



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



In Focus: October Bounty

October is a beautiful harvest month, filled with magnificent colors and the bounteous harvest of the fruits of your labors when you invest the effort and the time to make and keep those wonderful long-term friendships, a strong partnership, a fulfilling career, and enjoya-

ble and gratifying organizational memberships.

An October life is sharing the bounty of your life's harvest to help foster those coming up behind us. We can learn something new. We can share this knowledge with others. We can assist new teachers through mentoring, friendship, grants, and recognition. We can be the source of career information and offer a strong support system. We can invite other outstanding women educators to join us. Sharing our membership with others also brings a new vibrancy to our chapter. New ideas, new personalities, new expertise and new passions that enhance our membership and our meetings.

My life is, as I hope are yours, enriched by participating in chapter activities with talented women in the teaching profession. I hope you share in both the knowledge gained and fun experienced at chapter programs and activities. Both you and I can learn personally and professionally to make our lives more enjoyable and rewarding. We serve our communities through donations and volunteerism.

As members, we build networks of professional contacts and personal friendships. We receive leadership training opportunities, have access to professional journals and magazines and can apply for scholarships, grants and personal and professional training.

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Chapter Essay Contest

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

BETA BETA CHAPTER

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an international society of dedicated professionals whose goal is to promote excellence in education.

The goals of this contest are to promote writing, to encourage reading, to emphasize good teaching, to recognize students, and to promote connection with our Society. We invite local seventh and eighth grade English teachers to participate.

**7th and 8th Grade Students
2021-2022 ESSAY CONTEST**

TOPIC:

“Explain How Kindness Could Bring Unity in Our World Today.”

Essay DUE: February 4, 2022

**Contact person: Cheryl Gleichmann
405-833-3017**

Members: We are searching for seventh and eighth grade English teachers. They can be home school, Epic, public, or private school teachers. Please cover south Canadian County and send Cheryl Gleichmann the names of teachers that might join our essay contest.


**KEEP
CALM
AND
WRITE
THE ESSAY**

DKG International Vision Statement

Key Women Educators – Impacting Education Worldwide

September Meeting Review

Chapter members met at **Cardinal Point, Canadian County’s Family Justice Center**, in El Reno. **Jennifer Coulson, Client Services Coordinator**, spoke with members about the facility and its services. Jennifer Coulson, MS, CDSVRP, has worked with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking for 18 years. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Master of Science in Family and Child Studies, both from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Cardinal Point, through collaboration with partner agencies, serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse and other types of abuse. Their purpose is to promote safety for every adult and child in Canadian County by engaging our community to end abuse and violence.

Planning for Cardinal Point began in October of 2020, and the center officially opened in January of 2021. It is the 3rd family justice center in Oklahoma.

In 2019, Cardinal Point reported 529 domestic violence cases, 40 rapes and 528 victim protective orders (VPOS). They also had 73 DHS cases with 58 kids being removed.

It was shocking to hear that on average survivors of abuse leave and return 7 times to the abusive situation before they leave permanently.

The meeting ended with a tour of the facilities. If anyone you know needs help, they can contact Cardinal Point at 405-776-0990. Virtual chat is available Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. — 5 P.M. at cardinalpointok.org.



“Cardinal Point: To live free from all forms of abuse is a fundamental human right. We are ready to partner with you on your journey toward safety, hope and healing.”

October Meeting Preview

Saturday, October 23
South Yukon Church of Christ
Commons Area
9:30 A.M.

Moment of Inspiration: **Kathleen Smith**
Collect/Flag Salute/Mission Statement: **Susie Grimes**

Program: HONOR – Purpose 2: *To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.*

“Women’s Wellness”
with Allie Friesen

Director of Behavioral Health
Clinical Program
INTEGRIS Health



Service Project: Santa’s Toy Shoppe

Hostesses: Julia Wilhite**, Shelly Hudson, Paula Walker, Vicki Bonny, Judith Ballard, Vicki Bright, Kay Casper, Kristi Swink, Phyllis Regier



DKG Oklahoma State Organization Vision Statement

Serving Education...Honoring Tradition

June Summer Salad Review

June brought together members at the home of President Beth Schieber for their annual summer salad celebration. Delicious homemade salads of infinite variety were served, lively conversations were enjoyed and an informational session on CASA volunteers (Court Appointed Special Advocates) was given by then Kingfisher County CASA supervisor **Heather Jones**.

