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"Yes, WV DKG Members, there will be a 2021 State Convention."

You are invited to our first West Virginia State virtual convention!

Dr. Glenda Wait, the 2019 – 2021 WV State president, has been working diligently with the convention host chapter planning committee from Beta, Tau, and Alpha Iota to create a virtual convention filled with enough tradition to soothe our souls, enough business to get things done, and more than enough member involvement to make everyone feel an integral part of this special event. Your input is not only wanted, but is essential to making this convention extra special, extra engaging, and extraordinary.

Sara Sweeney, Epsilon DKG member and director of graduate studies at West Liberty University, will facilitate the virtual convention using Zoom. During registration, you will need to provide an email address to enable Sara to send you an invitation for the convention sessions. You will be able to register electronically by using the QR code provided or to register through the USPS. Only one form of registration is required. (Please note that there is NOT a registration fee. Donations can be made to the WV DKG State disaster or scholarship funds. See details on the registration form.)

Knowing that not everyone has a device for joining the convention, members could invite those without access to meet with them. Small groups should be very safe and will provide support to those who are not comfortable with the technology. Each person should register individually. Due to the risks of Covid-19, Dr. Wait and the convention planning committee chose to move from an in-person event to an online event.

A detailed schedule will be printed in the spring Newsette. Plan to tune in to the Friday night social on April 23 at 7:00 P.M. Pull up a chair and be entertained and informed through *History Alive!*, a program under the West Virginia Humanities Council. Our historical guest speaker will be "Nellie Bly," an American journalist, industrialist, inventor, and charity worker. She will share many aspects of her life and you will be able to ask questions to learn even more about her. You might even draw comparisons between her soul and yours. Be sure to attend so you have a chance to win a theme-related door prize!

Following the historical presentation, Dr. Wait will host an opening session. During that time, you will be given a "first virtual convention participant" orientation to help with procedures and technology for the Saturday sessions. (Due to the possibility of hackers invading the convention, it is extremely important that you do not share the Zoom link with anyone.)

One purpose of this convention will be to accomplish all business including finances and the election of officers. Publications participants and scholarship and achievement award recipients will be recognized. Nita Scott, the DKG International Executive Director, will speak during the convention. Officers for the 2021 – 2023 biennium will be installed. A detailed schedule will be available in the spring Newsette and will be posted on the state website as soon as it is available.

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A Note from the President... Positivity in the Time of COVID-19

By: Dr. Glenda Wait

During these difficult times, it is easy to focus on all of our losses, including the loss of life since March 2020. Our chapters stopped meeting. Our conferences and international convention were canceled. Our family vacations, weddings, birthday celebrations, and holidays were canceled, changed or postponed. Family members and friends became ill. Chapter visitations, my husband and I enjoyed last year while traveling throughout our beautiful state of West Virginia were taken off the calendar. Wherever we went, we were welcomed and treated warmly, and I miss talking and sharing about DKG over refreshments or dinner. Yes, we've lost a lot, but what if we were to focus on and become more aware of positive happenings in our families and organizations because of the pandemic?

On my birthday in April, I was connected with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren across several states and Costa Rica. I watched my family interact with each other and thought about the few times they have been all together since leaving our family home. I watched with delight how quickly they returned to the easy conversation and banter of earlier times. They came together again via Zoom for my husband's birthday celebration this past October. We were connected and communicating in different ways that we had not experienced

prior to Covid 19. What a joy and good memory.

Most of our chapter members are connecting, communicating and collaborating with each other virtually. A year ago, few of us were aware of the virtual technology that existed, let alone how to use it. What has touched me as your state president is how comfortable most of you are becoming with virtual meetings. Your leaders are discovering how to better connect and communicate with our community. Many of you are getting to know other chapter members in a less hurried way during these virtual meetings. As state president, I began having monthly sharing meetings that we never even anticipated before March 2020. What a delight it is to see people interacting and recognizing each other from meeting to meeting. Sharing is going on in ways that we have rarely experienced in previous years. Personally, I am starting to recognize many of you by face and not just as a name in the directory.

