive **Form 6 – Death of a Member**--to complete International paperwork.
2. The dues portal opens on April 1, 2021. Be sure to update your members' emails and general information for your records that are shared with State and International leadership.
3. Dues are due to your chapter treasurer by June 30.
4. Any questions? Contact Vickie Jackson – 541-475-7252

FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS FOR CONVENTION

The Finance Committee recommends the following: Standing Rules changes:

1. The mileage reimbursement for 2021-2022 is 28 cents per mile. (if passed at convention)
2. Reminders: The annual Chapter Treasurer's Bonding Fee is $10.00 (if passed at convention)
3. Biennium dues for the State are $24.00 for Active and $14.00 for Reserved.
4. Collegiate turned regular member will have their first year's membership paid. (State/International active = $64.00) This will be paid with interest made on the Permanent Funds. (if passed at the convention)

The Finance Committee recommends the following Bylaws changes:

These proposed bylaws changes must pass at convention to go into effect.

1. The budget will be renamed Operating Fund.
2. Dues shall be paid by June 30.
3. The treasurer will maintain the deceased member file.

DKG OREGON

STIPEND FOR THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND

NOTE: Confirmation of registration for the 2021 Int'l Conference in Portland is needed to apply for the stipend.

Full name: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

_____
City State Zip code

Phone _____ Email _____

Chapter Name: _____

What day(s) will you be attending the conference? (Circle) 7/6 7/7 7/8 7/9 7/10

- Applications must be **received** by June 1, 2021.
- Checks of $100 will be mailed June 15, 2021.

If you are a state officer or committee chair, you are not eligible for the stipend because you should have money in your 20-21 budget line item to use toward the conference.

Registration was sent to conference treasurer: _____
Date

Confirmation of registration:

1. Forward a copy of your emailed confirmation of payment from International to Vickie Jackson.
2. Find a copy of your confirmation on MyDKG history," print and send to Vickie Jackson.

Mail to: Vickie Jackson, Oregon Treasurer
235 S.E. C St.
Madras, OR 97741

Email to: Vickie at: dandvjackson@gmail.com

Receiving this State International Conference stipend will not hamper your receiving an Oregon state scholarship or a Unique Boutique Stipend this year or in the future.

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PRESIDENT-TO-PRESIDENT SHARING

Thank you for joining us in January & March. Your support of state meetings and activities is appreciated! In January, 34 attended: 33 Oregon members representing 14 of 19 chapters, and Barbara Clausen, NW Regional Director, from Washington. On March 6, we had 26 Oregon members representing 12 chapters. A round- table discussion with SE Regional Director Candace (Candi) Martin, our 2021 International guest, was the highlight of our March President-to-President session.

Candi answered questions from chapter presidents, such as how we can reach out to working educators and ideas for making leadership roles more attractive to members. As co-chair of the San Antonio International Conference, she provided insights into the planning of a large international event.

Also joining us was Daphne Cagle, chair of the California State Expansion Committee. She invited members to the pre-conference workshop, "A Team Approach to Revitalize Your Chapter." Daphne, along with Past Washington State President Sherri Wagemann, will lead participants in developing plans to strengthen their chapters. A second pre-conference workshop, "Robert's Rules Made Easy" will be offered by International Parliamentarian Dr. Helen Popovich.

Brenda Jensen updated us on our virtual state convention, and Jean Fairbairn discussed plans for the Portland International Conference. Vickie Jackson explained the process for applying for a $100 conference stipend. Information on our 80th Birthday Celebration was shared by Dana Murphy.

Please share comments and suggestions on topics, materials, discussion groups, frequency of meetings, etc., for future president meetings. Thank you for your continuing support and dedication to your chapter and to our state organization.

With much gratitude, Darlene

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Why Do International & State Want My Email Address?

The better to communicate with you, my dear! In today's world, email opens the door to the vast resources available on the DKG and Oregon websites.

It provides a means for you to receive important announcements, to ask questions, to chat with like-minded members on a blog, to view deadlines for opportunities, to maintain your own information on MyDKG, and to participate in the many virtual and online activities that keep DKG members current in this vibrant and ever-changing Society.

OREGON GAME NIGHT February 18, 2021

We had fun! Laughs and some brain-stimulating games made for a great evening--and 23 members from 10 chapters joined Alpha Epsilon hostesses Dr. Cindy Ryan and Jill Snyder. ***Scattergories*** and ***Truth or Lies*** turned out to be highly entertaining!.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE: OREGON LEGISLATURE

Kate Kelleher—OSO Legislative Liaison

The Capitol is silent these days, with Legislators attending House and Senate Committee meetings virtually. Some are feeling the same "Zoom Fatigue" that many educators and students are dealing with as we move into Year 2 of this Pandemic.