Children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect are among the most vulnerable populations in America. A child in foster care may have faced physical, psychological or emotional trauma and years of uncertainty as they wait to go home, be adopted or simply see what happens next. All that chaos has long-term effects. **Having a caring, consistent adult to listen and put a child's best interests before all others' can make all the difference.** That's where a CASA comes in.

There are 20 active CASA programs in Oklahoma that train volunteers to speak up for abused children in court. CASA serves children in 62 of Oklahoma's 77 counties as well as four tribal courts.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for children's best interests. They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. **Beth** is an active CASA volunteer.

Volunteers work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators and service providers to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make the most well-informed decisions for each child.

CASA's best-interest advocacy is driven by the guiding principle that children grow and develop best with their family of origin, if that can be safely achieved. Most of the children we work with are in foster care, but some are with their family of origin. And, most children who leave foster care do so to return to their family.

Supervisor Heather Jones



October November Service Project

It has become a tradition that our October and November service projects are to donate to Santa's Toy Shoppe. Because there is still a need, we will continue to focus on the older children (ages 12-16) who will be receiving gifts. Below you will find a list of some gift ideas if you are not sure what types of things to donate. This year's date has not been set.

Ideas for Santa's Toy Shoppe

We are helping gather gifts to give to the older children (ages 12-16).

- \$5 gift cards to any local fast food restaurant that does not sell alcohol
- Gift cards to Academy, Marshall's or Ross would be greatly appreciated.

Girls:

- *Shower gel
- *Bath bombs
- *Lotion
- *Body Spray
- *Head Bands
- *Lip Gloss

Boys:

- *Carmex/Chapstick
- *Cologne
- *Tall athletic socks
- *Axe products
- *Baseball caps
(not fitted)
- *Wallet



Tonya Taylor



Evelyn Hawk

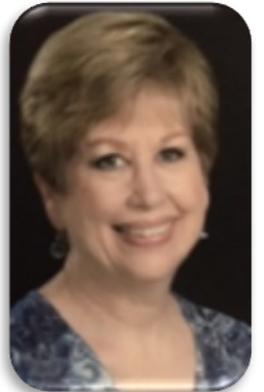
Beta Beta Chapter Vision Statement
Embrace the Present, Impact the Future

Happy July Birthdays



Cheryl Gleichmann 3 Ellan Black 24 Debbie Bounds 24 Sheila Urton 26 Blake Lower 31

Happy August Birthdays



Vicki Bright 4 Geneva Capps 16 Diane Gray 17 Theresa Parham 26 Lana McCormack 29

DKG Around the Web



 *DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators

Read the *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* in print, right from your mailbox—or online in Flipbook format.
Read the *Bulletin: Journal* online in Flipbook format.

Beta Beta Chapter

Happy September Birthdays



Julia Wilhite 12



Paula Walker 13



Jaquita Icenhower 28

WE ARE
TEACHERS

Happy October Birthdays



Jackie Sheehan 1



Libby Wrather 1



Vicki Kastl 4



Neta Duke 5



Jennie Wilmes 13



Trudy Capraro 20



Susie Grimes 21



Marty Elledge-Martinek 29

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Beta Beta Spotlight Member Jennie Wilmes



Member Spotlight: Jennie Wilmes

love reading and how to connect with literature to create lifelong readers and learners. I am also passionate about teaching our kiddos how to find information and answers to their questions using books and technology through research projects and introduction to available databases.”

Jennie has taught 22 years and has spent the last ten years as the library media specialist at Shedeck Elementary. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State and her master’s degree in Instructional Media from UCO.

Jennie is passionate about her family and spending quality time together. She has been married for 29 wonderful years to Mark, who works in sales at Cox Media.