Creativity is abounding. Chapters are developing ways to have meetings other than Zoom. I have been to open air meetings, drive by meetings, and telephone conference meetings. I am attending many more meetings and programs than I would have attended during this second year of my presidency. Yes, they are different; however, I am learning so much more than I ever expected.



Resiliency is amazing. In the beginning, chapters may have struggled, but DKG members have adapted to what is possible and what can be done to maintain community projects, connections, communications and collaborations. Chapters have been reaching out to some of our isolated sisters who may be experiencing loneliness. Members are productively meeting strategic goals, growing their chapters and finding even more purpose in DKG. This journey of a lifetime is getting stronger. I think when we reminisce after Covid, it will be even easier to highlight the positives that rose out of a stressful time.

None of us know what the future will bring or how long our country will suffer. As I write, I am reminded of an old saying: "Man plans and God laughs." Perhaps we will become more flexible and accepting of those things that "are what they are," the moments that cannot be bent to our will. Yes, it will be joyous when we can be together, travel and hug again. Until that time, pray that we will be even more accepting of each other and the reality around us as we continue to move forward in the community.

Virtual DKG Ideas

By Linda Arbogast

1st Vice President

Our President Glenda has done a stellar job in keeping DKG alive and productive during the 2020 Pandemic. We have been learning to use technology to get the job done.

May I offer some ideas to help with fundraising for our Chapters. You will need to utilize the WV State Zoom account or set up your own.

1. No Bake-Bake Sale-Everyone shares a recipe donating the cost of ingredients.
2. Fundraising Calendar—Create a calendar for one month with donation instructions for each day. Such as: Put in \$.25 for each electrical outlet in your home, or \$.10 for every light bulb. Meet on Zoom and share some of the silly donations.
3. Virtual Cake Walks, Book Discussions, Craft Activity, etc.
4. Have a virtual cooking night with a chef from a local restaurant and charge a small fee to participate.
5. Host catalogue parties for Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, etc.
6. Virtual Concert with a local school choir or band and charge a fee to watch.

If your members don't have access to computers, perhaps you could follow pandemic guidelines at your local library to engage everyone. These suggestions have been modified and shared from other groups in which I belong. I hope they help you and please stay safe.

Convention Committee Needs Your Help!

Education in the Mountain State

How are you reinventing yourself as an educator during the pandemic? What adaptations have you made to deliver lessons to your students online? What are ways you are supporting parents as educators? As a retired teacher what have you done to help your grandchildren or neighbors? What steps are you taking to help others in your community?

We want our 2021 State Convention to be fun, exciting, and personal. YOU CAN REALLY HELP by sending pictures or short video clips that show what you are doing to help educate students and aid our communities during this time of Covid-19. Staying in touch with friends and family by writing letters, texting, and/or Zooming count! We will put all the pictures and videos into an amazing production about our WV State DKG. Please send Margie Turley BY EMAIL the photos and videos: margieturley1@aol.com You must submit a permission slip for each person in the pic or video. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2021. There will be a permission slip available on the state website for anyone in your photos or video who are not DKG members. Your permission for use of photos and videos is on the 2021 State Convention registration form.

THIS PROJECT CAN ONLY WORK WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

How to Report the Death of a Member

Vicki Jenkins, WV State Second Vice President

Two things must occur once a member passes.

First, a Form 6 must be completed. This form can be found on the DKG.org website once a member signs in. It is found under "Forms", then "Membership". You should include as much information as possible, especially positions held by the deceased member. A copy is sent to International Headquarters, the WV State Membership Chair (the Second Vice President) and the WV State Treasurer.

Second, a Form 2 (Chapter Necrology Annual Report) should be completed by February 1st of each year. This can be found on the DKG.org website under "Reports." This form is submitted to the State Membership Chair, the Chapter President, and one is maintained in the Chapter File.

