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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.

Membership Matters

Excerpts from *DKG News*
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*An Important Update on the
Avenue M Project*

International
President Dr.
Debbie LeBlanc



Executive Director
Nita R. Scott,
CAE



Debbie: "This is a somber, necessary conversation. Our members matter, and without you, this organization would be extinct. We are facing challenges of membership, leadership in a variety of roles, and marketing our organization. As a membership organization, we are at a crossroads that could determine our sustainability in the future. Members matter at each level of the Society, and we need them for this organization to flourish and thrive into the next decade and beyond. The Society's vitality, relevance and sustainability are keys to the survival and ultimate growth of our organization."

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Shelly's Seeds

Happy new school year! I hope everyone has had a great start to school, and those that are retired are enjoying their time with family and loved ones. As I begin my last year as Beta Beta president, I also begin this biennium as OSO 2nd vice-president, and my focus is state membership.

Kandy Myers and I had a great time in Detroit and brought back amazing ideas to help grow our chapter. I hope you will join us in searching for these key women educators in our schools, churches, and other organizations to which we belong.

One of the main concerns of our new **OSO President Dr. Jo Ann Pierce** is including millennials as members in our chapters. If we do not bring in new, diverse, young, active educators, DKG may not exist in the future.

If you did not attend our OSO Convention, you missed meeting our **International President Dr. LeBlanc**. She shared that the power of the organization is right here

at the chapter level. We are what makes this organization a success.

Beta Beta has done a good job of bringing in new members; however, we have struggled to keep some of our current members. The number one reason members leave is due to family and personal situation changes. What does this tell us? Life situations change all the time. Now could be the time when someone's situation has changed again, and she may be ready to come back. I will bring a list of past members for us to consider contacting. Perhaps they are ready to rejoin their Beta Beta sisters. As we all know, once you are a DKG sister you are always a DKG sister. Reinstatement is a simple process.



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

Happy Birthday September



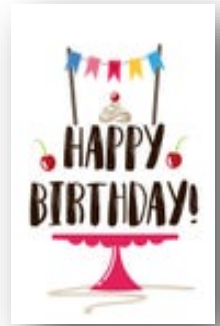
Julia Wilhite 12



Paula Walker 13



Jaquita Icenhower 28



October



Jackie Sheehan 1



Neta Duke 5



Jennie Wilmes 13



Trudy Capraro 20



Susie Grimes 21

DKG Members Have Insurance Options Through DKG International

With the economy struggling, members are looking for ways to trim their budget expenses. Did you know that DKG offers insurance benefits through various providers?

You can do some comparison shopping for your health insurance, liability coverage, long term care, dental, identity protection and even pet insurance. DKG has partnered with several providers. To take a look at your options. Go to dkg.org. When you sign in, go to About/Benefits to look over the various Opportunities Through DKG.

<https://www.dkg.org/DKGSI/About/Membership/Benefits/DKGSI/Membership/Benefits.aspx?hkey=b8ec10e4-1fbc-45b1-8984-962009770760>



Beta Beta Chapter
Embrace the Present, Impact the Future

Membership Matters With Dr. Debbie LeBlanc and Nita Scott

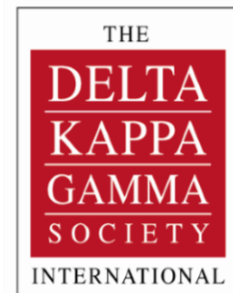
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And this begins with chapters. Chapters are the heart and soul of this organization. Interactions at this level of the Society are powerful and clearly can make or break our Society. After all, as I said earlier, we can move heaven and earth at the international and state organization levels, but the buck truly stops with the chapters.

Nita: But the fact is — not only as executive director but also as a member — I am even more concerned about what membership loss is doing to the

IMPACT WE HAVE in the world, and in the education profession, and on behalf of those who educate and learn. From 1991 to today, it is not the loss of more than 100,000 members' dues payments that concerns me most — it is losing what those more than 100,000 women could be doing for education, educators and children today! I am concerned that we have lost our voice and our impact worldwide. And I have to believe the world has missed us and the impact we had and could have again. It is about the nurturing of that many

more young women joining the profession and the growing of that many more women into the outstanding educators they were meant to be. Who better to grow great teachers and build up our profession than DKG?



