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Beta Beta Buzz

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Oklahoma State Organization



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



In Focus: Chapter Service

Why do you think you are/were a good teacher? Take a moment to consider this. Didn't you see teaching as relating to others? Were you excited because you could be creative and able to influence others? Did you find that you were flexible and willing

to modify at a moment's notice? Time management became a part of who you are. You could see the big picture and think more of others than yourself. You can get along with just about anybody. You might come up with many more reasons why you consider yourself a good teacher, but what is remarkable is that what made you a good teacher also makes you an excellent member of Beta Beta and, more importantly, an outstanding leader.

One of the greatest benefits of DKG and Beta Beta membership is serving on our chapter leadership team. The process of finding new leaders is challenging because everyone is busy. Being an officer is an honor and does take time, but it doesn't take over your life. Think about what a benefit you can be to this team. You can add your individual uniqueness to the uniqueness of the whole.

As a leader, you'll work with an amazing group of women to move our chapter forward in a variety of areas. It's your opportunity to serve the organization and enhance your leadership skills in a very supportive environment. Consider too the fact that leading a chapter is not the job of one person; it is a team effort. You will have the support of other officers and all our members. I can tell you that being an officer is a very rewarding experience. The nominations committee will soon assemble a strong leadership team, and I hope you will agree to become part of that team.



Whose Responsibility Is It?

DKGSI: Thursday, January 6, 2022

According to Merriam-Webster, "Today, we use the word *mentor* for anyone who is a positive, guiding influence in another person's life." So whose responsibility is it to mentor in DKG?

It is important to DKG that **every member** serves as a mentor to others in her chapter and state organization in order to continue to have a strong, sustainable Society!

How can members mentor others in the Society?

- By inviting to membership educators who you feel would benefit and enrich DKG
- By being positive, encouraging and supportive to your chapter and state organization leaders
- By being willing to advise and guide others in positions that you have held in the past
- By being willing to accept a position of responsibility in your chapter or state organization whether on a committee or as an officer

What are you waiting for? Get out there and starting mentoring!

Mail to Sharon Myrick, 666 Hamlet Lane, Yukon, OK 73099, or myrickmania1@cox.net

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DKG International Vision Statement

Key Women Educators – Impacting Education Worldwide

December Meeting Review

By Shelly Hudson

Our annual Christmas Party was held in the beautiful home of **Neta Duke**. Twenty-seven members and one guest, **Cheryl Gleichmann's daughter Renee Linville**, attended the celebration. Our special guest was **Santa Claus (Lin Myrick)**. He distributed beautiful Christmas bells to each person.

Place settings included a Santa recipe holder, created by Neta, with a recipe for a delicious dish attached. Each members also received a star ornament for her trees.

Neta generously gave each member a copy of the book *The Night Before Christmas*, which had a history of the story attached to the back of the inside cover.



Neta told the beautiful Christmas story, "The Christmas Coat."

Hostesses were chapter officers, Neta Duke and other members that wished to share their favorite Christmas treat.

See Beta Beta Chapter's Christmas Books article on page 6.

Kathryn Plumb enjoys the vast array of refreshments at the beautifully decorated place settings.



January Meeting Preview

JANUARY 22, 2022 — SATURDAY

ZOOM Meeting

9:30 A.M.

Moment of Inspiration: Eleanor Harris

Program: Purpose 6: *To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.*

Creative Women of Oklahoma
Cynthia Adair, OSO Chair



Service Project: Jacob's Cupboard

Non-perishable items or cash donations

[Specific foods listed on page 10 of yearbook]

DKG Oklahoma State Organization Vision Statement

Serving Education...Honoring Tradition

February Meeting Preview

FEBRUARY 26, 2022 - SATURDAY

Covenant Community Church 9:30 A.M.
2250 South Yukon Parkway, Yukon \$5:00

Moment of Inspiration: Lana McCormack

Collect/Flag/Mission Statement: Kristi Swink

Purpose 3: *To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.*

Scholarships Through Membership
Kandy Myers



Service Project: Jacob's Cupboard

Non-perishable items or cash donations
[Specific foods listed on page 10 of yearbook]

Hostesses: Sharon Myrick**, Inez Andrews,
Susan Dobry, Marty Elledge-Martinek,
Kendra Jeffrey, Destini Stahr,
Michelle Wallace

January and February Service Project

Jacob's Cupboard will be our service project for the months of January and February. It is the namesake of this nonprofit. It is located in the West Metro Community Church at 601 West Main in Yukon and helps those who need a hand up.