Deceased members should be remembered by their chapter in a special ceremony. There are many ways to honor the life of a DKG member but the International Society has a nice variety of resources. Of course, you can customize your own remembrance as well.

News from the Chapters

Alpha Kappa

Here in Alpha Kappa, we conducted our October and November meetings through Zoom. We first held an Executive Council meeting in September to make this decision and to plan our next two years. At that time, we sent \$100 that we had collected to Alpha Beta's "Thirst for Learning" project.

The November Red Rose was awarded to **Vickie Saville**, our chapter Webmaster. Vickie submitted our website to national where it was approved, and then she set up our chapter Facebook page. Members are currently posting the many creative things they have done during the pandemic.

Alpha Kappa also purchased 24 journals for the new nursing students at Potomac State College. The president and first vice-president, **Carolyn Harper**, wrote nursing quotations inside the cover along with the chapter name and Delta Kappa Gamma, and then they were delivered to the college.

Chapter member, **JoAnn Harman** won first place in the West Virginia CEOS poetry contest with her poem, "My Life According to Zoom."

Carolyn Harper delivers Nursing Journals



Mu

Mu Chapter has had a busy fall season. Our September meeting was held at the Washington Park in Spencer. Glenda Wait attended the meeting and presented the program. Members prepared gift bags for new teachers in Calhoun, Roane, and Wirt counties.

Our November meeting was held at Giovanni's in Elizabeth. We held our annual paper bag auction which provides funds for the Recruitment Grant.

Mu members pack gift bags for new teachers.



Delta

Delta Chapter met in October and enjoyed a program called "Roses of Delta" which focused on the lives of several chapter members who made significant contributions to education in the mid-Ohio Valley and to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Our November meeting featured a recognition of **Rita Hennen** and **Sue Moore** on the 50th anniversary of the initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma. Also, members heard an update on the challenges and successes of the current educational practices being used to teach during the COVID-19 crisis.

Eta

Eta Chapter has been busy this fall with two virtual meetings with attendance close to 50 participants at each meeting. In October, three members, **Bethany Miller**, **Autumne Frye**, and **Kathy Bennett**, shared their experiences with WV Read Aloud program from the point of view of a teacher, administrator, and as a reader. Their presentation was inspirational, and hopefully, some of our members with time on their hands will be motivated to participate when we are able to welcome visitors back in the buildings.

We are continuing our outreach projects by collecting Christmas gifts for children for our local women/children shelters in the three counties, donating gifts or money to RAPP, and donating money to Schools in Africa by counting the number of shoes our members have (5 cents a pair) and weighing our purses (5 cents per pound). Eta Chapter Sisters are very generous.



Delta members enjoying the "Roses of Delta" program



← Scan this QR code with your Smart phone camera to access our WV State Facebook Page.

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Alpha

Greetings from the Huntington, West Virginia area. Our chapter has been "zooming" since September 2020 thanks to tech savvy members who are willing to share their skills and be patient with the rest of us. On December 1, we will be zooming to share a new toy we picked out that reflects a sister in our chapter. Then we are to donate that toy to a charity of our choice. We'll also share a favorite ornament and tell why it is special.

At each meeting we've been wearing a different color in awareness of cancer cures – teal for ovarian cancer, pink for breast cancer and purple for pancreatic cancer. We've had several wonderful guest speakers – our vibrant scholarship recipient from Spring of 2020, two outstanding community volunteers from the League of Women Voters and an engaging librarian giving us tips on how to create a successful Read Aloud video. We also partnered with the local Leo Club which is a high school extension of the Lion's Club on the Read Aloud project.

Our community outreach projects included cards of encouragement, donations to a local pantry, and new books for children (and videos!) to the local family shelter.

We have Zoom meetings planned for January and February 2021, but we're hoping to get to see each other face to face sometime in the Spring. We do love to eat together! It has been a challenging time but we're trying to stay connected and help our community.