They are the proud parents of two sons, Andrew and Jonathan. Andrew is 26 and works as a software developer for OSU-OKC. He lives in a cute house near the Plaza with his sweet dog, Kaiser. Jonathan, 23, just finished his master’s in accounting at OSU, passed the CPA exams and started working full time for Deloitte in OKC.

In addition to her family, Jennie loves her work as a media specialist. She expresses her passion, “I’d like to think I’m teaching our PreK-3rd grade students to

Mentors in our careers and in DKG membership are very vital. As for teaching mentors, Jennie remembers, “I taught 4th grade at Apollo Elementary in Putnam City my first year. Ellenmarie Howland, Jackie Thrash, Lois Brucher and Traci Patterson McElyea saved me that year! It was rough, but they encouraged and helped me in so many ways that I ended up staying there for 8 years. I’m not sure I would have made it to year 2 without them.”

Paula Walker also has been an important part of Jennie’s DKG membership and her first year at Shedeck. She also credits Kathleen Smith as an influential mentor in Beta Beta, encouraging Jennie to get more involved over the years.

Paula, a Helping Hand volunteer at Shedeck Library, invited her to a chapter meeting where members played Bunko. Jennie says she joined shortly after that. Paula was a former librarian and her grandsons were students at Shedeck at the time. Jennie says

Paula was a great mentor when she was just beginning in Yukon. Jennie lives in the Putnam City district and had always taught there, so she was new to the Yukon community. Except for the teachers she met at Shedeck and Central, she didn’t really know anyone else. She says, “I could tell Yukon was a very tight-knit community and many of the teachers I worked with talked about growing up in Yukon and knowing so many different families, teachers, etc. DKG seemed like a great way to get to know people around the district and become part of the community even though I wasn’t living there.”

When asked why she stays a member, Jennie replies that she enjoys getting to know the other members and loves the camaradery of the group. She also “loves that our chapter supports our students and local charities with our monthly service projects.” Jennie’s favorite program is the annual auction.

Something on Jennie’s “Bucket List” was to explore the southeast United States. She said she and her husband finally made the trip this past summer. They spent two weeks visiting family and spending time in Nashville, the Smoky Mountains, Charleston, Savannah and many “other interesting places in between.”

Beta Beta Member News

They even stopped by Laurel, Mississippi, where they film *Hometown* on HGTV.

Jennie says she enjoys reading, cooking, traveling, and spending time with family. She claims not to have a favorite book or even a favorite author, but she loves to read all different genres, whether it's a children's book, young adult, or adult. She enjoys a great murder mystery or historical fiction the most.

Jennie's favorite quote is "Live simply so that others may simply live." Jennie "thinks it might have come from Mother Teresa but it was a magnet on my mother-in-law's refrigerator that she and my father-in-law truly lived by. They are deceased now, but they were a hard-working, generous, God-fearing couple I've ever met and spent their married lives giving their time, talent and treasure to those in need." Jennie considers them to be role models for her family.



Jennie is certainly a Beta Beta role model.

Above: Jennie and husband **Mark** on a "Bucket List" trip.

President's Message

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We have a wealth, or cornucopia if you will, of benefits within our sisterhood. During this month of harvest, ask yourself:

- * Do I contribute to the bounty of service and support that is Beta Beta?
- * Do I contribute to our chapter's up keep and well-being
- * Do I attend meetings?
- * Do I volunteer to assist at chapter meetings by serving, hosting or bringing someone?
- * Do I offer to present a program that would entertain or

help someone in my chapter?

- * Do I volunteer to serve on a committee and then follow through with my commitment?
- * Do mentor a new member or invite someone to join us?

This October, help me grow our chapter in activity and purpose. Involve yourself in a new idea for a project or program. Get involved to get yourself energized. Take a leadership role, share your ideas and opinions, read your DKG publications or write an article for *The Buzz* or

The Limelighter.

Enjoy the bounty of October and of Beta Beta.



Beta Beta Chapter Members In Focus

Myers Receives OSO Scholarship



Left to Right: Kandy Myers and Brooke Beason attending OU Kodaly graduate class.