Jacob Selby, the son of fellow Beta Beta sister **Shelli Shelby**, is the namesake of this non-profit. The mission of Jacob's Cupboard is to "nourish souls one bite at a time" and to provide food to people who need it without any questions asked. The food pantry does not accept federal funding and depends entirely on receiving donations.

If you have questions or would like more information, you can visit Jacob's Cupboard on Facebook or email Shelli at shelli.selby@gmail.com.

These are the items most needed for Jacob's Cupboard:

Hamburger Helper
Mac & Cheese
After School Kid Snacks
Canned Fruit

Cash donations or Aldi gift cards would also be appreciated!



Tonya Taylor



Evelyn Hawk

Beta Beta Chapter Vision Statement
Embrace the Present, Impact the Future

Happy January Birthdays



Cathy Stanford 1



Christine Sorrels-Alexander 6



Judy Reiff 18



Convention News

Source: *DKG News*
“From the Desk of the Director “
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The design of the 2022 International Convention Registration Form has been in progress for months; the details of registration were approved by the Administrative Board in November, and the form is finally ready!

Registration for the convention

will be available online and via mail in mid-January.

Several registration options are available for members:

- Registration for convention only with meal event tickets purchased “a la carte” as items added to the registration fee.
- One-Day or Two-Day Registration.
- A combined registration fee that includes convention registration, a ticket to the lunch-

eon, and a ticket to the Sazerac House Event taking place after the opening session.

- Both the full registration and the combined registration will include access to content provided virtually following the convention.
- Members unable to attend the convention in person will be provided access to that content via a separate registration at a later time.

Beta Beta Spotlight Member DeeAnn Meziere



Member Spotlight: DeeAnn Meziere

Beta Beta mentor and Vicky Vaughn was her mentor when she was a beginning teacher.

Her husband **Joe** grew up in Yukon and went Yukon schools. Presently, he is the Campus Director of the Cowan Campus of Canadian Valley Career Tech.

DeeAnn's daughter **Addison** is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University working on her Allied Health Nutritional Science Degree at OSU and wants to continue her education with a Nursing Degree at OU. Addison attended Yukon schools and was a 4-year veteran of the Yukon Varsity Pom Squad. Addison was fortunate to have wonderful

teachers, including some of our Beta Beta members: Annetta Hein, Neta Duke and Jackie Sheehan. DeeAnn says Addison loves Kathleen as Kathleen and she worked together for many years.

When asked what is on her Bucket List, DeeAnn says traveling and her passion is traveling to Disney Parks.

DeeAnn's hobbies include reading and crafting and her favorite book is the Bible.

She says she is still new and learning when asked about her favorite Beta Beta activity and her favorite program.

DeeAnn Meziere became a member of our chapter in 2020 when Kathleen Smith invited her to join. DeeAnn says she became a member because "I wanted to get involved as I am now an empty nester."

DeeAnn earned her degree in Secondary Math Education with a Middle School Math Endorsement at OSU. She has 27 years teaching experience, including 5 years at Putnam City Central Middle School, 1 year at Putnam City High School and 21 years at Yukon Middle School. She currently teaches math to 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade students.

We all know how important mentors are and Dee Ann has certainly had two of the best. Kathleen Smith is her



Beta Beta Chapter Christmas Project

Christmas Books For First Year Teachers

Chapter members decided to do something different, something special for the Christmas celebration this year. Rather than exchange books or ornaments with one another, members decided to collect books and give them to first year teachers in the Yukon School District.

A total of 290 books were collected; 248 books were given to 14 new teachers of the 2021-2022 school year; 14 new teachers (Pre-K through 4th grade) at 8 Yukon Public Schools received the books; and 42 books were reserved for next year as there were no first year 5 and 6 grade teachers in Yukon this year.