Beta

Beta Chapter along with Alpha Iota Chapter participated in a joint effort to support the children of the women housed at the Rae of Hope Program in Charleston by providing book bags and school supplies. Additional book bags and supplies were donated to students at the Davis Child Shelter. Rae of Hope is a nonprofit organization that supports women suffering from alcohol and/or drug addiction by teaching life skills and self-sufficiency required to reach sustained recovery, while providing safe affordable housing.

Alpha Iota invited Beta Chapter to their program meeting on October 27 to hear Ms. Stroman, a graduate of the program and employee at Rae of Hope, present specifics of the program.

On November 17, Beta Chapter's program was presented by Alison Gerlach, a representative from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA is a national association that supports and promotes court-appointed advocates for abused or neglected children. Information was available for any interested DKG member.

Sandra Harper and Brenda Thaxton have volunteered to ring bells for Salvation Army on December 7. Our chapter usually helps to collect money for Hospice by volunteering to take donations at a table at the Town Center Mall as well, but this activity has been suspended due to COVID-19.

Karen Winter, Beta Chapter Vice President, presented the Early Career Educator Award to Grace Peyton. The award consisted of a gift basket and \$100 check. She is employed as a teacher of special needs students at Ruffner Elementary.

Beta Chapter has been busy making masks for our fundraiser. On the last page is an order form if you would like to make a purchase.

Alpha Iota

Alpha Iota members have been busy completing projects that support our three c's! We started our year with a cooperative activity with Beta by collecting school supplies for Rea of Hope, a supportive agency that houses moms with substance abuse and their children. **Margie Turley** also coordinated a speaker presentation from Rea's caseworker for a joint September chapter meeting.

We continued a united effort with "playing Xmas elves" to make sure kids have a merry holiday! **Sandy Huff** coordinates our projects with the Davis Child Shelter, an agency that provides temporary foster care for young adults, ages 13-18. Davis also received a generous school supply delivery and each person received a birthday cake. Xmas gifts and treats will be provided, and a pizza party will be prepared during the year! The kids love "the teachers!"

Member **Coleen Vannoy** coordinates our teacher adoption program. Our beginning teacher this year is Alauna Moss, who received a \$100 check and a basket of personal teacher gifts! We love communicating during our book study of the Unveiled Truth led by Michelle Shomo and will gift our set of novels to another state chapter who would like to enjoy them!

2020 has been challenging, but Alpha Iota gals have rallied to uphold our deep DKG beliefs!

Alpha Beta

Fifty-year Alpha Beta member **Betty Weimer** celebrated her 100th birthday on December 1st.

On November 2, Dr. Wait helped Alpha Beta chapter induct two new members: **Jeanne Bennett & Jessica Williams**.

Alpha Beta sisters **Virginia Hicks & Jill Kelley** were chosen as Favorite Teachers for the month of October.



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WV State Convention Registration 2021

The convention will take place on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24. Please complete this registration form for each person attending. The deadline for registration is April 16th. You must register to get the Zoom link to attend. The link will be sent to the email address you provide on this form. **DO NOT** share the Zoom links publicly, because this opens our convention to hackers which may disrupt our convention. If possible please log on with a computer or tablet to make the convention easier to navigate. If someone in your chapter does not have access, please invite them to your location to view the convention with you. In lieu of a registration fee, we will be accepting donations to either the state scholarship or disaster fund.