September Service Project

September Service Project **BEAUTIFUL DAY**

“The day you were born was a BEAUTIFUL DAY. Your life and existence is worthy of being celebrated.” This is the mission statement for the Beautiful Day Foundation. The foundation is passionate about letting children know that they are seen and loved by the community they call home.

BEAUTIFUL DAY began in Duncan, Oklahoma. In their first year, 107 kids were celebrated in one school. Today, their impact is unbelievable. There are now 28 schools in Oklahoma with BEAUTIFUL DAY celebration tables where 46,115 children have been

celebrated since 2013!

Once a month, BEAUTIFUL DAY throws an awesome birthday party for Fourth Graders at Independence and Redstone Intermediate schools in Yukon as well as Roblyer Learning Center in El Reno. Currently, Lakeview has no lesion. Volunteers from the community sit with the students and visit with them one-on-one.

Their uncomplicated mission is pure and simple, but critical to the condition of a child's heart to know that they matter and know they are seen. BEAUTIFUL DAY is honored to be a piece of the support system where a child know they are loved and supported.

Consider this, the power of knowing you matter...now THAT could really change a person's life!

Thank you to everyone that donated to BEAUTIFUL DAY at our September meeting! **Our generous chapter donated \$50.00. In total, our chapter donated \$806.00!**

Tonya and Jennie



DKG International Vision Statement

Key Women Educators – Impacting Education Worldwide

April Meeting Review

By Shelly Hudson
President



We are proud to welcome our newest chapter members, **Karen Hanscom, Shannon Sisney, and Megan Henderson**. Karen and Shannon were inducted at our April meeting. Although Megan was unable to attend, she is now a member because her membership was approved and her dues have been paid. She will be inducted formally in April, 2024.

Paula Walker shared a detailed and informative Founders Celebration presentation.

World Fellowship will receive a \$295.00 donation which was collected throughout the 2022-2023 year. The April service project was monetary donations for the Beta Beta tables at the Yukon Back-to-School Breakfast.

The membership approved scholarships in the amount of \$100.00 each for **Kandy Myers** and **Debbie Stover** to attend The Tebow Herrington Leadership Seminar, and the amount of \$200.00 was approved for Kandy Myers to attend the Detroit International Conference.

Mary Styron has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Recording Secretary until the conclusion of this biennium.

Chapter members were encouraged to attend the OSO Convention June 2-3 at the Embassy Suites in OKC, the International Conference in Detroit July 11-16 and the International Conference in Phoenix July 18-22.

Members decided that the \$87.00 in Brag Bucks collected goes to the Infant Crisis Center.



Treasurer's Report

**Beta Beta Chapter
Treasurer's Report
August 2023
Submitted September 15, 2023**

Checking Account:

Balance	\$3,344.61
Total of deposits	\$ 490.00
Interest earned	.00
Total checks written	\$2,853.50
Service charge	.00
Current balance	\$ 981.11

Savings Account:

Balance	\$9,025.97
Total deposits	.00
Interest earned	\$ 14.95
Total withdrawals	.00
Current balance	\$9,040.92

Phoenix Volunteer

Beth Schieber mans the volunteer check in table at the International Conference in Phoenix.

Beth served on the Phoenix Steering Committee as the chair of the Volunteer Committee.



DKG Oklahoma State Organization Vision Statement

Serving Education...Honoring Tradition

October Meeting Preview

Make plans for the October chapter meeting—better known as the Live Auction. This important and fun meeting raises money for scholarships.

Other purposes are to have a wonderful time enjoying the company of our sisters, sharing great refreshments and entering into friendly bidding competitions for some incredible treasures.

ures.

What can you donate for the auction? Cash donations are always welcome, but the best part of the auction is the opportunity to take home extraordinary items up for bid. It's amazing how fast, loud and determined a quiet, easy-going teacher can make a bid when just the perfect item is on the auction block!

So, look for items you might donate to the auction.