Kandy Myers, a Beta Beta member since 2007, received the OSO Hazel Benedict Enrichment Scholarship.

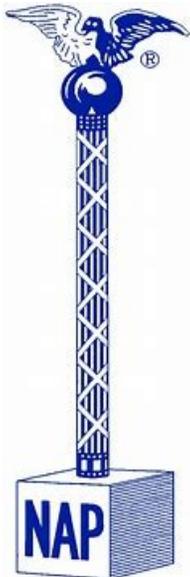
She used the scholarship money to attend a two-week Kodaly I class at the University of Oklahoma.

Kandy reflects, "What a privilege to receive a \$1,500 DKG grant. I met some amazing musicians while I was there, and even met our new Central music teacher this year, Brooke Beason. Brooke and I were able to study together, and develop a friendship."

This grant not only paid for Kandy's tuition and supplies for the class, but allowed her to purchase instruments needed to help develop this method of teaching in her classroom.

Kandy says, "There is so much to learn and gain for your students when you write a grant. I can't wait to share some hands-on activities and grant writing tips in February with you. Please apply!"

Schieber Attends Parliamentary Class



Beth Schieber gained membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) after attending a workshop on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief (Third Edition) while attending the International Conference in Portland, Oregon, and taking the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) membership examination. She passed with a score of 100 and is now a member of NAP.

She also presented a workshop on the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) which supports effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of DKG and professional growth of educators worldwide. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation and serves a six year term.



Beta Beta Chapter Members In Focus

Mayor Shelli Selby Named Oklahoma Municipal League Woman of the Year

Mayor Shelli Selby was named Woman of the Year for Oklahoma Municipal League and became a Certified Mayor. Only

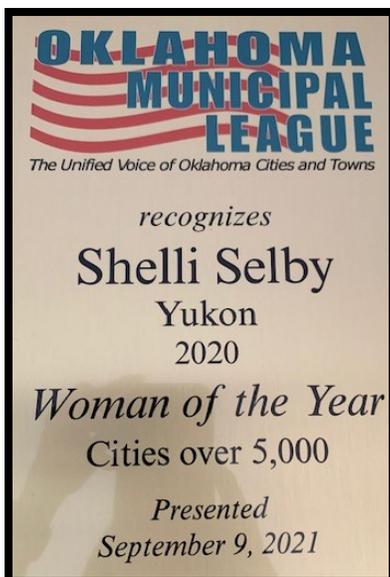
15 mayors have achieved this since its inception.

Mayor Selby says, "I am so honored to be chosen by my peers

in municipal government across the state, and I worked really hard to get certified."



Left to Right: Mike Fina, Director of Oklahoma Municipal League, Woman of the Year Mayor Shelli Selby, and Mayor of the Year Brea Clark (Norman).



Beta Beta Chapter Members In Focus

Elaine Regier Places in the Air Race Classic Derby

Librarian and **Beta Beta member Elaine Regier** and French teacher **Holly Blunk** became one of three Oklahoma teams participating in the Air Race Classic Flight in June.

They placed 25th out of 54 teams who actually competed. Although they missed their time on the first leg by TWO SECONDS, they still placed 10th on that leg!

They worked hard to plan the course using latitude and longitude and to figure the time it would take to fly each leg!

Elaine was Pilot in Command (PIC) for the first three legs; Holly flew as PIC for the last two legs. They were joined by Amelia Bearhart II (a stuffed bear).

On June 14, they flew from Guthrie Airport to a point on Langston Lake Dam to start the

course. The first turn was near Thomas; they then flew to near Marlow before landing in Ada. From there, they flew to near Okmulgee and back to Langston Lake Dam before landing at Guthrie. When they landed at Guthrie, they were greeted by a cheering squad with ice cold water, streamers, and flags (for Flag Day)!

The Air Race Classic dates back to the Women's Air Derby of 1929. Twenty female pilots, including Amelia Earhart and Louise Thaden, flew from Santa Monica, California, to Cleveland, Ohio. Will Rogers dubbed it the "Powder Puff Derby." Over the years, women's air racing changed, and today's version of the Air Race Classic began in 1977.

