

# THE NEW OREGON TRAIL



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

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

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**Oregon State  
Organization**

## DATES TO WORK WITH—Mark your calendars.

**Now:** Click on OLIS (Oregon Legislature Information System). Find your representative or senator, then write in support of the Dolly Parton Oregon Imagination Library or the other bills that **support literacy for early childhood learning**. [www.olis.oregonlegislature.gov](http://www.olis.oregonlegislature.gov) The Ways and Means Committee is in charge of funding, so put some pressure on them.

### **June TBA: OSO Leadership Training**

**June 20:** Learn about the **Alpha Rho Foundation (ARF) on Zoom**. As an Oregon DKG member, you are automatically also a member of ARF. Contact Vickie Jackson [dandvjackson@gmail.com](mailto:dandvjackson@gmail.com) to request a Zoom link.

**June 22:** Wine Social 5 to 7 p.m. **Women and Wine at Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego**. Sponsored by the Beta Beta Educational Foundation, tickets are \$50 per person, with \$20 of that being tax deductible. For tickets, contact Eloise Gibson: [elog16@comcast.net](mailto:elog16@comcast.net) or [elogibson@gmail.com](mailto:elogibson@gmail.com)  
**Caution:** Tickets sell out fast!!

**July: International Conferences** in Phoenix, AZ (18-22); Detroit, MI (11-16); and Tampere, Finland (26-29). Lots of fun and learning are guaranteed.

**FELLOWSHIP, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP--** The essence of our Independence, Oregon, state convention. They are all in this photo of Sandy Watts (red) and Vickie Jackson (facing us).



### **Oregon State Organization Officers 2023-2025**

**L: Dr. Wendy Hacke**      **C: Darlene Cook**      **R: Judy Brimmer**  
**Vice President**                      **President**                      **Secretary**



Thank you, ladies, for volunteering to serve Oregon for the next two years. We appreciate your willingness to share your skills to lead our state.

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



Hello Sisters!

As I sit here staring at a blank page, I'm wondering how I can express my appreciation to the many sisters that have helped with the success of my biennium. There are not enough words to express my love and admiration for the members of DKG Oregon State Organization. I appreciate your dedication, your desire to make OSO and DKG better, and your help to keep us moving forward. Our accomplishments during the past two years have been many, and I know we are dedicated to continuing to produce even more accomplishments in the future.

I would like to thank each one of my sisters, as I know that you are the ones that are responsible, allowing me to leave my state presidency proud to have represented so many caring and beautiful women educators. You all held me up in some difficult times during the past two years. I was touched by the thoughts and prayers that you sent my way.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! I will represent you to my best ability with future committees and assignments. Thank you for your support!

Best wishes to the newly elected officers. I know you will do a great job, and I appreciate your decision to help lead Oregon DKG forward to future success.

Love to all,

**Brenda**

**2021-2023  
OREGON STATE  
ORGANIZATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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# INSTALLING 2023-2025 OFFICERS



*L > R: Brenda Jensen, Outgoing President; Darlene Cook, Incoming President; Dr. Wendy Hacke, Incoming Vice President; Judy Brimmer, Incoming Secretary; Debbie Wells, Continuing Nominating Committee.*

Thanks to the Nominating Committee, Oregon has newly elected **state officers**:

## New **OSO** Officers

- President Darlene Cook
- Vice President Dr. Wendy Hacke
- Treasurer Vickie Jackson
- Secretary Judy Brimmer—who consented to be nominated from the floor

## New Elected OSO Committees

### Nominating Committee

- Dst. 4: Debbie Wells
- Dst. 5: Eloise Gibson
- Dst. 6: Ardeth Woods

### Finance Committee

- Dst. 4: Nancy Lessard
- Dst. 5: Donalene Biller
- Dst. 6: Alice Hartness-Reichle—who consented to be nominated from the floor.



Be sure to congratulate these women who have agreed to take on leadership roles to make Oregon an active, strong state within DKG.

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**  
(so far--more to come)



*Grace Pitzer: Webmaster (L)  
Beta Beta*  
*Marie Mueller: Editor (R)  
Alpha Epsilon*



*Vickie Jackson, Treasurer  
Sigma*



*Bonita Fillmore, Alpha  
Administrative Secretary*



*Nancy Lewis, Parliamentarian  
Beta Beta*

# YOU ARE INVITED!

**Beta Beta Education Foundation invites you to a Wine Social**  
**Women Who Wine for Education – Men invited too!**

**June 22, 2023, 5-7 PM** at the lovely Nathman Building at Mary's Woods in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

**Act fast – Tickets are limited!**

Contact Eloise Gibson at [elog16@comcast.net](mailto:elog16@comcast.net) or 503-442-1710 to reserve yours today!

Your \$50 ticket (\$20 is tax-deductible) includes two pours of premium Oregon wine, a generous array of appetizers and sweet bites, and a chance at very nice door prizes.

Also available are:

- Raffle tickets for luxury gift baskets, many sponsored by local businesses
- A blind wine pull
- A few high-ticket items in a live auction.
- Additional wine pours

Please join us to help with the Beta Beta Education Foundation's work in supporting teachers with grants, arts, and literacy projects in schools, as well as providing scholarships for future educators.

A promotional graphic for a wine social. It features a wooden table with a bunch of green and purple grapes, a white wine glass, and a red wine glass. The text reads: "Beta Beta Education Foundation presents a wine social: Women Who Wine for Education Men invited, too! Save the Date! June 22, 2023 5 PM to 7 PM". Below the text is a list of details: "\$50, includes 2 wine pours, appetizers and door prizes", "A Blind Wine Pull and Raffle Gift Baskets will also be available", "Nathman Building at Mary's Woods at Marylhurst in Lake Oswego", "\$20. of Ticket Price is Tax Deductible", and "contact Eloise Gibson: [elog16@comcast.net](mailto:elog16@comcast.net)/ 503-442-1710".

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## **BONAMICI SPONSORS MENTAL HEALTH FOR EDUCATORS BILL**

*Darlene Cook & Kate Kelleher*

In February 2023, Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Penn., and Susan Wild, D-Penn., introduced *HR 744 - Supporting the Mental Health of Educators and Staff Act of 2023*. The bill is now in the Subcommittee on Health.

With bipartisan support, the bill calls for improved mental health support as educators continue to struggle with depression, burnout, and stress. “The pandemic was particularly hard,” Bonamici said. “We’re experiencing teacher shortages in many places and community-wide trauma . . . between racial conflict and gun violence. The concern I have is that educators are leaving the teaching profession because of burnout, stress, low pay, and limited resources.” The bill would authorize funding and establish more resources to help teachers, principals, and other school staff members with mental health challenges like stress, anxiety, and depression.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must award grants or contracts to educational agencies, higher education, or consortia for programs to promote mental health and resiliency among education professionals and other school staff.

HHS must conduct a campaign to (1) encourage education professionals and school staff to seek support and treatment for mental and behavioral health concerns and (2) disseminate best practices to prevent suicide and (3) improve mental health and resiliency among education professionals and other school staff, and (4) establish guidelines for removing barriers to accessing care and treatment, and identifying strategies to promote resiliency.

The Government Accountability Office must report on the extent to which relevant federal grant programs address the prevalence and severity of mental health conditions and substance use disorders among education professionals and other school staff.