- Home-made items such as jam, pies, cakes, quilts
- Seasonal decorations such as

Halloween, Thanksgivings and Christmas


- Fan favorites such as Yukon, OU and OSU
- Made in Oklahoma products

The live auction is an enjoyable way to start the holiday season.

Below: The bidding begins with “the signs of the times,” Christmas signs for inside or outside your home. **Kay Casper (seated)** signals her bid as **Shelli Selby (left)** and **Neta Duke (right)** hold up items as **Ted Lee (center)** solicits the highest bid.



Celebration of Membership

<i>Celebrate</i>	Year Inducted	Years of Membership	Name of Member
	1976	47	Theresa Parham Paula Walker Julia Wilhite
	1973	50	Agnes Siegrist
	1972	51	Geneva Capps Reba Massey
	1967	56	Diane Gray
	1966	57	Faye Hess

Legislature Will Answer Stitt's Special Session Call

The Norman
Transcript

Keaton Ross | Oklahoma Watch
September 18, 2023

For the third consecutive year, Oklahoma lawmakers will return to the Capitol for a fall special session.

Gov. Kevin Stitt issued an executive order last Monday asking the Legislature to convene on Tuesday, October 3, to consider a series of tax cuts and budget transparency measures. In a statement, Stitt said he wants lawmakers to pass a measure that would gradually reduce the state income tax to zero.

Some Oklahoma taxpayers, including those who send their children to private schools and some married couples filing jointly, will benefit from measures passed during this year's legislative session. But the most sweeping Stitt-endorsed measures, including bills eliminating the state's grocery sales tax and lowering personal income tax rates, stalled in the Senate after passing through the House.

In a late May press conference, Stitt said he was disappointed the Legislature didn't take up sweeping tax cuts and hinted at

calling lawmakers back to the Capitol to reconsider the measures.

"We're getting further and further behind," Stitt said on May 26, referencing states like Pennsylvania and Michigan that have lower income tax rates.

In separate press conferences, House Speaker Charles McCall and Senate Pro Tem Greg Treat confirmed that their caucuses will return to the Capitol and hear out Stitt's plan. But the two legislative leaders are once again at odds over tax policy.

Treat called Stitt's request vague and asked the governor to appear at an October 3 meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee to answer questions on his plan to recoup about \$4 billion in annual revenue. Stitt is considering the request, Quorum Call's Shawn Ashley reported.

"I personally, philosophically, would love to see zero income tax," Treat said. "But no state has had an income tax and gotten rid of it entirely."

McCall said Thursday he's open to Stitt's zero income tax idea, arguing that Oklahoma needs to cut its rates to remain competitive with surrounding states.

"Tax cuts themselves don't mean less revenue for the state," McCall told reporters. "I think

those that say it's \$4 billion in lost income to the state are not looking at the dynamics of when you lower taxes, people spend more."

House Minority Leader Cyndi Munson and Senate Minority Leader Kay Floyd, both Democrats from Oklahoma City, criticized the governor for pushing his agenda outside of the usual legislative process.

"The Constitution directs us to govern in a way that allows for public input and thorough examination through the committee process," Floyd said in a statement. "Special sessions should only be used for urgent issues, not regular policy proposals rooted in political ideology."

The top rate of the state income tax was cut eight times between 2004 and 2021, declining from 7 to 4.75% in the highest bracket, according to an Oklahoma Policy Institute analysis. Eight states, including neighboring Texas, don't levy income tax on their residents and generate revenue through higher sales or property taxes.



Beta Beta International Opportunity

CORNETET INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Are you currently working as an educator? Consider applying for a Cornetet Award today. The next application deadline is November 1, 2023.

Cornetet Individual Awards (CIPD) **will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses and workshops plus other non-degree programs.**

This award is given May 1 and November 1.

As of May 2022 over **\$764,000** has been granted as Individual Professional Development Awards.



Professional Development is defined as a *growth-promoting learning process that empowers employed educators to further excellence in education.*

Read more about the [history of the Cornetet Award](#) on the DKGIEF web page.

