



**Delaware  
State Organization**

# Blue Hen Flyer

## Greetings from your Delaware State Organization President!

Our principal event of 2022 was gathering for our engaging “Moving Forward Together” Delaware State Conference held at Maple Dale Country Club in April. Thank you to our first vice-president, Judy Purcell, and her planning committee for hosting a first-rate conference with inspirational speakers and topics. The speakers included Jahsha Tabron, the 2022 Delaware Teacher of the Year, and Colleen Davis, the Delaware State Treasurer, and there were valuable mindfulness and mental health workshops. Terry Kopple was awesome with spearheading the “Women in the Arts” exhibit along with the World Fellowship display and fundraiser. As our membership chair, Khara Bauer planned and held a beautiful induction ceremony for eight of our new members. She also hosted a virtual statewide new member orientation to spark potential members’ interest. The leadership development committee, Sue Lore, Dr. Doris Person, and Barb Vann, did an excellent job of training our new chapter presidents.

In July, three of our chapters were represented by members who attended the international convention in New Orleans. We heard inspirational speakers, attended informative breakout and takeaway sessions, learned of US Forum updates, and voted on proposed amendments. DKG was welcomed to the city with a second line parade, complete with a band, eliciting feelings of “joie de vivre”. The parade ended at the Sazerac House for a private, catered event for our



Khara Bauer, Sue White and Shannon White State Conference 2022

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organization. Other highlights of the trip for me included enjoying the sights and sounds of the famous Bourbon Street, a carriage tour of Jackson Square and a walking tour of the Garden District, a riverboat cruise with a Jazz trio, and of course, indulging in the cuisine of the “Big Easy” – shrimp and grits, muffalattas, and *beignets*.

If you’ve never attended an international event, I encourage you to consider going to one of the 2023 conferences to learn more about all our Society has to offer and for personal and professional development, fellowship, and new experiences. There are three venues to choose from: Detroit, Michigan (July 11 – 16), Phoenix, Arizona (July 18 – 22), or Tampere, Finland (July 26 – 29).

DKG Delaware initiated nine new members this past school year. That’s a huge achievement for such a small state! We’re off to a great start in breaking the notion of DKG being the “best kept secret” organization for women educators. We love our Society and value our membership; we need to continue to share what our wonderful organization has to offer. To keep our momentum going, I challenge each of you to recruit one new member this school year.

In closing, I would like to quote our newly-elected DKG International President, Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, “We must be committed to move our Society forward so that we celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2029 with increased vitality, relevance, and sustainability . . . I am confident with the collective energy of . . . all members . . . we will infuse a refreshed environment within DKG . . . an environment that fosters a renewed spirit filled with commitment, optimism and enthusiasm, leadership, and growth, leaving a legacy for generations to emulate . . . We will Expect Great Things because We will Do Great Things! YOU, ME, WE are Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide and together we make a difference in our communities, our states and provinces, and the world . . . ”

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Installation of new members at 2022 Delaware State DKG Conference

Let's keep "Moving **Forward** Together", DKG Delaware!

Foster an inclusive environment

Open all lines of communication

Reach out by mentoring new members

Watch for opportunities to develop leaders

Attract new members

Ramp up marketing and social media

Diversify membership

Thank you for all you do for DKG.

With DKG Love,



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- iPhone and iPad users--search "DKG 365" or "Delta Kappa Gamma" on the Apple App Store.
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- Blackberry, Windows, laptops--go to this address on your smart phones or computer browsers (omit www): <https://dkg.gatherdigital.com>

## Meet Our Chapter Presidents

**Khara Bauer:** "Beta Baby" - a good story I'm happy to share next time I see you.

**Shannon White:** I feel so lucky to be a part of DKG!

**Pat Taylor:** Pat loves to spend time with all 5 of her children, even if mostly online these days!

**Dawn Dorman:** 30 years as an educator.

**Marjorie Chappel:** Smyrna Lions Club recognized her as lion of the year 2004.

**Jacquelyn Collins:** She was fortunate enough to receive the International Scholarship from Delta Kappa Gamma for \$10,000.00.