**For more information on H.R. 744, go to [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov)** where you sign up, can ask to be notified of actions on this bill, and are able to track its progress.

At the 2022 US Forum Session at the International Convention in New Orleans, members passed a resolution “On Recognizing Mental Health Issues for Educational Staff and Promoting Support Services.” H.R.744 meets many of the provisions covered in the resolution.

Meanwhile, if you need help, contact your Human Resources Department and speak with your doctor. Help is available. Ask for it!



## **MEET THE NEWEST OREGON MEMBERS (THE RED ROSES!)**



*Edna “Susie”  
Nicoli--Beta Beta*



*Kathleen Kay  
Taylor--Beta Beta*



*Samantha Blake (L) & Karli Bedard  
(R--collegiate member),  
Zeta Chapter, Dst. 1.*

Samatha Blake and Kristin Jones (last photo below) joined us in Independence for our convention and were active participants!



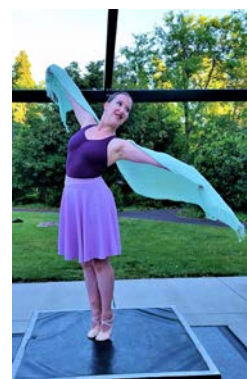
*Katie Rico, Omega  
Collegiate*



*Julie Zetterberg-  
Beta Beta*



*Michelle Lacaden-  
Beta Beta*



*Kristin Jones,  
Kappa: She  
teaches dance.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT RECIPIENTS!

### For the first time in ten years, an Edith Green Grant was awarded!

The Green Grant provides funds to a woman of at least junior standing pursuing a career in secondary education. It went to Jordyn Krake, recommended by Psi Chapter. She lives in Hillsboro and is working on the MAT program for high school Special Education at Pacific University.



Jordyn was a teacher's assistant in the Life Skills Program at Liberty High School when she was a high school student and after receiving her bachelor's from Western Oregon University. She is deaf in one ear and had postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome which, she said, "present me with daily challenges to overcome." She knows both ASL and Spanish, enabling her to assist students in the Life Skills Program to have their needs addressed using sign language. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to award Jordyn Krake \$2,500 as an Edith Green Grant.

**Julie Voelker-Morris/Lambda** received \$3,000 as an **Isabelle Huston**



**Commemorative Scholarship.** Julie is taking a tiered coaching certification class, which will be completed in December 2024. She explains, "I am

enhancing my own skills, knowledge, and practices of supporting student professional growth in working with the whole person....Beyond my work with students, I want to support and enhance the work of other women educators - especially my DKG sisters - at moments in which they feel stuck or in transition with their careers, their development as leaders, or refinement

of their practices individually or within the teams and classrooms in which they work."

Julie currently teaches and advises 100 graduate students at the University of Oregon, and feels her focus is to prepare students to make a difference in communities. She is learning from a Level 3/Master Certified Coach alongside 15 peers (125 hours); preparing for the international exam; and achieving a high level of required coaching practice hours (500 hours) as part of the certification process.

**Stevie Viaene, Beta Beta** since 2003, was awarded a \$300 Personal Enrichment Commemorative Scholarship to pursue



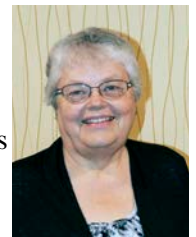
her passion for the sport of dog agility. She has long worked with dogs, specifically water dogs and rescuing, and has won many awards with her "very talented and eager dog" and wishes to participate in international competitions. She had planned to attend a one-day seminar in Newberg, to be followed by a two-day trial in Hopewell. "Since my dog has titles in other venues of agility, he will start at the Senior level, which is the second highest level in UKI (United Kingdom Agility International). I need to be ready to do my part as we head into this new venture." She had to withdraw from the seminar after her dog suffered a shoulder injury. Stevie: "I did go out to the trial site and volunteered by helping to run certain events, and I learned a lot doing that." She returned her scholarship check to the State. We encouraged her to apply again when her dog is healthy.

**Michelle Gallas/Omega** member since 2009, has been invited to speak at a holistic conference on early childhood education in Incheon, very near Seoul, South Korea, in May. Her award is for

\$2,500. She explains, "The purpose of the trip is to present and participate at a Keong-in Teacher Education University...a holistic conference in which we will exchange information and ideas about early childhood education. The goal is to share best practices, identify new opportunities for collaboration, to be able to tour other kindergartens (pre-school age in Korea) and ultimately enhance the quality of early childhood education in both South Korea and the United States." Michelle owns Imagine That...Creative Children's Centers, "with several programs serving over 80 young children and their families in Grants Pass." She uses the Reggio Emilia philosophy of teaching at each of four sites over the years. She is "committed to improving education for young children both in my community and beyond."

**Darlene Cook/Chi**

will be representing Oregon at the International Conference in Finland. Serving as the US Forum chairman, she explained that the chairmen of the four Forums (US, Latin America, Canada, and Europe) will begin to "work together on international issues affecting women, children and education." They "agreed to schedule one meeting at each of the 2023 International Conferences open to all DKG members no matter where they reside....As Chair of the US Forum, it is my responsibility to promote this goal on behalf of our US members."



In addition to Forum obligations, Darlene will be attending as OSO State President (for the second time). She will attend any Executive Board meetings or other activities planned for them. The Scholarship Committee awarded Darlene \$2,500 toward expenses for this event.



## SISTERS—A DKG MOMENT

*Priscilla Ing, Lambda/3*

I have three grown children, two of them daughters. Danielle was 19 months old when Eliesa was born, and my first words upon being told, 'It's a girl,' were "Danielle has a sister."

I was five when my little brother was born and, other than the benefits of being a bossy big sister, I was quite lonely, longing for a female friend with whom to share an isolated farm upbringing. Imaginary friends really didn't cut it.

My first deep encounter with girls becoming like sisters was in Girl Scouts. Law #10 – To be a sister to every Girl Scout. Learning together, camping and traveling together, and eventually, even being a bridesmaid happened with those sisters.

When in college, I was lucky enough to live in a women's co-op where 4 of the 50 women became my lifelong friends. We've shared the good and bad times of our lives over the last 53 years. Presently, I'm looking forward to four days in June when we will be renting a house in Washington State just to be with one another. There will be lots of talk, lots of food, some knitting, some reading, and perhaps some tears. One of these women, who has three biological sisters and travels all the way from Indiana, has often commented during our biannual gatherings, "I sometimes feel closer to you all, than I do my own sisters."

In 2002, I joined Lambda Chapter of DKG and found many more sisters. "Purpose #1- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship." Beyond the scholarship opportunities, a better awareness of current events, of my community, and of pending legislation, as well as staying informed of education issues, it is purpose #1 that means so much to me. It was with my DKG sisters that we served at the reception of a sister's mother's memorial. It was with my DKG sisters that we created a meal train for member's family during her illness. It was with my DKG sisters that we shared in the

grief and subsequent stages of that grief with a sister who lost a spouse. It was my DKG sisters that stepped up to facilitate the OBOB battles of my first try as an OBOB coordinator for my school. And lastly, it was with my closest DKG sisters that I shared a devastating medical diagnosis and received the immediate emotional support and prayers that I so needed at that moment. The seven purposes of DKG are all valid and valuable, but the spiritual fellowship, my sisters, are the thing I am thankful for every single day.