Things to Know About the Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award (CIPD):

1. CIPD awards are available for *any employed educator, DKG member or non-member.*
2. CIPD awards give individual educators the opportunity to participate in professional development activities through approved professional development providers such as colleges, universities, and professional organizations other than The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
3. CIPD awards are available to fund attendance at conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses, workshops, and other non-degree programs.
4. CIPD awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc.
5. CIPD applications are submitted electronically on or before May 1 for activities occurring between July-December.
6. CIPD applications are submitted electronically on or before November 1 for activities occurring between January-June.
7. CIPD professional development *must occur after the funds are awarded.*

Are you interested in donating to the Cornetet Fund? Go to [Cornetet Fund - Donate](#) or to the the [DKGIEF Donate](#) page for various options to make a donation.

The award **may** pay for registration fees and conference-related materials, travel, lodging, food, substitute teacher, if not provided by the district, and other expenses necessary for participation in the professional development activities.

Activity occurs between:	Apply no later than:
July - December.....	May 1
January - June.....	November 1

Beta Beta Chapter

Chapter Theme: Growing Together



International Officer Training

Shelly Hudson expresses her appreciation for her training in Irving, Texas. She reflects, "My time in Irving with other officers was very beneficial. The membership committee challenged us to rethink how we attract potential members and why we should reach out to members that have become inactive. I am excited about working with chapters to keep our organization growing this biennium."

Left: OSO Second Vice-president Shelly Hudson, State President Dr. Jo Ann Pierce, and immediate past state president and present First Vice-president Lori Richardson-Morphew stop for a quick picture between training sessions.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Future Conventions Conferences

- 2024:** National Harbor, Maryland
(Gaylord National, D.C. Area)
2026: Aurora, Colorado
(Gaylord Rockies)

OKLAHOMA EVENTS

Oklahoma State Organization Conference

Oklahoma City
June 7-8, 2024
Embassy Suites
1815 South Meridian



DEADLINES

International

November 1, 2023

- DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD application
- DKGIEF Cornetet CSPD application
- SOPs to request international speaker from International Speakers Fund

November 15, 2023

- All Treasurers to file IRS 990 (US Only)

December 15, 2023

- *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions
- DKG Ignite (LMS) application

February 1, 2024

- Scholarship Application
- Educators Book Award Submissions

February 15, 2024

- Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery

Beta Beta Chapter Member Spotlight: Ramona Paine



Ramona Paine

Please welcome one of Beta Beta's newest members, but not new to DKG, Ramona Paine, a transfer from Theta Chapter.

Ramona is a 35-year member of DKG. She was inducted in 1988 at the recommendation of Jerianne Hada from Kansas. Jerianne was a fellow librarian and wanted a travel companion to all the Southwest Regional Conferences and International Conventions. Together they attended DKG events from 1989 until Jerianne's passing after the International Convention in Chicago.

When asked why she remains

a member, Ramona says, "I stay because of the leadership, fellowship and active membership in a professional organization." Ramona says, "Lela Racer was my cheerleader for being an active member in DKG" when asked about her DKG mentor. Esther Rapp, a 4th grade teacher at Seiling, was Ramona's mentor as a beginning teacher.

With her bachelor's degree in library science from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Ramona served as a school librarian for 37 years full time and 13 years part time after retirement. Ramona was a librarian in middle or high school and oversaw the management of the elementary library at Hennessey and Waukomis.

Ramona's service to education includes her tenure in Seiling for 3 years as second grade teacher and 7-12 librarian; librarian at Hennessey High School, Middle School and Library Director for K-12, 13 with 2 paraprofessionals for 32 years; 13 years at Waukomis Public Schools as librarian where she also oversaw the elementary library with the help of a paraprofessional. Although re-

tired, Ramona accepted a position in Waukomis; the district needed a librarian, so she accepted a position where she could work her own hours.

Ramona's husband Rod Means is a retired oilfield salesman who worked in the oilfield supply business for over 50 years and now runs a 75 cow/calf operation on their farm west of Hennessey near Lacey.

Reading, playing cards and embroidery are her passions. Her favorite reading material includes books by Karen Kingsbury or Deborah Macomber. She enjoys playing cards, including bridge, Canasta, pitch and Mexican Train.