## Meet Our Chapter Presidents

### Beta

Hi everyone! My name is Khara Bauer and I am the Multilingual (ML) Coordinator at John M. Clayton Elementary School in Frankford, DE. I am also the 2022-2024 President for Beta Chapter and the Second VP for Delaware State Organization! I have two amazing children, Noah (9 years) and Leah Claire (6 years & our "Beta Baby" - a good story I'm happy to share next time I see you), and an extremely supportive husband, Ben. He and I are celebrating our 11th wedding anniversary on 11.11.22. During my spare time (haha) I help my children participate in after school activities, help take care of our puppy, and run after school programs for families in both English and Spanish that empower parents, reinforce school-home connections, and enhance literacy skills. This year, Beta has many exciting things going on! In September we heard from two incredible speakers in Selbyville and are excited to learn



about the WWI historic bunker, Fort Miles, in Lewes this November. We plan to partner up with our sisters in Iota Nu for a couple activities this year and boost membership together! I am happy to share any of these ideas with other chapters as we move out of COVID and back to in person gatherings. Looking forward to being together with you this spring at our State Convention!

### Delta



Hello! My name is Shannon White and I am the 2022-2024 President of Delta Chapter. I am a member of the state communications and marketing committee, where I run the DKG Instagram page. I am a second grade teacher at General Wayne Elementary School in Malvern, PA. I previously taught first and fourth grade at General Wayne Elementary. I am on my school's Soup Night committee, which is a school organized fundraiser for Headstrong, a

local cancer foundation. I am currently working on my graduate degree in literacy at West Chester University. I am a cat mom to two fur babies, Happy and Pickles. In my free time I enjoy bowling and getting together with friends. I also enjoy volunteering. I volunteer for Forgotten Cats and the Unionville Community Fair, where I am the social media manager. I feel so lucky to be a part of DKG!

## Epsilon

Pat Taylor has been a member of Epsilon Chapter since 1975. She came to Delaware in 1970 after graduating from the College of William and Mary and began teaching English at William Penn High School while completing her Masters degree at the University of Delaware. She taught at William Penn for several years before taking a break to stay at home while her children were growing up. During the 1990s, she returned to teaching with James H. Groves adult high school and then the online Diploma-at-a-Distance program. Pat continued as program manager and instructor for the state's online adult basic education classes and initiated the online GED preparation classes before retiring in 2012.

Over the years, Pat has held office in Epsilon as chapter 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. She has been most active with the Membership, Communications, and Standing Rules committees.

Pat and her husband Dave have two sons and five grandchildren, now located in Texas and Connecticut. Pat loves to spend time with all of them, even if mostly online these days! She also enjoys singing in her church choir and looks forward to returning to traveling adventures in the future.



## Iota Nu

Dawn Dorman has more than thirty years of experience as an educator in the Cape Henlopen School District. Her first assignment was at Shields Elementary in second grade. Presently, she teaches first grade at Rehoboth Elementary. Dawn holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Salisbury University and holds certification in Special Education. She earned her Master of Instruction from the University of Delaware. Over the years, she has served on various district and building committees. At the



invitation of Rehoboth Elementary's principal, Dr. Doris Person she and several other teachers from Rehoboth Elementary became members of Iota Nu in 2018. Dawn became the new president following Penney Hall for the 2022-2024 term.

**Selfie of Sue White, Sue Lore, and Terry Kopple (left to right) in Washington, DC. The trio attended the US Forum Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA on March 6 - 8, 2022.**



## Theta



My name is Marjorie J. Chappel, the 2022 president of Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Chapter. My husband Luke and I are farmers. We are the parents of four adult children. In 1967 I

earned a Bachelor in Elementary Education Degree from the University of Delaware. Then I worked for 7 years in New Castle County. I retired after 32 years from the Smyrna School District. In 1979 I received a Masters in Psychology from Washington College in Maryland. Being partially certified in special education made me a specialist in working with at risk populations. In 2021 I published an article in the DKG Collegiate Exchange on my experiences teaching at risk populations. I taught grades one through eight. I have taught teacher programs.

I have received various awards and recognitions. Smyrna Elementary School selected me as its 1991 Teacher of the Year. While teaching I served as grade chairman. The Jefferson Community Award was given to me. Sam's Club recognized me as an outstanding teacher. The Smyrna Lions Club recognized me as Lion of the Year in 2004. I was a presenter and a member of the committee of the 2016 DKG Four States Creative Arts Seminar held at Centennial Church. I have received many religious awards. I have written and won various grants.

Barbara Jones recruited me into Delta Kappa Gamma. I admired her as a fellow teacher. I have served many positions in Theta Chapter including being president. Theta Chapter is small, but powerful. We have been giving two scholarships per year. Theta Chapter reaches out to teachers through school supply baskets and snacks. We reach out to the community by supplying reading materials to a laundromat. We reach within through participation in Delta Kappa Gamma events and committees. Our chapter has fellowship gatherings and share book readings. I have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for a long time. In 2013 I became the state organization president.