Oh, and as to my two daughters, they turned out to be opposite ends of the spectrum and never did anything the same or willingly with one another. The saying that best describes them, is the following: "You are my sister, I love you, and if you fall, I will always be there to help you up—as soon as I stop laughing."

*Sorry about the shading. It came with the document and nothing I tried would remove it. Marie*



Join DKG members, the Administrative Board, and international staff in a **Town Hall meeting** on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., PDT. The conversation will focus on future conferences and conventions.

Members are also invited to **zoom with international staff** the first Tuesday of each month. The next session will be June 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m., PDT. Zoom invitations for both events can be found on the rotator on the international website, dkg.org.

## Planning for an award or funding for 2023-2024?

### OREGON STATE ORG.

**August 1, 2023, December 1, 2023, March 1, 2024**

Scholarship Applications Due

**March 1, 2024**

Grant-in-Aid Applications Due

**March 15, 2024**

Service Awards Due  
Order of the Rose Due  
Rosette Awards Due

### INTERNATIONAL

**April 1, 2023**

Dues portal is open for your 2023-24 dues. Pay your chapter treasurer.

**May 20, 8:30 a.m., PDT**

Town Hall with DKG Admin staff on future conferences and conventions.

**June 30, 2023**

Last day to pay your Member Dues & Fees for 2023-24

**July 15, 2023**

Chapter Treasurer Annual Report due to State Treasurer

**November 1, 2023**

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

**December 1, 2023**

DKG Ignite applications due

**February 1, 2024**

International Scholarship Aps Due

## INFO FROM INTERNATIONAL

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

### DKG BENEFITS: INSURANCE

Your DKG membership provides insurance for all your troubles whether it be yourself, your chapter, your credit cards, or your pet.

- Life and health from Boon-Chapman
- Professional liability, general liability, accident medical insurance, directors and officers liability, bonding and property insurance from AIM
- Pet insurance from VPI/Nationwise
- Identity recovery from ID Theft Assist
- Longterm care and care for the senior market from LTCR
- Discounted hearing assessments and prescription hearing aids from TruHearing
- Dental care from Dental Insurance.com
- You can take advantage of the group rates available through your DKG membership.

To find the listings, sign in to [DKG.org](http://DKG.org) as a member and then go to About on the homepage, then benefits, and then scroll down to insurance. You can follow that up with a web search for the companies. Be sure to identify yourself as a DKG member when you contact the companies. Best wishes as you explore these insurance benefits.



### DKGIEF, the DKG International Educator Foundation

DKGIEF maintains several funds with a variety of goals. PURPOSES of the DKG International Educator Fund include:

- Support and encourage intercultural understanding
- Encourage standards of excellence in education
- Assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities, and other persons, organizations, trust funds, or foundations in support, encouragement, and improvement of education.

The funds are listed in red. Some have explanations. I'll add more in the next *Trail*. Slightly adapted from the DKGIEF website.

#### FUNDS (red labels)

- **Area of Greatest Need**
  - **Cornet Award**
  - **Educational Projects**
  - **Educators Award Fund**
- and with more depth:**

**Emergency Fund:** Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive U.S. \$500 from the DKG Emergency Fund. DKG members in Mississippi and Alabama will need help after those recent tornadoes.

**Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund** (read about Ms. Holden in a recent DKG blog).

- International Conference Speakers \$1,000 to each conference to use toward paying for an outstanding woman speaker who is not a member
- International Convention Speakers Financial support for outstanding speakers who are not members
- Parliamentary Training
- Transition Meetings for incoming international presidents.
- International Leader Orientation for administrative board members and international committee chairs at the beginning of each biennium
- DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering

- Leaders Program
- Latin American Conference
- DKG Next

- **Golden Gift Fund**
- **International Speakers Fund**
- **Scholarship Fund**

**For advanced degrees:** As many as 31 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. In a recent year, that amounted to over \$100,000 in awards. States and chapters also offer scholarships. The Society awarded \$5,750,000 to 1,144 members between 1940 when scholarship program began and 2018-19.

#### **World Fellowship Fund--for study in the United States**

Fellowship applications are conducted through bi-national selection committees sponsored by Fulbright Commissions/Foundation or by the Cultural Affairs Office of the United States Embassy in the applicant's home country. All documents are sent to the Institute of International Education (IIE), a private non-profit organization that administers the student portion of the Fulbright Program.

IIE helps students with enrollment, visas, insurance and transportation. IIE also aids students with obtaining grants to supplement the Fulbright stipend from different foundations and organizations, of which the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Program is one.

Annually the IIE staff reviews successful international candidates and forwards applications for those who meet the criteria for Delta Kappa Gamma fellowships. From these, the World Fellowship Committee selects recipients for Society grants.





# An Opportunity to Make a Difference

## Now Accepting Applications for the Position of DKGIEF Director

The future growth of DKGIEF depends on the **skills** and **experiences** of elected DKGIEF directors and their **level of passion** for the vision of the Foundation to “educate the world.”

DKGIEF Directors manage the following funds for the purposes of fundraising, investment, donor management, and distribution of awards:

Scholarship      World Fellowship      International Speakers      Emergency      Cornetet Eunah Temple Holden  
Educational Projects      Golden Gift      Educators Book Award

If you are passionate about the DKGIEF’s mission and have the skill set to contribute to the work of the Foundation, we urge you to apply to become a DKGIEF director. General information and application can be found on the DKGIEF webpage or use the QR code below.



### THERE IS STILL TIME!

Register now to attend one of the three International Conferences!

**Detroit, Michigan**  
July 11-16, 2023

**Phoenix, Arizona**  
July 18-22, 2023

**Tampere, Finland**  
July 26-29, 2023

Register at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org)  
>>>Events

### RED ROSES

**District 1:** February 20, 2023  
Kali Bedard, Zeta/Collegiate  
Samantha Blake, Zeta

**District 2:** December 3, 2022  
Kathryn “Katie” Rico, Omega/Collegiate

**District 3:** January 16, 2023  
Kristin Jones, Kappa

**District 5:** April 10, 2023  
Medha Joshi, Beta Beta  
Michelle Lacaden, Beta Beta  
Edna “Susie” Nicoli, Beta Beta  
Kathleen Kay Taylor, Beta Beta  
Julie Zetterbert, Beta Beta



## REVISED Budget after convention suggestions.

### OREGON STATE ORGANIZATION OPERATING FUND 2023-24

#### ESTIMATED INCOME

ACTIVE MEMBERS	350 @ 24.00	\$8,400
RESERVE MEMBERS	50 @ 14.00	\$700
CONVENTION TRAIL FEE & Insurance		\$125
CARRY OVER		\$6,400
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$15,625.00</b>

#### 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
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,175.00</b>

##### STANDING COMMITTEES 5100

5111		
5112		
5113 FINANCE		460
5114 MEMBERSHIP/EXPANSION		900
5115 NOMINATIONS		200
5116 BYLAWS/STANDING RULES		200
5117 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE/Leadership		1,350
5118 COMMUNICATIONS		200
5119 MUSIC REPRESENTATIVE		200
5120a GENERAL AWARDS		200
5120b Scholarship & grants		200
5121 DISTRICT COORDINATORS		
5121A DISTRICT 1		200
5121B DISTRICT 2		200
5121C DISTRICT 3		200
5121D DISTRICT 4		200
5121E DISTRICT 5		200
5121F DISTRICT 6		200
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,110.00</b>