Ramona says something people might not know about her is that she lives in a Retirement Village and has 4 white cats, a miniature Sheltie and a Tibetan Spaniel. Her favorite quote is, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Ramona's quote certainly is a motto by which we all can live. We welcome Ramona to our amazing chapter!

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND TRY IT...YOU'LL LIKE IT

The 2024 DKG International Convention comes to National Harbor, Maryland, from July 9-13, 2024, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. Attendees will enjoy gorgeous views of the Potomac River and access to waterfront terraces.

The bustling town of National Harbor features malls, boutiques,

casinos, wine bars, top-notch restaurants and so much more. And, for a dive deep into American history, Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, Virginia, are only a short drive away.

Like those before it, the 2024 International Convention promises to deliver enlightening breakout sessions, the chance to

network with fellow members from around the world and the opportunity to shape the future of DKG as members gather to vote on proposed amendments to the Society's governing documents.

Keep an eye on the DKG NEWS and www.dkg.org over the next few months for more information!

Beta Beta Chapter Membership Campaign

Beta Beta at the Yukon Back to School Breakfast



Beta Beta's table theme was **Santa Says...It's Almost Christmas Break.**

Always a favorite table at the breakfast, **Trudy Capraro** makes each year's table an adventure for each participant. **Neta Duke** assisted Trudy in the set-up and **Susie Grimes** and **Lee Wells** attended the breakfast to help.

Each table guest received \$5.00 gift cards from Walmart, Chick-fil-A, Freddy's, Sonic, a \$10.00 card from Hobby Lobby and eight other gifts.

Eight teachers from Ranchwood and their principal, two teachers from Yukon High School and school board member Leonard Wells sat at our table. Mr. Wells graciously passed on the gift cards and other gifts to a new teacher. Three prospective members were recognized.

The high school drum line provided entertainment and Yukon superintendent Simeroth was the keynote speaker.

Left: Lee Wells and Trudy Capraro welcome guests as they arrive at the **Beta Beta** tables.



Who Will You Sponsor for Beta Beta Membership This Year?

Beta Beta is always looking to add new members to our chapter. Do you know women with teaching degrees, retired teachers, teachers in nontraditional settings or college students pursuing a teaching degree? Do they enjoy collaborating with other women and sharing ideas?

If you have answered yes to these questions, talk to them about membership. Invite them to a meeting. Don't assume they wouldn't want to join.

Share these benefits with them.

- Being around people like themselves
- Learning and growing through new experiences
- Applying for scholarships
- Sharing what they have learned with others
- Receiving emergency assistance
- Utilizing insurance discounts

Don't forget to fill out the intent to nominate form and return it to **Geri Hough**.

Beta Beta Chapter International conferences

International Conferences

Kandy Myers and chapter president and OSO second vice-president **Shelly Hudson** attended the **International Detroit Conference**. This was Kandy's first International event.

A large variety of workshops gave all attendees opportunities to learn and grow. The US Forum presented a panel discussion with DKG members and encouraged all in "Growing Our Mental Health Garden." The conference ended with a Motown-inspired dinner and dueling pianos.

Throughout the conference, participants enjoyed something new and different every day and found ways to find joy and reenergize, preparing them to meet any challenge!

Right: **Kandy** and **Shelly** attend the US Forum, but pause a moment to smile for the camera.



Top Right: The beautiful original painting Beta Beta generously donated as a door prize in **Phoenix** was a treasure.

Below Right: International President **Dr. Debbie LeBlanc** (center) welcomes **Kandy Myers** (left) and **Shelly Hudson** (right) to the Saturday evening celebration in Detroit!



Beth views the entries of the Arts and Humanities Display. **Schieber's** picture of her granddaughter **Kamryn** was accepted for display at the Phoenix Conference.



Beta Beta Chapter Member Memoir

It's A "Power-full" History

By Faye Hess

My maternal grandmother's maiden name was Power with many of her clan attending the Salem Methodist Church in Scott County, Kentucky, from its founding in 1823. For the first twenty-five years of my life, I joined my Power family as a member of Salem Methodist. After I married Frank Hess, who was from Alex, Oklahoma, on August 7, 1965, I then joined the Alex Methodist Church where I have been an active member for the past fifty-eight years.