### DKGIEF EMERGENCY FUND

#### RESPONDING TO DISASTERS SINCE 1948

MAJOR DAMAGES DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER ·  
HURRICANES · TORNADOES · EARTHQUAKES ·  
FLOODING · FOREST FIRES · WIND STORMS ·  
SIGNIFICANT LOSS · FAST RESPONSE · \$500 AWARD  
· MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Emergency Fund recommendation process ...

Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive U.S. \$500 from the DKG Emergency Fund.

1. Inform state organization president. Chapter president informs state organization president of member(s) affected by natural disaster. Use interactive form to expedite process.

2. Contact Society Headquarters State organization president contacts Executive with name of

## Zeta

My name is Jacquelyn Collins and I am the Zeta chapter president of Delaware DKG. I was first inducted in 2004. As a high school senior in 1998, I received the Zeta chapter's scholarship given to a local senior entering the field of education. After I graduated, I decided as a way of giving back, I would join the organization and help raise funds for the scholarship committee. I enjoyed teaching first and second grades at Hartly Elementary in Capital School District for 11 years.

In 2007, I graduated with my Masters Degree in School Counseling and I took the school counselor position at Hartly Elementary in 2012. I currently am still employed in this position. In 2018, decided to further my education and applied to begin my doctorate degree in Educational Leadership. I was fortunate enough to receive the International Scholarship from Delta Kappa Gamma for \$10,000.00. This helped me greatly as a pursued this degree and graduated in 2021.



Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family: my husband of 11 years and two young children, a boy and a girl, ages 10 and seven. We enjoy traveling together and making memories of all types. We spend countless hours at the baseball and softball fields, as this is something my children both truly enjoy. Most recently, my husband and I traveled to Africa and it was the experience of a lifetime. I look forward to more travels and seeing so much of this beautiful world God has given us. In addition, we encourage each other to continue to have faith and be a helper in the community. Our family motto would be, "Be Kind Always!"



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member, member's chapter, exact nature of disaster sustained and current mailing address.

3. Approved request leads to check

Executive Director approves the request and mails or wires a check from Society Headquarters. It is possible that the Executive Director will ask for additional information to determine whether the loss was due to natural causes.

Resource: DKG Brochure

## Chapter News



**Beta Chapter DSO DKG** honored two members on September 20, 2022. Mrs. Ann Parsons and Mrs. Minnie Smith-Burton had been members for forty-nine and forty-eight years respectively. They had served as chapter officers, committee chairs, and leaders in their communities during their lives.

(L-R) Ms. Karen Maull, Beta Membership Chair, Dr. Susan Bunting, Mrs. Terry Kopple, and Dr. Doris Person presented the celebration of life ceremony.

### *Epsilon Chapter From: Nancy Meade*

Epsilon Chapter has enjoyed the opportunity for in-person meetings again, beginning with the March 2022 meeting at our New Castle United Methodist Church location. Although our ongoing projects and membership activities continued in spite of the Covid-19 cloud, via ZOOM, it has been heartwarming to finally meet up in person again!

During this first in person meeting, we enjoyed an interesting and informative presentation by local author, Gordon Hesse. His slide presentation, full of historical information and pictures of the New Jersey Barrier Islands and coastal shore areas, which he has described in detail in several of his books and publications, was quite informative. Author Hesse left our members with a desire to visit and explore these northern island shores of New Jersey, full of historical significance, and see the beauty of the ecosystems for ourselves.



Our May meeting was well attended and gave many of our members an opportunity to enjoy delicious treats at our annual spring tea, after which a business meeting was held. Our two Grant-In-Aid Fundraisers, which have been quite successful were highlighted by Lisa Hertsenberg and Brenda Breffitt. What A Crock, a meal purchasing program, and Boscov's Friends Helping Friends, a coupon sale program, continue to be lucrative ways for us to fund our Grants-in-Aid for women in pursuit of careers in education. Our chapter is in the process of seeking a new recipient for the 2023-24 school year.

Our June Picnic was delightful and the weather cooperated, with many members attending the outside event at the home of Nancy Meade. New officers were installed and Nancy Meade passed our treas-

## *Epsilon Chapter continued*

ured antique chapter gavel on to Patricia Taylor, our new president. Members Nancy Meade, Vice President, Brenda Breffitt, Corresponding Secretary, Susan Flook, Recording Secretary, Lisa Hersenberg, Treasurer, and Peggy Byrem, Parliamentarian, will assist Pat with chapter business during the next biennium.