##### BUSINESS EXPENSES 5200

5210 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES		400
5220 AWARDS (service necklace)		400
5231 BUSINESS FEES: financial review, etc.		600
5232 THE NEW OREGON TRAIL		
5232A PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION		800
5232B EDITOR		400
5233 WEBMASTER		200
5260 COURTESIES		40
5280 CONTINGENCY FUND		1,500
<b>SUB-total</b>		<b>\$4,340.00</b>

**BUDGET TOTAL** **\$15,625.00**



**Budget, continued**

- The mileage reimbursement for 2023-2024 is 30 cents per mile until the line is zero.
- The annual Chapter Treasurer’s Bonding Fee is \$10.00.
- Biennium dues for the State are \$24.00 Active and \$14.00 for Reserved.
- Collegiate member turned active member will have their first year’s membership paid by the state. (\$64.00 from the Presidents and Founders Fund interest)



**MONEY MATTERS at  
CONVENTION**

*Vickie Jackson, Treasurer*

**BIRTHDAY LUNCH**

President Brenda chose to have these funds go to Scholarships this year.

DKG members donated a lot at the Birthday Luncheon. Chris Luehring, Scholarship Committee chair, had prepared a list that described how each scholarship or grant was used. That resulted in \$2,077.00!! Each scholarship fund and grant received something.

- Hazel Fishwood - \$230.00
- Emma Henkle - \$330.00
- State Founders & State Presidents - \$377.00
- Personal Enrichment and Commemorative - \$480.00
- Dagmar Jeppeson Grant - \$230.00
- Edith Green Grant - \$430.00

Thank you all for helping future applicants reach their dreams.

**BASKET DRAWING**

President Brenda chose the Gamma Stipend Fund as recipient of earnings. This fund will be used to assist members (but not first-time attendees) to attend International or state conferences, conventions, or trainings out of state, but does not pay registration fees.

Those beautiful baskets made \$1,072 to be added to the new Gamma Stipend fund.

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**Alpha Rho Foundation (ARF)**

**ARF**

**Books and Wine**

Book sales (Rosies’ stories) and wine sales added \$400 for ARF.

**Recent Bequest**

**ARF recently received a \$30,000 bequest from Elizabeth J. Orem, of the former Phi Chapter!** That will help, for sure, to make funding available. Several of those present remembered Beth from past years and commented on her dedication to education and DKG.

**DO YOU HAVE “STUFF” FROM YOUR SPRING CLEANING?**

If so, here’s a solution! In July, Beta Beta is holding a huge garage sale at Tigard High School. If you live in the Portland Metro area and have items to donate, contact Susan Scharf at dkg. susanscharf@gmail.com. We take all household goods, but not clothing!

*DKG turned 94 on  
May 11, 2023  
Founded  
May 11, 1929, in Austin,  
Texas*



## RECEIVING SERVICE AWARDS



### Service to Society

#### Vickie Jackson, Sigma/3

Vickie Jackson has been a member of DKG for 35 years. She has taken on the leadership role as chapter president in two Oregon chapters, Iota and Sigma.

She has learned the financial ins and outs of her chapters and of the Oregon State Organization. After serving on the state's finance committee for more than ten years, she was appointed State Treasurer. Her Society knowledge was helpful in the creation of the state's Expansion Committee. She did the necessary leg work to form our Alpha Rho Foundation and now spearheads the ARF Board, maintains its finances, and keeps its board members focused and on track.

She is a selfless giver of her time and talents. Oregon State Organization is pleased to present the Service to the Society Award to Vickie Jackson.



**SERVICE x THREE = SUCCESS**



### Service to Education

#### Kate Kelleher, Beta Beta/5

Kate Kelleher began her teaching career in New York, but we are grateful that she chose to relocate to Oregon. She was a teacher and school counselor until her retirement. She has been a DKG member for 21 years.

While working, she created a school guidance and counseling program for K-12, a first for her district. She facilitated Love and Logic Parenting Classes and trained the staff so they could become a Love and Logic School. Staff and parents were excited about the positive changes that they witnessed between students, parents, and staff as the school climate became more inclusive and accepting.

After retiring, she started her own facilitating business, continuing to train parents and educators with the techniques from Love and Logic. She is passionate about issues that support women, children, and educators. She demonstrated educational leadership, innovation, and energy throughout her professional career and into retirement.

Oregon State Organization is proud to award the Service to Education award to Kate Kelleher.



### Service to Community

#### Bonita Fillmore, Alpha/2

Bonita Fillmore is an active member of Alpha Chapter, having served multiple terms as vice president and president. At the state level, she served on many committees and as Administrative Secretary and Vice President.

Bonita also enjoys being involved with family, friends, and her community. She was born and raised in Klamath County where she has gained a wealth of friends and is active. She belongs to Catholic Daughters and is involved in her local church, where she has served for 12 years as vice president and president of their Pastoral Council. She taught in Sunday school and assisted with youth groups.

Bonita was a member of the NEA and OEA, serving at the local-level as secretary, vice president, and president. She has been a board member on OEA's Political Action Committee for six years. She has been a member of the Czech Lodge for 70 years and served on the Board of Directors.

Oregon State Organization is pleased to present the Service to Community Award to Bonita Fillmore. She is a dedicated member of her community and is always willing to use her talents to make a positive difference.



# 2023 AWARD LIST

*Kathy Martell and Sandy Watts, Co-Chairs*

## LONGEVITY AWARDS (Certificates)

### 25 Years, Inducted 1998

- Lise Van Brunt - Omega
- Catie Thurber Brown – Beta Beta
- Carol Ann Stanfield – Beta Gamma
- Ann Aiken – State Member

### 50 Years, Inducted 1973

- Jean Fairbairn – Chi
- Rosalie Johnson – Alpha Phi

### 55 Years, Inducted 1968

- Edith Orner – Kappa
- Joyce Givens – Sigma

### 60 Years, Inducted 1963

- Elia Li Harmon – Chi

## CHAPTER AWARDS (Certificates)

### Rosette

- Psi Chapter
- Alpha Omicron Chapter

### Order of the Rose

- Lambda Chapter
- Omega Chapter
- Alpha Epsilon Chapter
- Beta Beta Chapter



## STATE AWARDS: (Engraved Medallions)

Details on the previous page.

### **Service to the Society**

Vickie Jackson - Sigma

### **Service to Education**

Kate Kelleher – Beta Beta

### **Service to Community**

Bonita Fillmore - Alpha

## WHITE ROSE CEREMONY

Inducted into Chapter Eternal were the following Oregon women:

- **Nancy Ann Garrett, Zeta/1**
- **Karen Less (Kerr) Spencer, Zeta/1**
- **Patricia “Pat” E. Cole, Iota/1**
- **Barbara Jean (Yoder) Hutton, Kappa/3**
- **Ruth Ann Young, Kappa/3**
- **Goldwyn (Goldie) Kulbel, Alpha Epsilon/5**
- **Kathryn Ann Force, Beta Gamma/6**

Each honored sister was introduced with an on-screen photo while her district director read a brief life story for each wonderful teacher, noting her work and her contributions to DKG. A white rose for each was added to the central bouquet by the district director. These women will live on in our memory.