Democrats dominate both chambers; however, even with their 3/5 super majority to approve tax measures, they do not have a quorum majority to sweep in new policy. A main goal of this session is to approve a biennial budget. Due to diminished income tax and reduced collections from Oregon State Lottery, spending issues will be tight, even though marijuana sales have skyrocketed!

"Hot" topics for this session:

- COVID response: effects as well as vaccine rollout.
- Wildfire recovery: Many are still homeless.
- Redistricting--This only occurs once a decade and could create change.
- Campaign finance reform, following up on an initiative that Oregon voters approved in November 2020.
- Advancing Racial Equity across the state. Currently, the Legislature's Black, Indigenous and People of Color Caucus (BIPOC) has 12 members. Lew Frederick, long time member, said, "Never before has the conversation in this state been so focused on the legacies of racial inequality and the continuing impact of systemic racism of our society."

Here are three key player's quotes from the beginning of the session a month ago:

- **Governor Brown,** *"The reality is, the challenging times we have faced in the last year have really created the legislative agenda."*
- **Tina Kotek, House Speaker, Democrat, Portland** *"This session is about responding to crisis and helping people,"*
- **House Minority Leader Christine Drazan, Republican—Canby** *said the session must address, "the challenges and problems that Oregonians feel in real time."*

Will we see consensus in the coming weeks left in this session? Please tap the link to the Oregon Legislature

here, OLIS to find your Representative and Senator. Read their notes on legislation and email them your thoughts. **Connections from constituents are the most important thing we can do to ensure our voices are heard in this democracy.**

WHITE ROSES 2019 – 2021

Omega/2
- Dr. Patricia Hayes: March 21,1922 - October 29, 2019

Alpha/2
- Judy Smith-Clifton : January 1, 1946 - July 22, 2019

Lambda/3
- Jule Crume: June 29, 1919 -- August 28, 2019

Beta Beta/5
- Jean Haldorson: July 10, 1931- May 22, 2019
- Susan Eve Herron: April 4, 1938 – June 3, 2018
- Edith Evelyn Knouff: October 13, 1919 – April 25, 2017
- Carolyn Saxe: June 24, 2019 – August 29, 2020
- Darline Sverid: October 31, 1938 – July 26, 2017
- Karen Wedeking: August 25, 1943 – October 2, 2018
- Norma Wetzell: July 16, 1933 – July 25, 2020
- Margaret "Peg" Hewlett: August 7, 1949 - March 16, 2021

Alpha Nu/5
- Helen Fohl --1921 – May 6, 2020

Alpha Epsilon/5
- Betty McChesney Haus --February 16, 1939 -February 11, 2021

Eta/6
- Helen Kappler: October 13, 1928 - May 1, 2018
- Jeurine Marshall: April 17, 1928 - December 1, 2019
- Betty Jean Dawkins: February 17, 1943 -February 18, 2020

Chi/6
- Patricia Maple: August 23, 1937 - May 2, 2019

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE: CURRICULUM OF HOPE

Have you read the ***Curriculum of Hope*** newsletter that offers suggestions to stay positive and hopeful in our world? As we continue to struggle with the pandemic and experience uncertainty, this is a newsletter full of hope and useful ideas. *Curriculum of Hope* is a Standing Committee of Connecticut State Organization, DKG.

The Winter 2021 edition includes interesting and diverse articles such as:
- **DESSA:** A standardized, strength-based SEL assessment that measures the **social and emotional**
- competence of youth in kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **A Little Spots Books:** Author Diane Alber became inspired to start writing and illustrating books because she saw a need for a book that inspired art and creativity in children.
- **Just for Fun Feel- Good Reads**: A list of 12 books to help you feel better.
- **Free Online Courses:** A link for some free online classes regarding Emotional Intelligence.

You can subscribe for free. I encourage you to check it out! In closing, here are words from their Founder, **Jeanne Morascini:** "Just remember to love each other, to help each other and to share your abundance of goodness. Go forth and spread your message of peace through kindness, empathy, and love. Our very ill world population needs the support of every peacemaker right now. Blessings for your good health, peace and joy in a more normal world in 2021."

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BONDED BY FIRE

Omega of Oregon & Epsilon Omicron of California

SISTER CHAPTERS RULE!