For the inaugural project, **Debbie Schimmer, Kandy Myers, Shelly Hudson and Ann Hufnagel** volunteered to separate the books into categories, collect the names of first year teachers, divide the books and prepare them for delivery by putting them into baskets and adding a personal letter from Beth (president) and Shelly (first vice-president) inviting them to join our chapter and a DKG brochure telling them more about our organization.

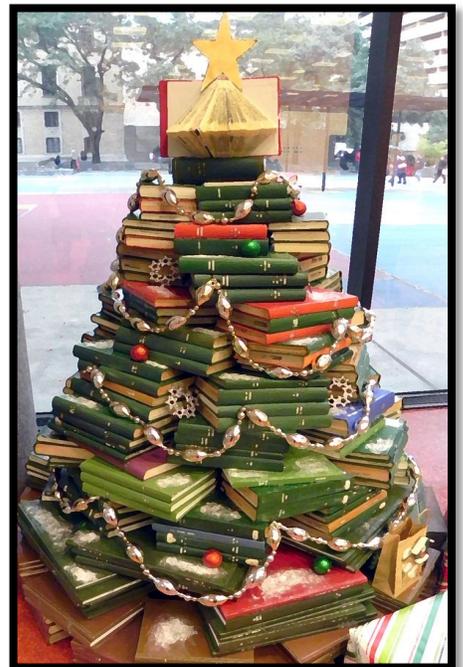
Each year, the books will be given to teachers from schools from within chapter member districts, including Yukon, El Reno, Mustang and Okarche.



Left: Mrs. Ross 1st grade, Mrs. Hartzler 2nd grade, Kandy Myers Beta Beta and Mrs. Romero kindergarten.

Left: Kandy Myers giving out new books to first year teachers at Ranchwood.

Bottom Left to Right: Debbie Schimmer, Shelly Hudson and Ann Hufnagel.



Beta Beta Chapter State and Chapter News

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

DKG International Conventions
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 12-16, 2022

Future International Conferences
National Harbor, Maryland 2023
Aurora, Colorado 2023

OKLAHOMA EVENTS

Oklahoma State Organization Conference
Oklahoma City
June 3-4, 2022
Embassy Suites
1815 South Meridian

DEADLINES

Scholarship Application
February 1, 2022

Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
February 15, 2022



**Beta Beta of Delta Kappa Gamma
Treasurer's Report**
December, 2021

Checking Account:

Balance	\$6613.14
Total checks written	\$191.00
Current balance	\$6422.14

Savings Account:

Balance	\$8951.34
Interest Earned	.38
Current balance	\$8951.72

**Beta Beta of Delta Kappa Gamma
Treasurer's Report**
November, 2021

Checking Account:

Balance	\$6861.64
Total Deposits	1658.50
Total checks written	\$1907.00
Current balance	\$6613.14

Savings Account:

Balance	\$7134.98
Total Deposits	\$1816.00
Interest Earned	.36
Current balance	\$8951.34

Date submitted: January 10, 2022

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Vicki Bright, Treasurer



Beta Beta Chapter Meeting
In Focus

December's Celebration



Left: Neta Duke welcomes Lin Myrick, known this night as Santa Claus.

Above: Jackie Sheehan finds the Christmas celebration a wonderful time to relax and renew friendships.

Right: Ann Hufnagel shows her Christmas spirit in her Christmas shirt and her smile.



Right: Jeanne Riggs, Kathleen Smith, and Trudy Capraro share a moment of friendship and Christmas joy.



Beta Beta Chapter Meeting In Focus



Above: Cheryl Gleichmann’s daughter, Renee Linville, Cheryl and Shelly Hudson find food, fun and friendship. Below Left: Tonya Taylor and Diane Gray talk about the collection of books given by chapter members. Below Right: Cathy Stanford and Sharon Myrick discuss their plans for Christmas.



Beta Beta Chapter Meeting In Focus



Above Left: Vicki Bonny, Kathryn Plumb and Jacquita Icenbower listen to the story told by **Neta Duke**. **Above Right: Debbie Schimmer and Kendra Jeffrey** share the Christmas spirit with smiles that light the night. **Below Left: Roxie Yetter and Debbie Stover** share the joy of the season. **Below Right: Eleanor Harris** shows us her cute Christmas sweater as she chats with a friend..