*Music was provided by Annette Lange Hildebrand, Sigma/3*





Seven Oregon DKG members were fondly remembered at the 2023 State Convention White Rose Ceremony.

**Goldwyn “Goldie” Kulbel** was a founding member of Alpha Epsilon and a Life member of DKG. She served as secretary and vice president. (9.6.22)

**Kathryn Ann Force**, Beta Gamma, taught multiple generations of families throughout her 35 years teaching grades 2-4 at Mollala Grade School. (10.11.22)

**Barbara Hutton**, initiated into Kappa in 1988, was a member for nearly 35 years. She was chapter president from 2006 to 2010. (2.5.23)

**Ruth Ann Young**, initiated into DKG in 1994, served as president of Kappa Chapter from 2004 to 2006. She was known for reading holiday stories to the members at holiday gatherings. (1.29.23)

**Nancy Ann Garrett** was passionate about education, having taught math and PE in Vale and Baker City for over 50 years. From 1981-83 she was the state president of “Alpha Rho” State (Oregon) and was NW Regional Director, 1988-90. (9.17.22)

**Karen Lee (Kerr) Spencer** was active in Alpha Beta, Sigma, and Zeta Chapters. She was committed to reaching and connecting with every child, advocating for them long after they left her classroom. She mentored young teachers and inspired others to become educators. (12.25.22)

**Patricia “Pat” E. Cole** joined Iota Chapter in 1960 and served in local and state positions. She worked in the Milton-Freewater School District from 1958-1992 and substituted after retiring. (3.12.23)

Tributes to our White Roses by :

- Dst. 1: Sharon Hohstadt and Dana Musgrove, Zeta Chapter
- Dst. 3: Mariann Jones, Kappa,
- Dst. 5: Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon
- Dst. 6: Jean Fairbairn, Chi

Recognitions:

1. Celebration of Life readings were led by Lynn Hughes, Omega, and Sandy Watts, Alpha Omicron.
2. Annette Lange Hildebrand, Sigma, sang “What a Wonderful World,” accompanying herself on the guitar.
3. The slides were prepared by Brenda Jensen, Alpha, and both decor and program book by Dr. Wendy Hacke, Beta Beta, and her husband Carl.
4. Kim Brown and Sharon Kabusreiter, both Beta Beta, assisted with music and computer technology.

At the White Rose ceremony, conducted by the Membership and Expansion Committee, these seven members were honored for their membership and service in the Society. DKG sisters from their districts shared fond memories and placed a single white rose in a vase of roses. The white roses were a reminder that, even though our sisters are no longer with us, they will always remain in our hearts and be a part of Delta Kappa Gamma.

**OREGON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*Kate Kelleher*

Senators, mostly Republican, walked out--again.

Since May 2, business at the Capital has come to a halt due to the fact that two-thirds of lawmakers need to be present to form a quorum to pass legislation. As of today’s writing (May 15) both sides are meeting to bridge the divide--and the Senate President canceled sessions so that those members missing sessions won’t be barred from re-election.

Pending bills are stacked up and need House and Senate approval to be finished. Important bills are at stake.

**INTERNATIONAL GUEST,  
PRESENTER, AND FRIEND:  
Daphne Cagle**



Daphne Cagle joined Oregon for the whole 2023 Convention! As California Expansion Chair and as a member of the International Membership and Expansion Committee, Daphne spoke at the Saturday banquet. She stressed the importance of membership and expansion into unserved or under-served areas of our state. Daphe offered several do-able strategies to grow and maintain membership.

Thank you, Daphne, for working with our Membership and Expansion Committee this past year and for joining our convention.



Used with permission provided by Yvonne Fasold: "I have attached the poem. You may use some or all of it, and you may change the ending for DKG." (I did NOT change it. Marie) Credit to Donnaleen Lanktree.

Also from Yvonne: I have media permission releases from both Rosies, Nita and Clarice, for both DKG and ARRA purposes, print and electronic.

## **THEY WERE ROSIES**

### **THEY were ROSIES**

They were daughters, mothers, sisters, wives and grandmothers.

### **THEY were ROSIES**

They worked as riveters, buckers, sanders, welders, crane operators, bus drivers, uniform makers, bullet makers, parachute folders, clerical workers, shipyard workers, assembly line workers, Red Cross...so much more.

### **THEY were ROSIES**

They came from all over our country. They came from small towns and big cities. They came from Washington to Florida, from Michigan to Texas, from Maine to California and everywhere in between.

### **THEY were ROSIES**

They were teenagers, young adult to senior citizens.  
They came together with one purpose, to help win the war.  
They built 80,000 landing craft, 100,000 tanks, 300,000 aircraft,  
15,000,000 guns and 41,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

### **THEY were ROSIES**

They were more than women working together. They had to raise their children and worry about their loved ones overseas.

**After all these years, will anyone remember that...**

**THEY were ROSIES**

Yes, we at the **AMERICAN ROSIE THE RIVETER ASSOCIATION** do!

**THAT is why we thank and honor them today.**

Written by Donnaleen Lanktree, Rosebud from Michigan  
President of the American Rosie the Riveter Association 2007-2013



*Dr. Yvonne Fasold, a “Rosebud,” (Yvonne’s mother was a Rosie). She is dressed as a Rosie would have been. Introducing the ladies.*



*Above, L > R, Barbara Robertson, Granddaughter of Rosie Clarice Lafreniere (white Jacket). “Tribute Rosie” Dr. Yvonne Fasold, Rosie Nita Eggers from Albany.*

# CLARICE LAFRENIERE – WAR MEMORIES

Good afternoon and welcome to our little town of Independence. Yvonne has asked me to speak to you about my experience as a Rosie during World War 2.

I was born in Colorado and finished my schooling there. Married in 1939, and my son was born in 1940. Soon after that we drove to Oregon in a well-used car with very little money. We eventually landed on our feet after my husband found a job paying \$1.00 per hour, and we rented a little house for \$15.00.

I first heard of the war as I was listening to our radio and the announcer burst in with “Pearl Harbor has been bombed and we are at war with Japan!” My daughter was born that very night. I remember the windows at the Portland Good Samaritan hospital were covered with blackout curtains as they feared further attacks on the West Coast.

Within weeks, Kaiser opened shipyards at Swan Island and they began building Liberty Ships. My husband went to work there on the graveyard shift 10pm to 6am. I resisted all the “We Need You” signs until my daughter was two and my Mom volunteered to care for her and her older brother.

My introduction to work was my new wardrobe of Cow leather, overalls, jacket, long gloves, steel-toed shoes, and a helmet with a safety glass shield. The welding machine would produce electricity for the lead, which was about a 20 foot rubber-coated wire. At the end of the wire was grip for holding the lead rods. My training was “Here’s the equipment. The machine that carries the electricity – you plug in the lead, the grip goes on the end of the lead, and the rod goes in the grip.” The trainer then showed how to use the rod to make the weld. He then said, “Go to it.” Down on my knees I would work for eight hours doing this.

Crew were made up of four women and a lead man. The bays where we worked were open on both ends and the sheets of steel were brought in overhead then cut to size by the burner – which I also did in addition to welding.

I only worked on a ship one time, and that was enough as I’m claustrophobic. Hearing that we were no longer needed in 1945 was a joyful time for all of us!

I spent the following years working at Meier & Frank department store selling silverware, then at Dunn & Bradstreet as a teletype operator, then twenty years at DMV, eventually retiring as office manager and driver examiner.