January 2021

We have some wonderful news to share. Our sister Chapter, **Epsilon Omicron from Huntington Beach, California,** has donated another $500 to our mutual efforts to support a local family. At Omega's February Zoom meeting, a number (13) of Epsilon Omicron members joined us from Orange County, CA: **Cynthia Blackwell, Ginger Longwell, Frazer, Joan Copp, Becky Cameron, Karen, Kathy Elles, Sheila Nelson, Lynn Records, Lissa Pestolesi, Susan Selman, Teri, Cathy Ryder.** It was an inspiring and friendship-making session.

This is the story of the family that received the $1,000 donated by Epsilon Omicron. At the recommendation of a local principal in the Three Rivers School District (Josephine County, Oregon), this family was selected by Omega to receive assistance. The family takes the children to a mobile hot spot where a Three Rivers District-provided van comes periodically. Staff set up warming tents, portable heaters, and tables so kids can work on laptops.

This Illinois Valley family lost everything in the September fires. They have a truck, and someone donated a small camper trailer that all five share. They are living far out in the county, almost to the Oregon/California border. They have three kids: two at Evergreen Elementary and one who is a senior at Illinois Valley High School in Cave Junction.

High school staff provided a warm blanket for each family member and gas cards to run the family's generator and truck. The generator is the only way they can cook and have light and heat. They run the heat about two hours at night before they sleep. Omega has donated a new Chrome Book (laptop) to assist the family with online education and more recently has added $250 for gas for their generator..

As you can well envision, this generous $1,000 donation will go far toward a new beginning and a better chance at success.

Update: March 7, 2021

The family is sometimes able to get WIFI at home now. Two of the kids are at Evergreen. We talked to the office manager and the principal at the high-school who were in close contact with the family. The family desperately needed a washer and dryer, but supplies of appliances are low in our area due to fires and COVID. We were able to work with a local appliance store. The store found an older set that they refurbished for the family and then even knocked off $100 for us after I told them the family story.

The family was so grateful. They drove in to Grants Pass where I (Lise Van Brunt) got to meet them all. The kids said they had been especially delighted to get the laptop, as sharing just the school laptop is very hard among three of them.

The high school daughter is on track to graduate, despite everything that has happened in the last year. In talking directly with them, I discovered that the trailer they live in was purchased from funds they received through a Go Fund Me account set up by family.

They are hardworking , humble people who are working hard to re-establish themselves for the sake of their kids. They are living on their land despite the challenges of no power yet and deep mud because the fire was so hot it burnt underground roots so soil sinks deeply. Snow and rain produce high humidity in their house, causing wet muddy clothes and towels all the time. Despite that, they arrived clean with only muddy boots to show the story!

Thank you, Epsilon Omicron, for beginning this journey of funding for a local family. We are inspired by your generosity and kindness.

Lise Van Brunt
Omega President
Grants Pass, Oregon

And here is the sad part: A similar scenario was repeated over and over as fires raged in southern Oregon in Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Counties; in the north Willamette Valley, in the Santiam Canyon fires, in Lane County, in Clackamas Couny; and on the Oregon Coast in Lincoln County. So many homes and lives were burned to a crisp.

CHAPTER CHATTER

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): ALPHA'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Thanks to Melissa High, we were able to set up a Little Library in the Midland Store. **Melissa, Judy Brimmer, Bonita Fillmore, Joanne Skinner, and Brenda Jensen** were able to put DKG stickers in each book donated. Bonita donated a bookshelf and helped to set up a library. Books for various ages were placed on the shelves. It is pretty exciting and hopefully residents in the area are taking advantage of the Midland Little Free Library

Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.): Omega has been doing well with Zoom and /or hybrid meetings this year, although not all members are comfortable with either one! Our March speaker, Co-Secretary **Sara Kinstler**, discussed challenges of classroom management during a pandemic, when the "classroom" is a computer screen--a different issue entirely.

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Eight of Lambda's active classroom teachers and two guests presented a panel discussion about "Teaching Online During the Pandemic: Problems and Positives" for our February Zoom meeting. They were praised for their resilience and determination to provide the best education for their students.

To help children gain an understanding of diversity, five book bags each containing five children's books are being circulated among our members in the schools. Literacy Chair **Dr. Karren Timmermans** shared a list of children's picture books that help increase understanding of diversity.

State President **Darlene Cook** was present at both the February and March Zoom meetings. She provided updated information about the upcoming State Convention and the International Conference.

