

Kansas State Organization of
Delta Kappa Gamma

SUNFLOWER

Fall 2023

Upcoming Deadlines:

December 2023

1 Dec 15, 2023

- Chapter yearbook due to Ruth Waggoner
- Updated chapter rules to Susan Perkins
- Deadline for WINTER Sunflower articles

Jan 1, 2024

- Applications for KSO Scholarships to Deena Horst

Feb 1, 2024

- Chapter Necrology Report due to Glenna Hackerott
- Achievement Award Nominations due to Charis Sawyer
- First Time Convention/Conference Award applications due to Deena Horst
- Innovation in the Classroom Award applications due to Deena Horst

Feb 15, 2024,

- Road Scholar applications due to Deena Horst (April-June Elderhostels)

Mar 12, 2024,

- Deadline for Rose of Honor awards due to Jennifer Foos

Apr 12-14 2024,

- KSO Convention Location to be determined



2023-2025 Kansas Organization
Theme

"Thrive and Survive!

Grow and Be Bold"

2022-2024 International DKG
Theme

"Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide"

A Message From Donna

President of KSO



Dear KSO Delta Kappa Gamma Friends,

I hope you are all having an enjoyable start to the school year and what looks like the real beginning of autumn! Cooler weather is approaching, or at least that is what the weather forecast is suggesting!

Whether you are in the classroom, an administrator, or retired and remembering the joy of meeting new students at the start of each school year, I hope each of you is well and is either making a positive difference in students' lives or remembering how you did that earlier in your career. We often forget what a privilege it is to teach, mentor, and guide young lives! It is one of the BEST professions in the world! Many of you attended the KSO Convention last spring in Wichita, and I wanted to catch you up on a couple of changes that have taken place since then. Two of our wonderful members 'traded' roles for the biennium, just after we had met and had our election of officers. Glenna Hackerott had agreed to serve as Vice President, and Ruth Waggoner had agreed to serve as Membership Chairman. These two lovely ladies agreed to switch positions, and both will certainly do a terrific job in their offices. I am grateful to both of them for assuming leadership roles and committing themselves to helping make this biennium truly wonderful! I have chosen a theme for the biennium, and I hope it will resonate with each of you. The theme is: "Thrive and Survive! Grow and Be Bold"

My hope and wish for each of you as members, and for each chapter, is truly to thrive! If you check the meaning of thrive, you will find words like 'flourish', 'grow vigorously', or 'prosper'. (Webster) I do hope that each chapter will grow during this biennium. Don't be shy about inviting a teacher or administrator to one of your meetings. And don't be shy about telling someone how special Delta Kappa Gamma is, and what it has meant to you! Unless you invite a teacher to come visit your chapter, she may never know what she is missing. And remember, please, that now anyone who 'teaches' is eligible for membership. So don't limit your vision and perspective to the K-12 or college world. Also, I hope each of you personally will grow and thrive, whether it is in your professional life or learning something new that will make you a more fulfilled and happy person. Maybe you are taking watercolor painting, and it is making you a happier more fulfilled person. And maybe your painting teacher would love to visit your chapter. There are so many ways you can thrive and grow both personally and professionally, and I hope you will all take this to heart!

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The Executive Board met on August 19 for Leadership Training. It was intended to be a meaningful day, not only learning more about each person's role as an officer or chairman but also a day intended and planned so each of us could get better acquainted and learn more about each other and our gifts. I hope your chapters will take time to get to know each other even better during this biennium, and as you do so, learn from each other, count on each other as friends, and thrive as a meaningful group of wonderful, professional ladies! If any of you have any questions or anything you are concerned about at any time, please know that I am always available to you, and your other officers and chairmen are, too. You may feel free to call me, text me, or email me. The website is being updated, and much new information is being added, to help you find what you need, and to help you learn more about our organization. The website is: <http://phistate.weebly.com>