When I received an invitation to the 200th anniversary of Salem Methodist Church, I knew there was no way I could travel to Kentucky on my own. I was so pleased when my dear friends Traci Ketchum and her mother-in-law Shirley Ketchum, who is

also my next door neighbor, volunteered to go with me.

On Friday morning, August 11, Traci with her mother-in-law Shirley and me in tow flew out from the Oklahoma City airport, arriving at the Cincinnati Airport about 6:00 P.M. that evening. Surprisingly, the Cincinnati Airport is actually located in Boone County, Kentucky, just a few miles from the Ark, which is a grand place to visit.

On Saturday, Traci, Shirley, and I spent the day visiting and catching up with my family and friends. We visited a dear friend, who has been my best friend since third grade. We were in each other's weddings and have kept in touch over the years. We also visited several of my cousins and looked around my old hometown of Georgetown.

On Sunday, August 13, 2023, Traci, Shirley, and I returned to the Kentucky church where I had grown up. It was wonderful to be part of the 200th anniversary celebration of Salem Methodist Church where members of my Power family have worshipped for the past two centuries and where several family members continue as active members today.

As we flew home the next day, I reminisced about the wonderful and "Power-full" experience of reconnecting with my cousins, old friends, and fellow church members with deep Methodist roots, and I was so grateful for both the old and the new memories we had made.



Left: Faye attended the 200th anniversary of Salem Methodist Church in Scott County, Kentucky. This was Faye's childhood church.

Right: Faye Hess, Beta Beta member



Beta Beta Chapter Tebow - Herrington Leadership Seminar

Kandy Myers and Debbie Stover Complete Tebow-Herrington Leadership Seminar



By Kandy Myers



Above: Kandy shows off her Tebow-Herrington Certificate.

What a privilege to engage with 15 top leaders in our organization this past weekend at Roberts Retreat Center! Such a remote setting promoted beauty, calmness, and clarity for the productive weekend of training we received.

One of my top takeaways was the Gallup Assessment that identified our top five strengths in leadership. I want to use these God-given talents to further my opportunities to lead and help develop other leaders. This discov-

ery, regarding my abilities, will allow me to know where to invest my time and purpose throughout my leadership journey. The food, fellowship, location and training were exceptional.

Thank you to all who made this influential weekend happen for me!

Our closing presentation during the conference was to share about an outstanding educator in our lives, or to select one of our five leadership strengths. I shared my experiences with Mr. Doyle Greteman, my 9-12th grade drama teacher. From musicals to speeches, “Sir” Greteman, as we called him, was not only our teacher, but became a mentor, colleague, and forever friend. His passion challenged us beyond our known potential. He helped navigate us through our personal and life events and celebrated us in victory and effort. I was awarded the opportunity to exercise my strengths because he identified and nurtured them.

“Sir” expected our best, and always gave us his best. We were loved unconditionally and even now, he continues to reach out and touch his former students. In 1982, he gave a speech at my wedding that deeply impressed my family about the bride and groom and the bride of Christ! Forty-three years later..... we are still having lunch together

in June and embracing our special relationship.

Beta Beta was fortunate to have two leadership seminar attendees: Kandy Myers and Debbie Stover.

Debbie considers the leadership training experience as “one of the best leadership trainings I have attended.” She said she met new people in DKG, enjoyed the beautiful facility and found that everything about the experience was of the highest quality.



Above: Debbie Stover is engrossed in finding out more about her leadership strengths. One of the sessions presented by Belinda Clift was the Gallup Assessment, a program that identifies your top leadership strengths.

Beta Beta Chapter Information

DKG National Legislative Seminar

Sunday, March 10, 2024 —
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Holiday Inn National Airport
Crystal City
2650 Richmond Highway
Arlington, VA, 22202

The National Legislative Seminar is an exciting opportunity to enhance advocacy skills; learn from experts about federal legislation related to education, women, and children; speak with your legislators; and visit key historical sites in Washington, D.C.

Room rate are \$129.00 per night; king and two queens are offered. The hotel van picks up at Reagan Airport and one may use the van to return to Reagan Airport for the trip home or to catch the blue or yellow Metro line to Washington, D.C. and to link to Baltimore and National Airports.