The focus for our March meeting was White Bird Clinic's CAHOOTS (Crisis and Helping Out on The Streets) and HOOTS (Helping Out Our Teens in School) programs. Ashley Barnhill-Hubbard informed us about this community-based public safety system to provide mental health first-response.

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): Our March meeting was followed by a trip to the past. A presenter from the Columbia County Historical Society spoke on some history of Columbia County's earliest schools and educators. Many members recognized buildings that they had taught in before those buildings had been either re-vamped or replaced. A few of the members even remembered the presenter from his elementary school years!

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.): Alpha Epsilon's past three programs have been outstanding. In January, Salem-Keizer Superintendent, Christy Perry shared with us about her strong commitment to anti-racism as she works with SKPS staff and the board of directors. In February, soon-to-be-installed Oregon's 2021 Kid Governor, Taneesh Garg, joined us virtually to share about his community issue for the year: Racism. Also presenting was Mary Beth Herkert, State Coordinator of the 5th Grade Civics Program, sharing information about the "Oregon Kid Governor Program."

In March, Ashley Hamilton, Project Program Director for ARCHES, shared with us how a data-driven examination of homelessness works in Marion and Polk County. More housing for the homeless was exciting to hear about. She also shared critical information regarding trends in homelessness and COVID.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): In February, Alpha Nu members joined Beta Beta Chapter in their Zoom meeting to hear about the remarkable women featured in the book, *Notable Women of Portland.* President **Melanie Morris** delivered members' donated books to **Kathy Martell** for her Little Library.

Members shared personal stories at the March meeting. We had an introduction to a new precious granddaughter; tales of extraordinary teaching experiences; travel stories to favorite countries; important teaching advice from a member's student; remote teaching challenges and rewards; delivering services to students in a motorhome; the joy of going through old family photos; and an explanation of how a member makes beautifully decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs.

Helen Fohl passed away on May 6, 2020, at 99. Her 57 years of active membership in Alpha Nu Chapter, 38 of those years as treasurer, were an inspiration.

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Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): On February 11, Psi held a Zoom meeting hosting special guest speaker: Amy Richter, founder of *Music Workshop.* Amy saw a need for relevant music education in the classroom. Her program started with an idea for increasing student love of music with CDs and teacher instruction and then grew to an online program reaching 800,000 to 2,100,000 students, in all 50 states and 77 countries. Her program is being used by teachers in public schools, international schools, private schools, as well as reaching out to homeschoolers. Take a look at *Music Workshop* by visiting the website: https://www.musicworkshopedu.org.

As a chapter we are looking forward to the Oregon DKG Convention, where member **Bertha Hass** will be a presenter, sharing information about Huruma School in Tanzania. If we are able to meet in person for the International Conference in Portland, **Meri Putzler** will be the committee chair for the properties room. Hope to see you all there!

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):

Notable Portland Women

February's History Committee Program featured Zadie Schaffer presenting a talk about Notable Women of Portland, the book which she co-wrote with her mother, Dr. Tracy Prince. The project began as Zadie's Mitzvah part of her Bat Mitzvah project. Zadie is a senior at Lincoln High School in Portland and has been admitted to Stanford University next year. This lively presentation highlighted a group of Portland's prominent women over the years from first people and pioneers to the present, including names we recognized and many we did not. Notable Women of Portland can be purchased from Amazon or Powell's.

Bunco Alert: Who knew a fundraiser could be so much fun? At our fall auction, one of the big moneymakers was an online Bunco game. **Sharon Kabusreiter and Kim Brown** spent long hours learning how to put Bunco online. The idea was to meet new people, have fun, and win some big bucks. It worked perfectly! Almost 40 people (on Zoom!) moved from table to table, throwing dice and accumulating points as they went. **Wendy Hacke's** eight-year- old granddaughter, Ava, almost stole the show with her enthusiasm and skill. The big winner was **Sherrie James,** who won $100 for throwing the most buncos. Sherrie graciously donated her prize back to the Foundation. A great time was had by all. Stay tuned for our next game!

District 6

Chi (Clackamas): Would you like to become a Book Fairy? Once a week, a Book Fairy delivers a book to a child who could use extra reading support and also becomes the child's pen pal. Gently used books and printed books from Raz-kids.com are provided as another resource for Book Fairies. A stamped, self-addressed envelope and Book Fairy Stationery are also part of this packet. Interested? We are gathering names of Book Fairies now.Sign up at www.teachersbrigade.org to get started! or call
Cindy O'Mealy, 503-830-5077
Teachers Brigade Director

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla): At our January Zoom meeting, we had a wonderful sharing of special teacher moments and winter snow stories. Due to the ice storm and power outages, our February meeting was canceled. Our agenda was to finalize our Beta Gamma scholarship winners, so we did it by email. Four projects from four different schools were awarded around $150 each.

