



Sunflower

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Kansas State Organization

◆Honoring Key Women Educators◆

November 2021, Special Edition—Member News

Kansas Members attend International Conference in Austin, Texas



The International Conference was held in San Antonio on July 22-24, 2021. This event was held in person, but allowed for virtual attendance as well. A variety of workshops, speakers, and social events were held and well attended by the participants. It was a wonderful time to reconnect with DKG members from across the country. KSO members Gail Goolsby, Susan Sutton, Sandra Ellis, Tina Brewer, Susan Perkins, and Donna Knoell represented our state.

studies with her book. She also led a workshop about her book and experiences.

All members that attended took part in a variety of informative and fun workshops and enjoyed the key note speakers. Wendy Gates Corbett was a key note speaker that was very inspiring and encouraged everyone to SHINE: Soothe your spirit, Honor yourself, Inquire within, Notice your body, and Envision strength. All great things that give us confidence and courage to help ourselves and others. President Tina Brewer was recognized at the banquet on the last night of the conference.



KSO members didn't just go to the conference to work and learn, they also found time to play! They even found some fun down on the Riverwalk and one of the largest chicken fried steaks ever seen!

New Orleans will be the site of the next International Convention held July 12th through the 16th. Make



Susan Perkins and Gail Goolsby were part of the Educator's Book Award presentation in which the 2021 Award was presented to Karen Gross for *Trauma Doesn't Stop at the School Door*. Gail was recognized

in the workshop for her 2020 Educator Book Award *Unveiled Truth* and also was able to connect with members across the country that she had led in virtual book



plans now to join in on all of the fun and learning!

Chapter and Member News

Omicron celebrated the 50th anniversary of membership for two of their members: Cathey Parsons and Jean O’Toole.

Karen Zimmerman of **Omicron** is guiding the chapter in its Adopt-a-School project at Cordley Elementary by purchasing snacks for teachers and students.

Faye Kuhn, **Beta Psi** President and Pilot Club member, has unanimously been chosen to receive the esteemed 2021-22 Pilot Ambassador. An Ambassador is a Pilot that has gone above and beyond as a community-minded member. Faye recently was the Heartland Governor of 4 states - Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. To make that position even more challenging, she was the first Governor to lead four states, AND it was during a pandemic!

Nu Chapter have been planning a variety of projects including Salthawk Community Supports Angel Tree, classroom grants, and new teacher gifts.



Brenda Riffey, **Beta Psi** and Pratt Elks member, top left, presented children in Pratt schools with brand-new coats and books. The coats and books are made possible through the Beacon Grant.

Gamma Epsilon is doing a multi-month project collecting needed hygiene items for a high school in Salina. This project for older students will help is something new for the chapter.

Alpha Theta awarded two \$500 Grant-In-Aid scholarships to Sara Mitchell from Emporia and Joelene Stewart from Americus.

Gamma Epsilon honored members in September, Membership awards were presented to Trish Bandre (10 years), Jane Maresch (20 years), and Gretchen Morgestern (50 years). Edna Weller was recognized for being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 66 years – the longest membership in the state.

Alpha Upsilon presented their Grant In Aid Award to Stephanie Porter. Stephanie reported that teaching has been career change for her, one that she has long dreamed of. Prior to earning her Masters in Elementary Education from Kansas State University, she spent more than 20 years in the science/project management field.

Rosie Sweaney of **Alpha Tau** Chapter has become the President of the Emmett Kelly Museum in Sedan, Kansas. Rosie retired from the Sedan Schools after a long career as a music director and looks forward to this new adventure.



Past President of **Alpha Upsilon**, Mrs. Megan DeLaurier joined the staff at Nortre Dame de Sion High School for her 21st year of teaching. She was honored to be selected for the NCEA Distinguished Educator Award and has twice been awarded the Ignatian Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Susan Perkins, **Beta Rho**, was nominated by the International Nomination Committee for the 2022-2024 Southwest Regional Director position on the International Administrative Board. The official vote will take place at the 2022 International Convention in New Orleans.

Wanted: Member and Chapter News! Please submit your chapter newsletters and news about members in the community or chapter projects and achievements! Have an outstanding member you would like to have highlighted? Send information about them to share on our website and in the next Sunflower to Susan Perkins at sperkinsdkg@gmail.com!