Brenda Breffitt and Dr  
Louise Ballard Comings

September and October have found us back at our New Castle Methodist Church location. Members continue to enjoy the in person on site meetings. In September we enjoyed Barbara Vann's presentation of her excursion to the International Convention in July. In October we enjoyed a presentation by Dr. Louise Ballard Comings, describing the Ballard Reading Buddies Program, which she established after the death of her husband, Corporal Stephen J. Ballard, a DE State Trooper, killed in the line of duty on April 26, 2017. Dr. Comings also shared about her role in rebuilding the Supporting Kiddy Program, which provides resources for grieving children and their families. Her work is an inspiration and members learned of many ways in which we might volunteer to help these programs continue to be a benefit to many children in need. In October we also enjoyed a slide presentation submitted by Terry Kopple educating our members about the functions of the DKG U.S. Forum.

Our November chapter meeting will be held at Longwood Gardens, where Lisa Hertsenberg will assist in a special tour for Epsilon members. Our December holiday meeting will be held at the home of Brenda Breffitt. We look forward to the new year with hope for good health, increased attendance and new members.

## Resources for the DKG US Forum:

DKG US Forum Facebook group page--on this page you will find frequent posts about topics of interest to forum members. We hope you will like this page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657>

DKG US Forum Facebook business page-special events and reminders

On this page you will find special events and reminders.

<https://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

On this page you will find our basic information, guidelines, call for editor, and special events.

DKG US Forum website: <https://dkgusforum.org>



## Coping with the Holiday Blues December 1

Time is Eastern standard, please adjust to your time zone. This is a one hour zoom, and one must register at <https://forms.gle/gZGhQ7vb8vdne5y36>; Presentation by Dr. Ellen Williams, a clinical psychologist who has practiced for 50 years in private and public sectors. She has taught at Arizona State University and Mesa Community College. Dr. Williams also was the psychologist for ASU's Women's Basketball Team. Presently retired, but volunteers in crisis situations with the Red Cross.



## Zeta Chapter

During the 2022-2023 school year, the **Zeta Chapter** plans to hold quarterly meetings. Our next meeting will be on December 21, 2022 at Vincenzo's Restaurant in Dover. We will have a member from Delaware Retired School Personnel Association (DRSPA). They will be presenting the goals of DRSPA and highlight some of their lobbying activities. They will also be discussing a grant opportunity for practicing teachers to develop ideas or projects to do original research. Our next meeting will be held at Maple Dale Country Club on March 15, 2023. We will have a presenter from Literacy Delaware in attendance. Finally, on May 17, 2022, we will have a recruitment mixer and meet and greet potential new members.

We have several goals this year. First, we are working diligently to recruit potential new members and encourage them to join our organization. Secondly, as a chapter, we are also well aware of the lack of available mentors in schools today. We are encouraging our

members and their friends and family to consider becoming a mentor in a local school. It takes half hour a week but can make such a difference. If you are interested in becoming a mentor in a Dover area school, please contact me at:

[jacquelyn.collins@capital.k12.de.us](mailto:jacquelyn.collins@capital.k12.de.us).

Lastly, we are looking to aware a scholarship to a deserving senior of a local high school that is entering the field of education. This scholarship will be presented at the May meeting.

The Zeta chapter is looking forward to a great year!



## Supporting Early career Educators (SEE).

In 2012 during the International Convention in New York City the DKG Educational Excellence Committee established the second international project - **Supporting Early career Educators (SEE)**. The goal being to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and strengthen our Society. We recognize that education is a challenging career, then and now! Research shows that retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. Chapters truly can make a difference with supporting these beginning teachers. The support can be a variety of strategies, such as ● Giving support via phone calls and visits, ● Giving gift cards, ● Helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas, ● Giving classroom supplies, ● Offering advice on classroom management and parent -teacher relations, and Providing support in appropriate and practical ways. Support early-career educators in your community today! Get a list of new teachers/educators from your local school district and a list of student teachers in your area to support.



*During the September 27th meeting Iota Nu collected items for the Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) International Project. With the donations, eleven new teachers will receive Welcome Bags.*

### **Iota Chapter**

The Iota Nu leadership team met over Zoom this summer to plan for the year's upcoming meetings. The chapter held their first meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Doris Person as the guest speaker. She spoke to members about the history and purpose of Delta Kappa Gamma. The leadership team provided dinner for its members. During this meeting, members brought items for SEE, Supporting Early Educators. With the donations from members, eleven new teachers received Welcome bags. Donations were also brought at this time for Samaritan's Purse Operation

Christmas Child. Dr. Teresa Berry, a member of the chapter is the contact for this project. Dr. Berry and volunteers from Iota Nu will fill the boxes at Calvary Church in Dover at a chosen date in November.