Beta Beta Chapter Meeting In Focus



Sharing the joy of the season and friendships made are members **Theresa Parham and Carolyn Buser, above left; Susan Dobry, above right; Kandy Myers, Jennie Wilmes and Kathryn Plumb, below left; and Kay Casper, below right.**



Beta Beta Chapter
January Trivia

January: Carnations & Snowdrop



Pink Carnations – love and appreciation

White Carnations – luck, love, and affection

Red Carnations – love and friendship

Snowdrop – hope and rebirth



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Still waters run deep in your story. You choose your words carefully when speaking and remain thoughtful in conversation. Despite your quiet nature, your eloquence in creative writing surprise others, especially your forms of expression which give others pause! You communicate on your own terms, but rest assured your thoughts are deep and meaningful.

Birch Tree

Birch represents rebirth, renewal, and honesty, children with this tree sign have beautiful souls and are tolerant of others. A magnificent tree, as every part, is edible and useful. The inner bark produces a substance that gives pain relief, and the sap is delicious and pleasant. Wood is hard, fine-grained, and pale. It has a reputation for rebirth because it can restart woodlands after disasters.



Beta Beta Chapter January Trivia



January: Garnet

If you are born in January, Garnet is your birthstone. It brings good luck and positivity in your life. Garnet stands for devotion and integrity. You always give your best shot in whatever you do. You have a pleasing personality.

Recipes From December Celebration

Connie's Easy Hot Enchilada Dip From Kathleen Smith

Ingredients:

- *1 pkg. (8 oz.) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- *1 can (7oz.) chopped green chilies, undrained
- *1/4 cup Rotel tomatoes, drained
- *1 tsp. garlic powder
- *1/4 tsp. chili powder
- *1 1/2 (or more) cups Kraft Mexican Style *Finely Shredded Four Cheese, divided
- *1 cup cooked chicken, finely chopped
- *Chopped green onion for garnish
- *Tostito chips

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Beat softened cream cheese with mixer until smooth. Add chilies, Rotel tomatoes, seasonings, and 1 cup shredded cheese and mix until blended. Stir in chicken.
3. Spread in the bottom of a 9-inch pie plate sprayed lightly with Pam.
4. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until dip is heated through. Sprinkle with remaining shredded cheese and garnish with chopped green onion. Let stand 10 minutes.
5. Serve with Tostito chips.

COCONUT-DATE BALLS Beth Schieber

EQUIPMENT

- Medium Cookie Scoop (2 Tbsp.)
- Parchment Paper Sheets
- Baking Sheet

INGREDIENTS

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups Rice Krispies
- Shredded coconut for rolling OR powdered sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

Melt butter in skillet, add eggs, sugar and dates. Cook over low heat until thickened, about 10 minutes. (Keep the heat low so you don't scorch or scramble the egg mixture) Slowly mash the dates while cooking. Cook until the mixture is thickened and the date pieces are small from all the mashing. Turn off heat. Add pecans, vanilla and Rice Krispies and stir well. While warm, use a lightly sprayed medium cookie scoop (2 Tablespoons) and portion out balls. Roll in coconut or powdered sugar, your preference. Place on parchment lined baking sheets and allow to set.

NOTES

I did not have a cookie scoop, so I sprayed my hands with a non-stick spray (like Pam Spray). That kept the mixture from sticking to my hands.

Beta Beta Chapter Oklahoma State Organization

OSO Scholarships

The following scholarships are available from Oklahoma State Organization:

Helen Olander Scholarship \$3000

Full-time student devoting one (1) academic year to her studies, six (6) to twelve (12) hours of coursework each semester.

Blanche Moon Scholarship \$3,000

The recipient will be a student who is completing a doctoral dissertation.

Beulah Elliot Clinton Memorial Scholarship \$1,000

The recipient will be a full-time educator working toward a master's degree in the field of education. The money can be used for either summer school or course work during the school year. At least six (6) hours of graduate work is to be taken each year. The scholarship is renewable for three (3) years providing the recipient meets the academic standard.

Summer Term Scholarship \$500

The applicant will be working toward a degree or certification. Minimum six (6) hours coursework.

Edna Donley Summer Term Scholarship \$500

The applicant will be working toward a degree or certification. Minimum six (6) hours coursework.