The race is normally about a

2,000 mile speed race across the United States and has gone into Canada. There are several stops along the way. It must be flown in daylight hours under Visual Flight Rules (VFR).

In 2020, the race was canceled because of COVID. In 2021, it was decided to do a Derby.

Each team had a minimum of two pilots and planned their own course. The course required five legs, and each leg had to be a minimum of 65 nautical miles (74.8 statute miles). One stop other than the end was also required.

Elaine said she and Holly "learned a lot in the process and had a fantastic experience!" Both of them said they would fly the Air Race Classic Derby again!



Left: Elaine readies herself and her plane for the race. Right: Elaine, co-pilot Holly Blunk, and Amelia Bearhart (in the background) pose before the race begins.

Beta Beta Chapter Members In Focus

Shelly Hudson Attends International Conference

My time in San Antonio attending DKG's International conference is simply unforgettable. It is amazing to see women educators from many countries come together for a common interest. On Thursday, I took some time to tour San Antonio and walk to the

Alamo with our immediate past state president, Belinda Clift.

Several breakout sessions offered numerous ways to add membership to our chapters, including unlocking the power of saying, yes! We limit our potential when we say no. We were

challenged by our International President Becky Sadowski to invite one new member this year. I want to also pass on that challenge to each one of you. Look around and find your one to add to our membership this year.



Left: Shelly visits the Alamo. **Right:** Shelly reminds us of how we used to call others. Was she even born then? **Below Left:** Shelly takes a moment to greet International President Becky Sadowski.



**Beta Beta Chapter Members
In Focus**

Summer Salad

Right: Sharon Myrick, Lana McCormack, and Tonya Taylor visit.

Below: Roxie Yetter concentrates on listening to the information given by the guest speaker from CASA.



Below: Jennie Wilmes, Theresa Parham, Eleanor Harris, Debbie Schimmer, and Cathy Stanford enjoy the opportunity to visit during the afternoon of fun, food, and friendship.



Beta Beta Chapter Members
In Focus

Celebration



Left: First Vice-president Shelly Hudson and treasurer Vicki Bright relax after a lunch of delicious salads made by the members attending.

June



Left: Immediate Past President Kathleen Smith considers going back for a second serving of salads.

Right: Destini Stahr and her daughter Abigail join in the fun of the summer get together.



Beta Beta Chapter Service to the Community

Yukon "Back to School" Breakfast

The 'Back to School Breakfast' in August was a complete success. Beta Beta Chapter's table was decorated in a 'Tools of the Trade' theme. Ace Hardware donated carpenter's aprons and Breakfast chair **Trudy Capraro** had YPS printed on them. The colors are red & white with black - Miller colors.

Each staff member at our table received four \$5 gift cards that included Walmart, Chick-fil-A, Wendy's, & Long John Silver's. Each person also received a 'tool' gift - the kind of things a teacher would use in a classroom! Drawings were held for the extra supplies in the center decoration.

The teachers seated at our chapter's table were so excited to receive their gifts and were exceptionally appreciative for our generosity and thoughtfulness.



Above Right: President Beth greets the teachers as they take their places at the **Beta Beta** table.

Kathleen Smith and Trudy Capraro set up the table the day before, greeted the guests as they arrived, and served the guests.



Beta Beta Chapter Service to the Community



Left: Kathleen Smith and Theresa Parham stand ready to serve or answer questions for our table guests.

Back to
SCHOOL



SCHOOL

Below: Table guests enjoy the food, gift cards, and surprises furnished by our chapter.