Over the years I lost my parents, my brothers, both of my children, my sister, and my husband. Thankfully I have a loving and caring granddaughter, Barb, who just bought us a new home here in Independence. I spend most of my time reading, tending flowers, traveling. Barb and I just took a cruise down to the Panama Canal and continue to plan more adventures.

*Clarice Lafreienere (age 101)  
and granddaughter Barbara  
Robertson*





# SHORT BIO OF NITA EGGERS—A ROSIE

*(as told to Dr. Yvonne Fasold—a “Rosebud”)*

I grew up on a ranch in eastern Oregon with four brothers, so I learned how to stick up for myself and do hard work of every kind. When I graduated from high school in 1944, our government was advertising for women to come help win the war. I knew I could learn any type of work, so I took the bus from my town of Ontario to the big city of Portland.

I started working as a welder at the Portland Shipyards. My boss said I was a natural. Maybe that’s because girls were taught to sew and knit, so we had practice using our hands...and welding requires a light, steady touch.

I started welding in 1944. By 1945 they didn’t need as many shipyard workers, but Boeing in Seattle was still making planes. I moved to Seattle, lived in a big boardinghouse with other girls, and learned how to rivet. I was thin, so I often had the task of working inside the wings. That was such a tight space that my crew members had to pull me out by my feet.

I worked graveyard shift, so during the day other women workers and I had fun going to picnics, the beach, and dances. Once someone asked, “When do you sleep?” I replied, “Sleep?? I can sleep when I’m old!”

I have been active my whole life by working, raising a family, volunteering in the community and Volks Walking in every U.S. State and many European countries.

During the war we all wanted to do the best work we could, to help bring our troops home. We weren’t thinking about being role models for future women workers. Now we know how important our work was. The production of the Home Front helped the Allies win World War II. Our work in every job you can imagine shows that women can do almost any job that a man can do—and sometimes do it better. I think we inspire people with our “We Can Do It!” spirit.



*Dr. Yvonne Fasold and Nita Eggers, age 98, from Albany*

## WORKSHOPS & MORE AT CONVENTION

### A Chance to Master Tech

The Membership/Expansion Committee hosted a Friday Night Tech Station at the OSO spring convention. The purpose was to help members explore recent changes on the International website, as well as update their information. Three convention attendees took advantage of the opportunity to receive some practical tips on how to navigate the newly redesigned DKG International Website. **Priscilla Ing, Lambda; Mariann Jones, Kappa; and Marie Mueller, Alpha Epsilon** completed the process of reviewing their personal data, filled out their media permission forms, and participated in a scavenger hunt. As a result, all three won a \$5 Starbucks gift card.



### Birthday #82

**for OSO:** The Oregon State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma celebrated its 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday at the 2023 Convention in Independence, Oregon. On May 23, 1941, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton installed the Alpha Rho State, Oregon, as the 41<sup>st</sup> state organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The installation was held at the Sunken Gardens of the Multnomah Hotel in Portland. Anne O'Neill of the College of Education, Monmouth, assisted Dr. Blanton. It is interesting to note that 41 was also the number of key Oregon women educators who accepted the first invitations to membership. Like their predecessors, today's DKG Oregon State sisters teach children and adults to be responsible leaders of our nation. They provide scholarships, work to bring equity and fairness to the teaching profession, and support legislation that both enhances education and meets the needs of families and children. As we move into the new biennium, our Oregon sisters **continue** to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

### Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) Workshop:

Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon/5, along with Senator Deb Patterson and "Dolly Parton" (cardboard statue) presented a workshop on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Kathy explained how to start a program and the steps she went through. The key to success was coordinating with the Marion and Polk Early Learning Hub. They launched four programs by zip codes in Marion and Polk Counties in summer 2022. In January 2023, they added a fifth zip code in Salem. All five areas are doing well, and they have 13 zip



#### Dolly Parton with:

- **Kathy Martell, Workshop Presenter (top)**
- **Alice Hartness-Reichle, Alpha Phi (second)**
- **Linda DiPietro, Linda McCoy, and Sandy Watts of Alpha Omicron (right)**

codes to go in the two counties. That is why it is very important that HB 2872, which is working its way through the

legislature now, is funded. If passed, it will allow the program to go statewide with 50% matching funds coming from the state. To do DPIL in Salem, with six zip codes and 60% of the local 0–5-year-olds is very expensive for one affiliate. It costs about \$26 to sponsor one child for a year, and the child receives a book a month which means 12 new books, delivered to his/her home, with that child's name on the package. If a child is registered in the program when he/she is born, he/she will receive 60 new books for his/her own library before turning five. DKG members are encouraged to go on the Dolly Parton Imagination Website (<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/>) and donate to the program closest to you: \$125 will sponsor a newborn for five years or, for \$25 a month, you can sponsor 12 children in a year.

Senator Deb Patterson (top right, next column) ended the workshop by sharing what is happening with HB 2782 in the legislature. It was first introduced in the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services. After a hearing and work session, it passed unanimously and headed to the



Joint Committee on Ways and Means where it is now. Senator Patterson encouraged us to send our own Senators a short email in support of the bill. If the bill makes it out of the Joint Committee, it will go to a vote on the floor to pass. You can find out who your Senators are by going to this website (<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/house/Pages/RepresentativesAll.aspx>).



Thirty-six DKG members signed a letter of support for HB 2872 from Oregon State Organization. That letter was delivered personally to all the committee members on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means on Thursday, May 4, by Kate Kelleher, DKG State Legislative Committee Chair and Kathy Martell. We need to keep the pressure on the legislators until the end of the session.



leadership. The idea that mentorship could go both ways especially in chapters with retired members who are somewhat removed from what is currently the needs and support teachers need. Thank you Darlene and Wendy for a workshop with lively discussion and good information.



## Bouncing Back From Burn-out: Is Stress a Friend or a Foe?

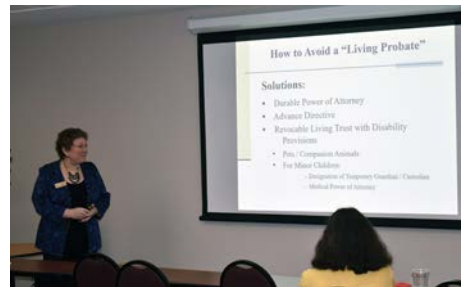
Erin Clubb from the Community Health Education Center at Salem Hospital presented a lively and useful workshop. How can we identify our personal stressors? Which ones are most common? Every DKG person there could relate to those identified! One we know about our personal causes for stress, what can we do to make stress our friend? Erin suggested a number of easy-to-do solutions, with a pattern of breathing being among the easiest and most simple. It can even help you get to sleep. Do a bit or research and try the 4-7-8 breathing pattern for some good results. Erin also recommended some resources to investigate and reminded everyone that movement, even gentle exercise or a local stroll, will help relieve stress.

## Engaging and Retaining Members through Mentorship ~ Liz Simmons

Darlene Cook and Dr. Wendy Hacke presented a workshop at the State Convention. Participants explored the idea of mentoring our sisters towards leadership and active organization participation. This workshop presented ideas and ways we can mentor each other on our own. The workshop then opened to small group discussions. These were very meaningful discussions. Each group had a new member to the organization with many current ideas to encourage and develop

## Saturday Keynote & Workshop Speaker Eden Rose Brown, Salem Attorney

Ms. Brown spoke with assurance backed by long research in legal matters that deal with our estates. When there is no will, when a will is out of date, or when there is an estate plan that has not been revisited lately, the wishes of the individuals and their families may not be met. Eden Rose Brown provides training in ways that an estate plan—a living trust—can allow survivors and families to be protected in future years.