Registration fee is \$340.00, which includes speakers, breakout sessions led by dynamic people, interactive and hands-on activities, a visit to Capitol Hill and 6 meals at the hotel.



Registration and room bookings begin October 31, 2023, and end February 20, 2024. Check the US Forum website usforumdkg.org and send us your information so the registration form can be emailed to you directly.



The 2023-2024 Beta Beta Yearbooks were distributed at our September chapter meeting. However, to those unable to attend, **your yearbooks will be delivered or mailed** within the next few weeks.

Geneva Capps, Eleanor Harris, Faye Hess, Reba Massey, Judy Sliger, and Jyme Tiner, please look for a white catalog envelope in your mailbox. Inside you will find the 2023-2024 yearbook.

Member, after receiving your new yearbook, please take time to look through the pages carefully, noting the following:

- The **committees** to which you have been assigned (pages 7-8

- The **chapter service projects** you will commit to support (pages 9-10)
- The **chapter meeting dates and locations** (pages 11-14) transferred to your own personal calendar
- The **meeting date** for which you have been assigned to serve as a **hostess** (pages 11-14) transferred to your calendar
- The **Chapter Membership Directory** with each member's name and contact information (pages 16-20)
- The **Pictorial Directory** with pictures of all our chapter members (pages 25-29)

Officer or Committee Chair, please note the following:

- The **executive board meeting dates** (page 7)
- The **committee** to which you are assigned as **chair** (pages 7-9)

Members, please notice the **printing error** that occurred during the yearbook printing process. This error resulted in the blank

sides of two yearbook pages, but the good news is that this error resulted in a 5% reduction in our printing costs.

Several yearbook errors have already been identified. Members, please make these **corrections** in your yearbook:

- On the Executive Board Meetings (page 7), change the meeting time from 6:30 to **7:00 P.M.**
- On January 13 meeting (page 13), please correct the spelling of the first name of hostess Suzie Grimes to **Susie Grimes**.
- In the Chapter Membership Directory (page 18), please change Ramona Paine to **Paine, Ramona**.

Members, if you notice **additional errors**, please notify Kathleen Smith via text at 405-202-9908 or by email at kathleenbsmith51@gmail.com.

Thanks go out to our members for helping with their personal information for the yearbook to the yearbook committee co-chair **Beth Schieber**.

Beta Beta Chapter Induction/Founders Day



Paula Walker, 1st vice-president; **Geri Hough**, 2nd vice-president; **Shelly Hudson**, president; **Tonya Taylor**, sponsor; new members **Karen Hanscom** and **Shannon Sisney**; **Jennie Wilmes**, sponsor; and **Ann Hufnagel**, corresponding secretary pause for a picture before receiving congratulations from our members. Inductee **Megan Henderson** was unable to attend.



Left: Past state president and current chapter 1st Vice-president Paula Walker offers a moving tribute to our Founders.



Right: President Shelly presents a red rose to **Diane Gray**, Beta Beta Chapter founding member and 2002-2004 chapter president.



Beta Beta Chapter Induction/Founders Day



Above: Janna Connolly, Gina Ray, Jackie Sheehan and Vicki Bright enjoy the induction of two new members.

Below Left: (Back) Debbie Schimmer, Shelli Selby and Inez Andrews appreciate the tribute to our Founders presented by Paula Walker.

Below Right: Annetta Hein and Kandy Meyers wait for the induction ceremony to begin after enjoying a taste of the wonderful meal provided at the meeting.



Beta Beta Chapter Induction and Founders Day



Top Left: Sharon Myrick and Christine Sorrels-Alexander concentrate on chapter business presented by President Shelly.

Top Right: Bright and bubbly Jennie Wilmes offers her warm and welcoming smile to everyone.



Bottom Left: Karen Hanscom lights her traditional initiation candle during the induction ceremony as Geri Hough and Paula Walker look on.



Beta Beta Chapter OSO Convention 2023



Natalie Pompageorge administers the oath of office for newly elected OSO 2nd Vice-president Shelly Hudson.