COMING UP

July 31 to August 1, 2021
Int'l Leadership Training
Atlanta, Georgia

1. State Organization President
2. State Organization Treasurer
3. State Organization Executive/ Administrative Secretary (first term)
4. State Organization Membership Chair
5. State Organization Educational Excellence Chair

Sessions will be recorded for on-demand viewing and use for participants unable to attend the training in-person.

As our NW Representative on the International Leadership Development Committee, **Dr. Kelly McIntyre** will be a member of the leadership training team.

2022 July 12 - 16, 2022
Int'l Convention
New Orleans, LA

INFORMATION FROM DKG INTERNATIONAL

EMERGENCY FUND

As a valuable DKG member, you are eligible for a $500 award from the Emergency Fund. If a DKG member experiences a major loss from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, or other natural disasters, their chapter and state organization president may recommend they receive a $500 award from the DKG Emergency Fund.

The process is user-friendly. The chapter president informs the state organization president of member(s) impacted by a natural disaster. Then the state organization president electronically submits Form 84 to the Executive Director with the name of the member, member's chapter, current mailing address, date of the event, the exact natural disaster, and loss sustained. The form can be found at the dkg.org website under 'Forms-General.' Occasionally, additional information may be needed. The Executive Director approves the request and sends a check from Society Headquarters to the member(s).

The DKG Emergency Fund has been responding to disasters since 1948. Following a 1948 flood that destroyed Vanport, Oregon; the *DKG News* asked for monetary donations to help affected members living in Vanport. More than $3,000 was sent to headquarters to assist, and thus the Emergency Fund began. [Vanport was on the site of Delta Park and Portland International Raceway, elevation: 23 ft.]

Between July 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, seventy-nine (79) members impacted by natural disasters received funds totaling $39,500. Members who have received assistance from the fund report how thankful they are for the help and appreciate how quickly it was received. Many are surprised; all are grateful. The Emergency Fund is sustained totally from donations. Collections are held at international conferences. In addition, individuals, chapters, and state or province organizations may donate funds. Donations can be made to the Emergency Fund with a debit or credit card on the website under 'Donate to DKGIEF' or by sending a check made out to DKG Emergency Fund along with Form 43 from the site. As they say, "members helping members."

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Since the DKG Supporting Corporation and the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation have merged into the **DKG International Educators Foundation,** DKG has also merged the two AmazonSmile accounts. You, as a supporter, just follow the steps to support the new Foundation: Encourage friends and family, too.

1. Go into your AmazonSmile account. Up on the top left-hand side under the search bar, you will see what CAUSE you are currently supporting.
2. Click on the **arrow** to the right of the cause you have chosen.
3. Click on CHANGE.
4. **Type in** DKG International Educators Foundation and then click the SEARCH BUTTON.
5. Once you see the name of the foundation, click SELECT.
6. That's it! Now shop!

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A SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA OPTION

K.I.N.D. (Kids in Need of Desks) Fund

Helping make dreams of an education come true is the mission of the K.I.N.D. (Kids in Need of Desks) Fund, a partnership between MSNBC's host Lawrence O'Donnell and UNICEF. Students in Africa often do not have desks to work at or, most importantly, the money needed for tuition. Joyce, a 15-year-old Malawian straight-A student, faced this dilemma. A scholarship from the K.I.N.D. Fund allowed Joyce to pursue her educational dreams. Watch the video link provided from UNICEF – *The K.I.N.D. Fund Helps Girls in Malawi Stay in School* – to see Joyce's success and hear her words of hope and inspiration.

You can gain additional information and links to other stories of student assistance on this video link. The K.I.N.D. Fund and UNICEF offer opportunities for DKG members to support Schools for Africa in a lasting and life-changing manner to children in need.

The K.I.N.D Fund helps Girls in Malawi Stay in School

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3/16, 6/15
Alpha Rho Foundation Board Meeting
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3/17, 4/14, 5/19, 6/23 7/6- 7/10
Int'l Conference Steering Committee Meetings

3/29 Executive Committee meeting
4/5 Sigma Chapter meeting
4/7 Chi Chapter meeting
4/12 Beta Beta meeting
4/15 Alpha Phi meeting

April 23-25 - Oregon State Organization Convention **–**
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5/12 Alpha's Educaational Excellence Celebration
5/22 Oregon State Organization's 80th Birthday
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