Finally, during our KSO Leadership Training meeting for officers and committee chairmen, a brief executive session was held, to discuss the possibility of "temporarily suspending" a portion of the KSO Standing Rules. Standing Rule II. E. Convention Sites was the focus of our discussion and ultimate vote. After a thorough discussion, a motion to consider amending the Standing Rule was made, seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed. We then had an Executive Board meeting on September 18 to discuss and vote on this amendment, to temporarily allow us to meet someplace other than Wichita, and to take up this matter again at the spring 2024 convention. The vote of the Executive Board was a resounding "YES" to pass the amendment, with only one "NO" vote cast. At this time, my convention committee is actively reviewing possible locations for the Spring 2024 Convention, and we hope to have a place selected and contracted soon. As soon as that decision has been reached, I will let each of you know, so you can begin planning and making your commitment to attend the 2024 KSO Convention. We decided on the dates for the Convention during the 2023 Convention. The dates are April 12-14, 2024. Please mark your calendars now, to reserve those dates and plan to attend the KSO Convention. We also promise to plan some very special "extras" that you can enjoy, in addition to attending the Convention meetings, so that you can make the weekend a really fun experience!

I am honored and humbled to serve as your President for this Biennium (2023-2025) and I am counting on your enthusiasm, help, and support!

Have a great year! Stay well, enjoy your chapter meetings, and make every day your BEST day ever!

Donna Knoett, KSO President

KSO Chapter News

Thanks to the following chapters for submitting your quarterly newsletter:

Alpha Delta
Beta Gamma
Beta Eta
Beta Nu
Gamma Kappa
Omicron

If I missed anyone's submissions please contact me at jfoos@gbta.net

Shared by Beta Nu
As seen in the Jul/Aug 2023 DKG NEWS publication:

The DKG NEWS isn't the only place to find Society exclusive updates and information. DKG's social media channels are updated regularly to include all events, educational endeavors, and achievements happening across the organization.

From Facebook to YouTube to Instagram, each social media channel offers a unique way to stay connected with members from around the world.

On www.dkg.org scroll down to the website footer to find an assortment of icons. Each icon leads to a different social media channel. • Facebook • DKG Arts Gallery • DKG Blog • YouTube • LinkedIn • Twitter



Gamma Kappa has gained several new members this year.

Congrats on growing your chapter.



In September, **Omicron** members met at the new Community Children's Center. Kim Polson, director presented information about the purpose and vision for this new facility which is scheduled to open in April 2024. We met in the Center itself which is still under construction.

Beta-Gamma

Jennifer Foos, special education teacher for the Mixed Abilities Program, accepted a \$500 award from the Ness City Rotary Club.

Beta-Eta

Florence and Ted Metcalf celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on August 27.

Alpha Delta

Alpha Delta & the Marysville Pizza Hut had a fundraiser to earn money for USD#364. A generous donation came from a local businessman. A total of \$237.75 was donated.

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Other Information

What is World Fellowship?

By: Sandi Kassebaum

Did you know that the World Fellowship Program began at the DKG National Convention in 1946 as a project to aid women in war-torn countries? In 1948 4 German women educators received financial assistance from DKG members to study for 8 weeks in Sweden.

In 1952 an alliance was formed with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. Since then, several changes have taken place to shape the current day program.

Today, World Fellowship recipients work toward a Master's or PH.D. degree in approved universities in either the United States or Canada. Since 1960, 1029 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,739,250.

Donations to the World Fellowship and other education programs are collected at the annual Kansas State Organization convention. Plan ways that your chapter may contribute.

(Information collected from DKGIEF website)



2024 Convention Workshop Proposal

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April 12-April 14, 2024

Workshops presented Sat., April 13, 2023

Date Due: November 1, 2023

I will present

a Society workshop

an Interest workshop.

Name:

Chapter or office:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Phone no:

Email:

Title of workshop:

Description (brief) of workshop to be printed in the *Sunflower* and convention program booklet:

Note: You agree that if your proposal is accepted, you will be in attendance at the convention. You understand that you will be expected to pay the appropriate convention registration fee(s) as well as your own travel and lodging expenses. If a computer and/or data projection equipment is needed for the presentation of the workshop you will provide your own equipment. Workshops will be presented Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Photo/Name Release: By making a presentation at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation. Your likeness and/or name may be used on the Phi State website or in the *Sunflower*.

Signature: (You may type your name and submit by email attachment.)

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