Payments may be mailed to:

Deloris Lipps PO Box 124 Elizabeth, WV 26143

(Paypal information will be coming soon on the state website and in communication from Dr. Wait.)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____

Chapter _____

Position in Chapter _____

Position in State _____

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Cell/Mobile Phone Number _____ Home Phone Number _____

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Online registration is highly encouraged using the QR code shown. You can also complete this form and mail to:

Joanne Gregory 1334 Morningside Dr. Charleston, WV 25314



White Roses

Dr. Anne Jarrell (Pi)
October 3, 2020

Dr. Hester Covert (Chi & Alpha Iota)
May 3, 2020

Dr. Emma Mae Matthews (Chi & Alpha Iota) August 16, 2020

Elma Jean Woofter (Alpha Zeta)
April 10, 2020

Cheryl Hawkins (Eta)
October 4, 2020

Hester Covert (Alpha Iota)
May 2020



Condolences

Rosanne Glover (Alpha Kappa) lost her husband, John, in September.

Twila Veltri (Alpha Epsilon) lost her father-in-law in September.

Rachel and Ruth Potts (Eta) lost their mother, Virginia Potts in October.

Marilyn "Susie" Rogers (Nu) lost her husband, Jim, in November.

Mary Binder (Delta) lost her husband.

Sue Rollins (Delta) lost her son.

Cecilia Warden (Omega) lost her husband, Abner, in November.

Shana Morgan (Alpha Beta) lost her mother in November.

Omega

Omega chapter has been meeting through ZOOM virtual conferencing. We also record the meetings for reference. Our regular activities, which were many, have been put on hold this year due to restrictions.

Due to restrictions within county schools, the Fayette County Read Aloud program has begun a YouTube channel. Omega chapter members are being encouraged to video themselves reading a book, which will then be uploaded to the channel. Check out our own **Sharon Burns**, who is featured in the video below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkNht61uJ4o&feature=youtu.be>

A recent program given at our November meeting was delivered by **Sharon Burns**. Her topic was "Things I've Learned About Making a Video and Attending Zoom Meetings." Sharon shared tips and tricks when using an online platform such as ZOOM. She included how to use features such as: share screens in order to allow others to see your computer, how to adjust the camera angle for flattering and eye-level views, how to use chat and importance of muting participants to avoid distracting background noises. She also shared an advanced setting to improve our appearance on camera! Good stuff!

Fayette County Christmas Toy Fund /DKG/Omega Book Giveaway is an annual project that we support, in conjunction with the local Rotary club. We will be distributing approximately 60 + books to families as part of a drive-thru event this year.

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You have two opportunities to participate in the convention. First, the committee would like to have members provide short inspirational breaks throughout the convention. This could include poetry reading, instrumental or vocal interludes, story-telling, lessons from the classroom, artistic works, recipe sharing, or whatever inspires you. There are no guidelines except that you should be ready to present live during a break in the convention and your time should not exceed four minutes. Watch Dr. Wait's newsletter to chapter presidents and the WV State Website for details.

The second way you can be part of the convention is to present a workshop. There will be a combination of live workshops and pre-recorded, always available on the website, sessions. When asked why members drop their membership, one common response is that our organization is boring. Now think about this statement. To make this convention viable and exciting, you hold the reins in your hands. Take time to think about how to share your talents, interests, and commitments with others. Be a part of the energy!

Dr. Wait and the 2021 State Convention Planning Committee are eager to have your input. If we have learned nothing else in the past nine months, we have learned how to be fluid and go with the flow. Share your ideas, express your thoughts, make us aware of your desires for this convention. We can make this a true learning experience for our members, share our strategies with other states, and move forward during a challenging time.

Dr. Glenda Wait, 2019 – 2021 WV State President – glendawait@hotmail.com

Joanne Gregory, 2021 Convention Chair – busyteach@gmail.com

Beta DKG Masks Order Form
 DKG masks available in colors and styles listed below. All masks are \$5.00 each.

Name _____ Address _____



Style	DKG letters *	Quantity	Total
Gold	Yes		
	No		
Penguins	Yes		
	No		
Snowflakes	Yes		
	No		
Candy Canes	Yes		
	No		
Music	Yes		
	No		
Black w/ mittens	Yes		
	No		
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*Indicate if you do or do not want "DKG" lettering on the mask by circling "Yes" or "No".

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