Regular School Year Scholarship \$250

The recipient will be a full-time educator working toward an advanced degree or special certificate by taking university courses during the school year. Minimum three (3) hours coursework.

Thesis/Dissertation or Research Scholarship \$500

The applicant should have a baccalaureate degree, a minimum of twenty-six (26) graduate hours and be able to devote the necessary time for the satisfactory completion of her university-approved project.

Enrichment Scholarship Applications

Dora McFarland Scholarship \$3,000

The recipient will be a full-time educator attending a state, national, or international conference, convention or training aimed at classroom enrichment.

Enrichment Scholarship \$250

This scholarship is for a member who desires to take a university course or attend a workshop for enrichment.

Hazel Benedict Scholarship up to \$1500

The recipient will be a member who desires to attend a state, national or international educational conference or convention. Estimated costs should be included in the definitive statement of plans for study.

Road Scholarship Applications

Beulah Elliot Clinton Road Scholarship \$500

The recipient will be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma; be fifty-five (55) years of age or older (requirement of the program); be accepted to the program before mailing the application.

The scholarship will not be fully funded until fully endowed.

Oklahoma State Founders School Year Scholarship \$500

The recipient will be a full-time educator working toward an advanced degree or special certificate by taking university courses during the school year. Minimum six (6) hours coursework.

The application deadline for Oklahoma State Organization scholarships is **March 15.** (okdkg.org)



Beta Beta Chapter International Scholarships

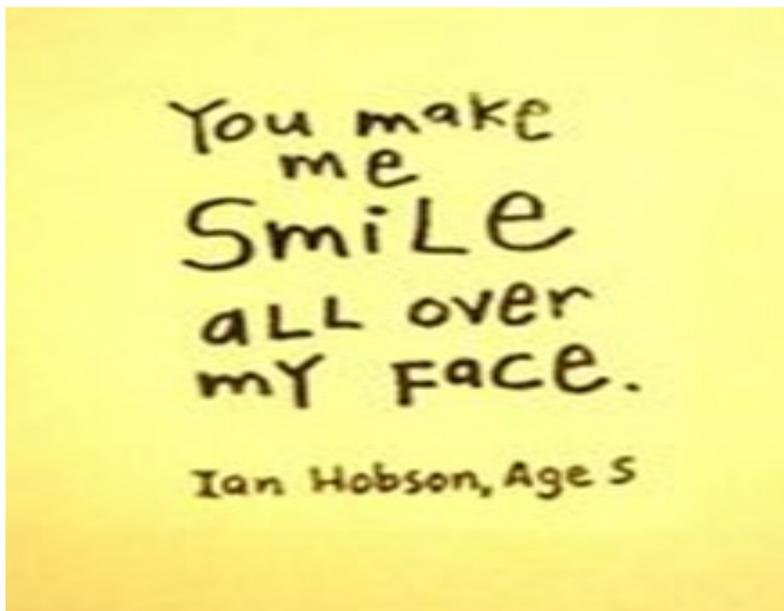
International Scholarships Available

Are you working on an advance degree? Could you use some money toward that goal? Have you considered applying for a scholarship through Delta Kappa Gamma International? Money is available! One thing for sure is if you don't apply you won't be chosen for this honor! Applications are listed on the website: dkg.org

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL annually offers scholarships to members of the Society to enhance the fulfillment of its fifth purpose, "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study..." Awards are made for the academic work during the period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Scholarships will not be awarded for work completed or degrees received prior to July 1, 2022.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS (from Standing Rule 13.62) The applicant is required to:

- Be an Active Member of the Society for a minimum of (3) years if pursuing doctoral studies, and be an active member of the Society for a minimum of (1) year at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies;
- Have completed a Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- As of the application due date **February 1**, be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree.
- Provide evidence of active participation and demonstrated leadership in the Society;
- Provide evidence of excellence in scholarship;
- Provide evidence of service to the community; and
- Be a first-time recipient of an international scholarship



WHO IS THE DKG KEY WOMAN EDUCATOR?

- Adaptable
- Able to bring out the best in others
- Authentic
- Results oriented
- A potential leader
- A conceptual thinker
- Responsive to feedback
- Motivated to make a difference

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