OSO Convention 2023

Proudly representing Beta Beta Chapter are Paula Walker, Debbie Stover, Kandy Myers, Shelly Hudson, Susan Dobry, Kathleen Smith and Beth Schieber.



**Beta Beta Chapter
Chapter and International News**

OSO Convention



Left: Beta Beta Chapter Charter member Diane Gray receives a recognition certificate for her **56-year membership** from **Tierra Brickington**. Diane also receives **International President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc's** radiant smile of congratulations for Diane's dedication to DKG.

Below Left: Debbie Schimmer, 2022 OSO Chapter Achievement Award recipient, receives recognition for her 44-year membership.

Below Right: Tierra Brickington awards **Debbie Stover** a First Timer's certificate and apple pin. **Debbie** also graduated from the Tebow-Herrington Leadership Seminar this year.



Beta Beta Chapter Chapter News



Saturday, October 14, 2023

Live Auction for Scholarship
First Baptist Church Family Life Center
9:30 A.M.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Memorial Service for Cathy Stanford
The Homeless Project
South Yukon Church of Christ
9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Christmas Party
Neta Duke's Home
6:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Taylor Lane Cookie Decorating
First Christian Church
9:30 A.M.

Saturday, February 10, 2024

The 34 Project
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Time: 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Essay Winners
West Metro Community Church
9:30 A.M.

Saturday, April 6, 2024

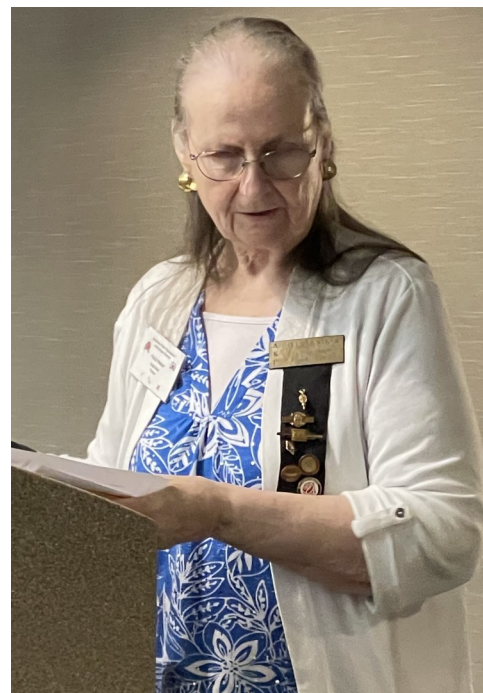
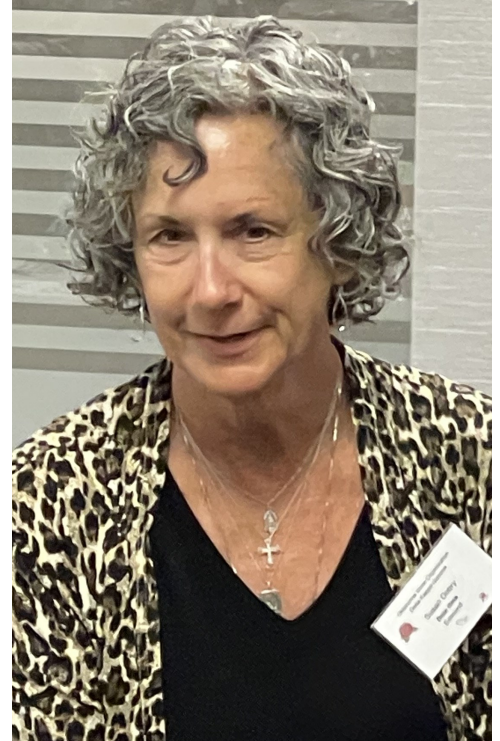
Orientation Tea for New Members
Kay Casper's home
10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Founders Day/Induction of New Members
South Yukon Church of Christ
9:30 A.M.

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Right: Susan Dobry also represented our chapter at state convention this year. It was a credit to our chapter that so many of our members participated in such an important part of OSO.



Left: Past state president and current state Parliamentarian Paula Walker gives a parliamentary procedure ruling to the president as state business is transacted.