The members of Iota Nu also raised \$150.00 to donate to Schools for Africa. Nancy Massaro, head of Scholarship is organizing a joint fundraiser with Beta on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Dewey Beer Company in Harbeson from 5:30 to 7:30. The next chapter meeting will be dinner at 1776 Restaurant in late November. A February meeting will take place at Milton Library followed up with a planning meeting in May.



*Iota Nu in action*

**Delta Chapter** kicked off our 2022-2023 events with a visit to the Delaware Art



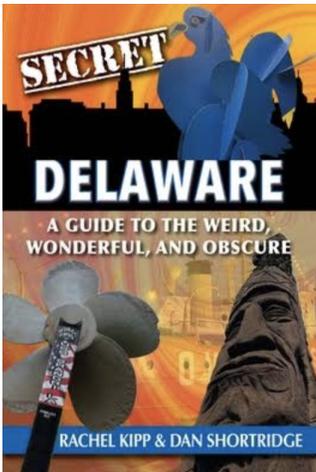
Museum in Wilmington. First, we toured the museum, which includes artwork by Howard Pyle, NC Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Georgia O'Keefe, Andy Warhol, and many others. Then we ventured out to the patio to enjoy Hip Hop

and R&B music, delicious food, and the talented dancers from the First State Ballet Theatre.

The Delaware Art Museum also features the Copeland Sculpture Garden. The garden has a 10-foot tall sculpture



called the *Crying Giant*, which was designed as a model for a memorial to the victims of September 11.



Our September and October meetings had a crossover.

October's guest speaker was Rachel Kipp, one of the authors of Secret Delaware: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure. Rachel

referred to the *Crying Giant* in the introduction of her book. She also discussed Howard Pyle, a native of Wilmington, who is well-known for his illustrations of pirates. Rachel's presentation was quite interesting and informative.

Other sites featured in the book are:

A fiberglass replica of an 840-pound Mako shark caught off the coast of Delaware over 30 years ago and displayed in front of a fishing supply store in Odesa

The Fountain of Youth in Lewes; legend has it that the fountain was discovered by the area's first Dutch colonists in 1631

The John Dickinson Plantation in Dover; Dickinson is known as the "Penman of the Revolution" for eloquently arguing the cause of American liberty

The Cannonball House in Lewes, which was scarred by cannon fire during the War of 1812; that same cannonball remains lodged in its side today

Delta Chapter recently donated \$300 to the Friendship House for the purchase of school uniforms for Wilmington students in need.

In November, we will be taking a tour of the Food Bank of Delaware in Newark and donating food for Thanksgiving baskets.

We will meet for dinner and visit Winterthur or Hagley Museum in December for holiday festivities.

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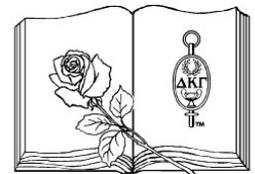
## Proposals for Bylaws Amendments

### Due December 1, 2022

Every two years at the DSO State Convention, members have the opportunity to amend their state governing documents, the DSO State Bylaws and the Standing Rules. Amendments to the bylaws must be approved by the DSO State Executive Board before being submitted to the membership for a 2/3 vote at convention. Proposals to the standing rules may be brought before the Executive Board or may be adopted, amended, or rescinded at any convention. Submissions for amendment proposals are due December 1, 2022, to the state Rules Committee. Contact Sue Lore, chairman, at [deucedawg@aol.com](mailto:deucedawg@aol.com).



**2023 Delaware State DKG Convention coming to Maple Dale Country Club April 29, 2023.**



#### International Conferences:

- July 11-15 2023 Detroit, Michigan
- July 18-22, 2023 Phoenix, Arizona
- July 26-29, 2023 Tampere, Finland

#### International Conventions:

- National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National DC area) 2024
- Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies) 2026

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**The US Forum Steering Committee** wants to hear from YOU! Please use the link below to take a brief survey to prioritize the issues that are of most concern to you at this time. Your responses will be used to inform the US Forum Steering Committee's work during this biennium on behalf of ALL DKG (US) members! We are soliciting input from every member to ensure that we are listening to the needs of many, not just those who are able to participate in a live conference. We have learned that there are many ways we can connect with each other and be responsive to more of our members' needs. We appreciate your help to send this to as many members as possible so that we have widespread input. The survey will remain open only until November 14th! Just click on the link below. Your thoughts are most important, and we value your input on these critical issues! Thanks so much. Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/33B6MZf>

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