The 2021-2023 **KSO** officers and committee chairs participated in a training in Salina led by President Tina Brewer on August 7, 2021. Newly elected and appointed officers and committee chairs gathered at the Salina Library meeting room for an informative day of collaborative work. President Tina shared her theme for the biennium “Build a New Chapter” and discussed goals and plans for each officer and committee. A salad lunch was provided by the **Gamma Epsilon** Chapter who also provided the decorations and hospitality.



KSO members participated in the first combined state leadership training in Atlanta, Georgia in late July. This training was typically part of regional conferences, but to combine resources and be more fiscally responsible, DKG International introduced this new training model. President Tina Brewer, Treasurer Sandra Ellis, Vice President/EEC Chair Donna Knoell, and Membership Chair Ruth Waggoner joined others from across the world to learn more about their positions and network with other DKG leaders. Their week was full of information and learning new things, setting goals and also a little time for some fun! President Brewer expressed that it was a much better way to train and stayed more focused on learning more about her role as state president.



The Rose of Honor

The annual Rose of Honor awards will be presented at the 2022 state convention. Many chapters have been honored for publishing their newsletters and having chapter and member news printed in the *Sunflower*. Chapter Newsletters are a great way to keep your chapter members informed and connected.

Susan Perkins, KSO'S editor/webmaster, will publish a perpetual *Sunflower* on the KSO website (phistate.weebly.com). Chapters are requested to print Sunflower copies and information pertinent for their members without internet access.

Criteria for 2021-2023

Most of the criteria for earning a Rose of Honor remains the same. A reminder that Chapters are requested to send their newsletters electronically to:

Tina Brewer, President
tinabrewer210@gmail.com

Susan Perkins, editor/webmaster/communications
sperkinsdkg@gmail.com

And to your
State Representative

Chapter newsletters sent to members may be printed as a hard copy or in digital format.

Other criteria:

- ◆ Publish at least three newsletters
- ◆ Have at least two news items published in any of the online *Sunflowers*.
We may glean news items from your chapter newsletters, but please send additional news about chapter projects and member accomplishments not included in your chapter newsletters.
- ◆ A newsletter which uses a copyrighted item without indicating permission was granted to publish will unfortunately be disqualified, e.g., copied pictures or articles from newspapers, cartoons, poems, etc. □ Include the name of the chapter, chapter president and editor on each newsletter.
- ◆ Please include the full names for acronyms.
- ◆ Meeting notices or meeting minutes will not be tallied as a newsletter without additional news.
- ◆ In order to be recognized as a Rose of Honor chapter at state convention, criteria needs to be met by April 4.

Has your chapter ever received a Rose of Honor? If not, let President Tina's theme of Build a New Chapter inspire you to develop a newsletter. If your chapter is a consistent Rose of Honor awardee, thank you! We'll see you in April for another award!



Looking for News about Chapter Projects!



Is your chapter working on or planning a chapter project? Everyone would love to know more about your project and get ideas for their chapter! Please send information about your chapter project to Susan Perkins, sperkindskg@gmail.com. Please include any pictures and details to help others if they would like to consider implementing the idea with their chapter! Help others to Build a New Chapter and learn ways to be involved in the community!

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

- Nov. 1: Bylaws and Standing Rules proposed amendments due to Rules committee chair, Marie Hieger [Click here for the form to fill out!](#)
- Nov. 15: Workshop proposal for State Convention 2022 due to State President, Tina Brewer [Click here for the Workshop Proposal Form!](#)
- Nov. 15: KSO Road Scholar application due to Scholarship Chair, Loretta Scott
- Nov. 15: Chapter Treasurer IRS Form 990 due to the IRS
- Dec. 1st: Chapter rules update due to Rules Committee Chair, Marie Hieger
- Dec. 1st: Chapter Yearbook (print or digital) due to ECC Chair, Donna Knoell
- Jan. 1st: Scholarship Applications Due to Scholarship Chair, Loretta Scott

Where to find more information about DKG and Kansas State Organization!

Check out our website at www.phistate.weebly.com

(Member only tabs are accessible with the password sent to chapter presidents.)

International website at www.dkg.org

(You will need your member number and a password to access the members only area of the website)