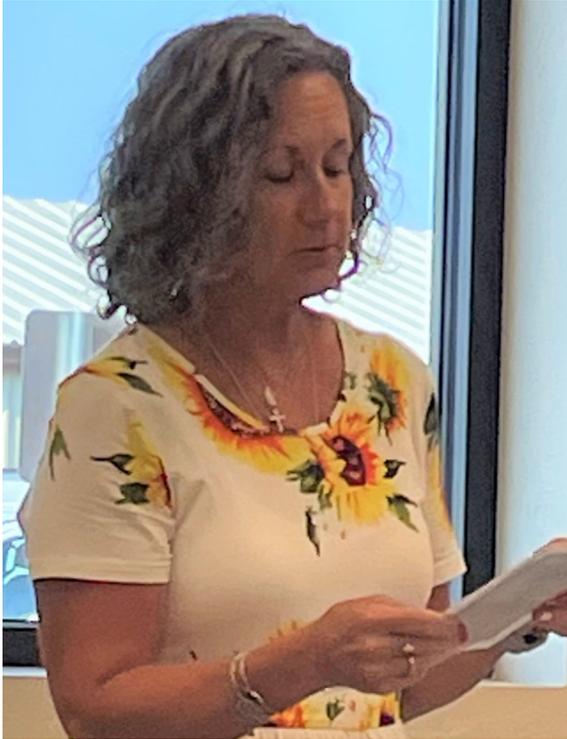
Beta Beta Chapter Meeting September

Cardinal Point Family Justice Center



Top: Chapter members pause for a picture “moment” before beginning the tour of Cardinal Point facility. **Bottom: Left: (L to R) Cheryl Gleichmann, Jackie Sheehan, and Diane Gray** listen as our speaker **Jennifer Coulson, Client Services Coordinator**, tells the group about the services provided for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other types of abuse. **Bottom Right:** DeeAnn Meziere listens intently to the program.

Beta Beta Chapter Meeting September



Top Left: Susan Dobry gives the inspiration for our meeting.

Top Right: Kay Casper, Neta Duke, Paula Walker, Jackie Sheehan and DeeAnn Meziere and other members tour the facility.

Bottom Left: Tonya Taylor and Jennie Wilmes listen to Jennifer Coulson as she gives members a tour of the facility.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Make the Connections**

2022 International Convention



FUTURE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

**2024 — National Harbor, Maryland
(Gaylord National, D.C. Area)**

2026 — Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies)

OKLAHOMA STATE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION

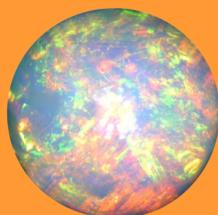
2022 (June 3-4) — Embassy Suites OKC Airport

Fun Facts: October



October's flower is the calendula, symbolizing comfort, healing, protection and grace.

October's gemstone, the Opal, is considered as gemstone of hope, love, purity, innocence, happiness and luck.



October's bird is the Swan.

Those born in October are known as "fixers"! They always have the

answer. They love to help and can get a solution to any problem in record time. They love being right, and they usually are. Everyone looks to them first when facing a tough situation, or just needing a good piece of advice. They also have great recipes!

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Make the Connections



Need Money for Professional Development? November 1 DEADLINE

The **Cornetet Award** was established from the estate of Lucile Cornetet for professional and personal growth of women educators. Awards are given for individual professional development and educational seminars.

For individual professional development, *electronic applications need to be submitted before the award date of November 1. **Only employed educators may apply. DKG and non-members may apply.** This is an opportunity to get help paying for registration fees and conference-related materials, travel, lodging, food, and other expenses necessary for participation in professional development activities. As of February 2020, \$801,200 (USD) has been granted to individuals for professional growth.*

*The Cornetet Award also may assist state or province organizations of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in sponsoring a professional development educational seminar. Electronic applications need to be submitted by **November 1.***

For more information on the Cornetet Award, go to the dkg.org website and locate the [DKGIEF tab](#).

Fun Facts: October

October's tree is the maple. Maple is a new world tree and doesn't feature in the Celtic tree astrology. Maple syrup is a delicious ingredient valued across the world. The maple tree represents sweetness and abundance. This species cover a wide range of distinct types from the sugar maple to the delicate Japanese Acer. Maple stands for change—the leaves change to vibrant colors in the

a u t u m n .
The Japanese have a maple ceremony that is as popular as the cherry blossom festival but less famous.