She also noted that inheritance laws and state/federal tax laws are evolving, so our plans need to reflect not only those legal changes but also changes in our own lives and families.

- Do you have a disability plan with a durable Power of Attorney?
- If you have a living trust, does it reflect changes in family structure, names, divorces, deaths, births, even new addresses and contacts (phones and emails) when you or a beneficiary has moved?

- Do you have an Advanced Directive in place to inform medical personnel of your wishes?
- If yes, does it include the new Dementia Supplement?
- And MUCH more!

Ms. Brown provided much food for thought and, judging by the people who surrounded her in the hall after her presentations, many questions and personal concerns.

## 2023-2025 State Officers to Attend Training

Four Oregon members will fly to Irving, Texas, on June 23-25 to attend a training course for incoming State Organization Leaders. State presidents, executive secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs, and educational excellence chairs will be in attendance. The International Leadership Development, Membership and Expansion, Educational Excellence and Finance committees will be conducting the training. Representing Oregon will be Darlene Cook, President; Vickie Jackson, Treasurer; Dr. Wendy Hacke, Vice President and Membership/Expansion Chair and Brenda Jensen, Immediate Past President and Educational Excellence Chair.

## OEA-Retired Donates Books to DKG Projects

Special thanks go to the Oregon Education Association—Retired for providing infant board books, pre-K and elementary through grade 6 books to support Oregon DKG literacy projects. Several books were donated to BEAR (Building Early Academic Readiness) programs sponsored by Alpha Chapter in Klamath County, Omega Chapter in Grants Pass/Josephine County and Alpha Omicron in St. Helens/Columbia County. Books were also sent to the Salem Hospital NICU and to the mentoring program in three Title I schools sponsored by Psi Chapter in Forest Grove and Beaverton. The OEA-Retired Literacy Committee contributed nearly 27,000 books to support literacy. Kathryn Warrior of Psi Chapter is on their committee.



# CHAPTER CHATTER



## District 1

**Zeta (Union County):** With longer days, many are planning for summer activities: gardening, traveling, camping, spending time with family, or enjoying a good book. Whatever we do, the warmth and sunshine will be welcome.

Zeta ended the year with some great programs, two of which highlighted talented students.

1. One was an extremely successful after-school music class where young people chose to participate in learning musical skills, mostly playing string instruments.
2. The other program directly involving students was three local FFA 8th grade students who shared their projects. One was an engineering experimental question, one an animal science experiment, and the last was public speaking. Her topic was the Evolution of Women in Agriculture.
3. Vice President Kate presented a program on wellness that's currently being used in the Elgin School District. It was partially funded by the OEA Trust Fund. The program supports physical fitness, as well as emotional, financial, and social wellness.

Members enjoyed all three programs and took something away from each.

We honored new teachers by sending each a personal, handwritten note expressing our appreciation for their dedication and service. New Zeta Chapter members were inducted: Samantha Blake and Karli Bedard.

Zeta members look forward to the annual family picnic when we have a chance to not only eat great food but also have time to visit.

## District 2

**Alpha (Klamath Co.):** Alpha Chapter is proud of our members' accomplishments!

Alpha met May 20 in Klamath Falls to honor two local ladies with our Excellence in Education award: (1) **Sylvia Cox** for her outstanding work in Early Childhood Education and (2) **Oma Laura Brasses** for her exemplary work as a volunteer in Ferguson Elementary. We recognized the longevity of our Alpha members.

**Heather Crowder**, a new member from last year and a second-year teacher started an FBLA chapter at Brixner, took them to regionals and state and had five qualify for Nationals! The administration denied them travel funding for the national competition, but that doesn't negate Heather's work with junior high students to prepare them for this type of competition. She is now working on a plan for a business class at Brixner.

**Joanne Skinner**, a long-time member, is being recognized by TOPS for weight loss. She is the international runner-up in the weight loss surgery division. She has lost over 100 pounds and, even with the surgery, it hasn't been easy. But her health is so much better that she is inspired to stay slim.

**Bridget Honan** is still enthusiastically showing her dog and winning awards and accolades.

**Omega (Josephine Co.):** **Lise Van Brunt, Lynn Hughes, and Cari Hinesly** attended the Independence Convention. Omega had volunteered to be in charge of baskets and received kudos for the variety and number of lovely baskets. (There were 40+ the last time I looked!) It helped that this year, they remembered to bring the raffle tickets! Baskets raised \$1,072 for the Gamma Fund to help long-time members afford to attend International and state events. Everyone was thrilled to have so many wonderful choices.

## District 3

**Lambda (Lane Co.):** Six Lambda members attended the State Convention, participating in a variety of

ways. **Marj Maxwell** presented a workshop about the League of Women Voters and how we can be active in legislative actions. **Yvonne Fasold** was the keynote speaker at the Birthday Luncheon. She told of "Rosie the Riveter" women who worked in World War II. Two of those women were special guests who shared what their jobs had been. Yvonne is a past president of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA), being a Rosebud (daughter of a Rosie) herself. **Chris Luehring** presented the State Scholarship Committee report, recognizing the five women who have been awarded scholarships this year. **Priscilla Ing** was the District 3 representative and was joined by **Darby Tracy** and **Linda Mooney**, a first-timer at convention.

Vice President **Julie Voelker-Morris** received \$3,000 as an Isabelle Huston scholarship. Julie will use the money toward expenses for the tiered coaching certification class she is currently taking.

Lambda members are becoming flexible and industrious when obstacles get in the way. In the February meeting, when the program was to be about Scams, ID Theft, and Fraud, our scheduled speaker had a family emergency, so co-president **Yvonne Fasold** shared ideas with members and 16 residents of Camelot Village (where Yvonne lives) who had joined us for the program. It was an informative session with a lively discussion among those present.

In March, our scheduled program on Flower Arranging was cancelled: the presenter had back surgery. Instead, we were visited by Brad Bills, from Hosea Youth Services, the recipient of donations made at our December meeting. He shared a video showing the facility that assists homeless youth and explained their various services.

Additional donations of useful items were given to him.

Our May meeting will focus on programs for 2023-24. Members make suggestions and then vote to decide which will best fit their needs and interests. Inevitably, there are always more suggestions than can be used, but a good variety is always chosen.

**Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon):** The ladies in our Central Oregon Chapter enjoyed the creative project set up by our Oregon State Organization. We bravely added two torsos and one base to the blank canvases. The final outcomes unveiled at the Spring Convention were unique and colorful indeed!

Laurie Sensibaugh invited us to paint rocks for her Community-Eas-



ter-Thunderegg- and Rock Hunt along the trails of Madras East Hills.

We are also proud of our President, Vickie Jackson who was awarded Service to DKG Society. She is an energetic leader and, although we are small, we enjoy the hearts and mindset of our membership.

#### District 4

##### Alpha Omicron (St. Helens):



*Sandy Watts, Linda McCoy, Linda Dipietro and Debbie Wells*

Alpha Omicron Chapter has been busy having productive fun. Four members actively attended the OSO State Convention, hosting in the Hospitality Room, presenting nominations that

were voted on and presenting awards. They proudly posed with the two Art Trifecta canvases their chapter had contributed to and posed with Dolly Parton too. They attended interesting workshops, enjoyed the warm, beautiful weather along the venue's river walkway, and reconnected with DKG sisters from around Oregon.

On May 5, the chapter held their main fundraiser – Bunco de Mayo. The event was very successful! A Taco Bar was available for a light dinner before the games began. More than 35 prizes were awarded for Bunco and for

##### Shirley Mann and Kelly Wood



drawings. A chapter trifold exhibit was on display to help inform community members about DKG and Alpha Omicron's purposes and activities.

#### District 5

##### Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.)



*Shirley House, Dr. Cindy Ryan, Marie Mueller, Kathy Martell*

Since you may have met our special convention guest—Miss Dolly Parton—in her traveling form (a fold-up poster), you might guess that our chapter has been heavily involved in the effort to make the Dolly Parton Imagination Library into a state-fund-

ed program for Oregon. DKG members have visited the Capitol, talked to legislators, written testimony, and more. Several bills, all aimed at improving literacy, are before the Oregon legislators this spring.

The chapter continues to support the Salem Health NICU with books for parents to read to their children, and we added contributions of necessary home supplies to Salem for Refugees.

Four members were at Independence, and we all had fun! Kathy Martell and Sandy Watts did a great job with awards. Our guest from January's Zoom, Ms. Erin Clubb from Salem Health, helped convention goers to address stress. Marie Mueller is continuing as state editor.

Our June meeting will feature some planning for 2023-2024 and induction of a new member—Tara Heikkla—plus welcoming back Florence Carter, a former member of our chapter.

##### Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):

Four Psi members attended the Conference in Jefferson last fall. They found it was very informative, and we are hoping to have Donalene Biller share highlights at our June meeting. We plan to learn ways to get organized for retirement and what papers one needs to have.

Psi Chapter was delighted to hold a Meet and Greet event at Joseph Gale Elementary on March 16th. We plan a follow-up with an informal gathering in late May to answer any questions prospective members may have. Co-president Sue Pass will be hosting. The need for scholarships to further their education and open up new opportunities in education for teachers seems to be of primary interest.

We plan to invite candidates to our annual “pizza meeting” at Giovannis in Beaverton in June. In a casual setting, we can get to know each other better and can answer more questions about DKG.



Psi is proud to announce that Jordyn Krake is our first collegiate member. A scholarship has been established, and we are excited to welcome such a strong and deserving candidate as Jordyn to Psi and to DKG !

Everyone is happy! Psi Chapter just enrolled five kindergarten classes in the OEA Retired Literacy Program. McKinney Elementary kinders were thrilled to choose their favorite book at their level from among 58 donated. Two classes of Joseph Gale kindergarteners received fabulous books.

Thank you for connecting us to such a great program that puts books in homes for families to enjoy. The benefits of attending conferences and conventions, being linked to resources, and fun are rewarding.

**Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):** Our literacy committee has been very busy. They are getting ready to reveal our new Little Free Library, as the construction is just being completed. Our chapter continues to support local schools in the Oregon Battle of the Books through our literacy committee. We're happy to report our schools teams did very well!

Our April speaker, Lisa Gerlits, an author, was selected by our literacy committee. She lives in Silverton. Her talk was entitled "Trusting the Process" about the ups and downs of the life of an author as well



as the journey of a book from idea to publication. Lisa's debut middle grade novel, *A Many Feathered Thing*, is an Oregon Spirit Book Award winner. Lisa is also a haiku poet, muralist, and children's art teacher. She was a wonderful speaker and her talk was



enjoyed by all who attended, members and guests.

Second Vice President Jo Ann Brinkman presented a Music and Art Grant from Beta Beta to Sara Allen, a music teacher at Metzger Elementary School. The money is going toward the purchase of portable glockenspiels for her marimba band members.



**District 6**

**Chi (Clackamas):** Chi chapter celebrated the end of a good year and the accomplishments of busy members.



*Chi Chapter Celebration Picnic*

**Alpha Phi (Multnomah Co.):** Our final meeting of the year was on May 16 at Elaine Drakulich's home. We welcomed our special guest, Jean Fairbairn, District 6 Coordinator. Dinner delights were pizza, salad, and dessert!

Susan Carter presented a hands-on demonstration showing how to detect water that has dangerous pathogens and how to simply render water safe to drink. She and her husband are founders of the Agua Pura Para El Pueblo program that has helped countless people in Central and South America have clean water.

Alice Hartness-Reichle, chapter president, attended the OSO Spring Convention in Independence. She commented on how this small town has been transformed since she last "sped" through it with college friends in the early '70s. This time around, Alice enjoyed the stellar view of the Willamette River from the hotel and the excellent venue and workshops.

Thanks to our DKG State Leaders and Convention Committee for their many hours of planning! One of the highlights was the appearance of "Dolly Parton," singer and founder of The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program that makes it possible to send more than 2 million books a month to children ages 0-5 in five different countries. Alice was fortunate to be photographed with "Dolly" at the OSO Spring Convention. 'Way to go Alice and Dolly!!

We celebrated Rosalie Johnson, one of our Reserve members this year on being both a Charter member of Alpha Phi Chapter as well as a 50-year member! Congratulations are in order for sure! We are celebrating the great meetings we had this year, and especially the opportunity to meet with our sisters in-person.





*Left Coast Cellars--Friday lunch--drew quite a good crowd to sample wine and enjoy pizza and beautiful views.*



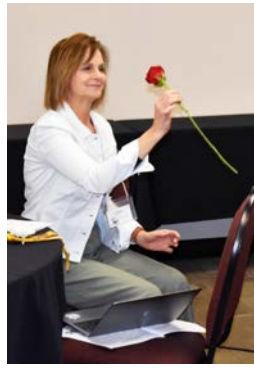
*Alpha Omicron Hosted the Hospitality Room*



*Darlene shared an angel with Brenda*



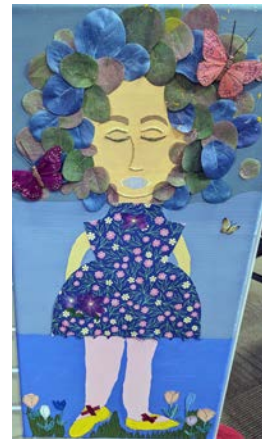
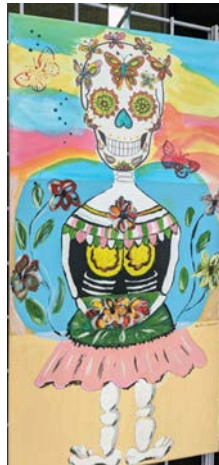




Jean Fairbairn and Debbie Wells



You could have read a brief biography of each new member on this trifold.



Trifecta art works 3 of 7







*Beta Beta Chapter*



*Darlene Cook, Daphne Cagle, Brenda Jensen*



*Hospitality being prepared: Two Lindas*



*Attorney Eden Rose Brown from Salem discusses how Estate Planning can empower independence for women and their families.*



*Willamette River view from the dining patio at the Independence Hotel--on a warm, sunny day.*

*Note the beds in the Hospitality Room: Bunks!*





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