

Blue Hen Flyer

DELAWARE STATE

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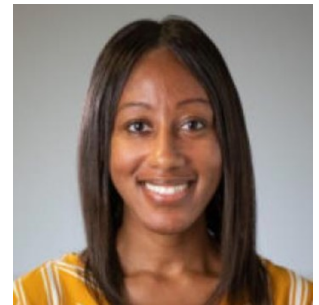
Delaware State Convention Coming!!!

Come one, come all to the 2023 Delaware DKG Convention to be held April 29th at the Maple Dale Country Club.

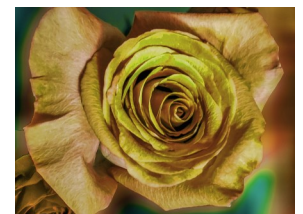


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Ashley Lockwood
Delaware 2023
Teacher of the Year
will share with us her platform and the impact of today on the everyday classroom



Help Wanted

Blue Hen Flyer Editor Needed

Publish 2 Newsletters a year

Use Publisher and send out by PDF. This is the last issue for Judy Purcell, editor for many years.

Greetings from your Delaware State Organization President!

The date for DKG Delaware's annual main event is quickly approaching! Our state convention will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Maple Dale Country Club in Dover. Be sure to be a part of all the happenings at the convention! Ashley Lockwood, Delaware's 2023 Teacher of the Year, is going to kick off the meeting with educator reflections. Our international society guest is Beverly Mantey-VanCronkhite, the Northwest Regional Director. Bev will be leading our round table discussion on "Moving Forward Together" and providing us with Society updates. Valerie Coll of the Teacher Academy Pathway at Smyrna High School and two of her students are going to educate us on their program during the "Homegrown Teachers" presentation. We will be voting on the proposed changes to our bylaws and standing rules. Please thoroughly review these before the convention to allow the voting process to proceed expediently. Other convention highlights include honoring our members who have passed away with the "Celebration of Life", awarding the scholarship(s), installing our officers, celebrating our 82nd birthday, recognizing various new and veteran members, presenting the Golden Rose Awards, and being entertained with a skit on the 2023 international conferences.

Don't miss out on this awesome event; make certain you register right away! Starting in early March, be sure to play DKG Puzzle Mania each week leading up to the convention. You may be a lucky winner!

You may also want to consider attending one of the 2023 International conferences this July 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).

International is very interested in what members need and want from our organization. "Inside International" is held on the first Tuesday of every month and is a Zoom opportunity to join a conversation with headquarters staff, the International Administrative Board and committee members, and members from around the world! All DKG members are encouraged and invited to participate. See the international website for the Zoom link.

I thoroughly enjoy visiting with chapter members across the state at your meetings and activities; our members are involved in such engaging and meaningful programs. International is emphasizing our Society's vitality, relevance, and sustainability as the key to the growth of our organization. This starts at the chapter level, and I believe Delaware is on the right path towards achieving this.

We all love our Society and value our membership; we need to continue to share what our wonderful organization has to offer. Last spring, we initiated nine new members! What an outstanding accomplishment! In the fall I challenged each of you to recruit one new member this school year. Let's keep our momentum going! Each member is responsible for moving our Society forward. We want future generations of educators to enjoy being a part of DKG DE as much as we do!

In the January/February issue of DKG News, Nita Scott, International Executive Director, shared, "A little decorative plaque sits on my desk. It was given to me by a friend and mentor, and it serves as a daily reminder: "Great Things Never Came from Comfort Zones." So, let's get prepared to be brave, to explore beyond our comfort zones, and to take necessary actions to make the DKG we all love more 'Relevant, Vital, and Sustainable.' Remember, our Founders were courageous enough (and perhaps a bit uncomfortable, too) decades ago to ensure our existence today. Let's do the same for members in 2029 [our 100th birthday]!"

Stay connected with our organization through all of our multimedia - Facebook, Instagram, the Blue Hen Flyer, and our website.

Please continue to embrace our state theme – DKG Delaware: Moving **Forward** Together.

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



I appreciate each one of you for the energy and passion you give to DKG.

With DKG Love,

Sue White

Blue Hen Flyer-- spring 2023 – Epsilon Chapter

From Nancy Meade

Epsilon Chapter members continue to enjoy on site, in person meetings at the New Castle United Methodist Church hall, in Historic New Castle, DE. Each meeting offers DKG members a chance to donate food items to the food distribution cupboard organized by the church for the local community.

Our November chapter meeting, however, was held this year at Longwood Gardens. Lisa Hertsenberg organized and lead our chapter members on a lovely evening tour, featuring the beautiful holiday displays throughout the gardens. Members enjoyed dinner as well as a lovely evening of exercise and beautiful holiday lights.

Our December meeting was enjoyed by all who were able to attend! Once again Brenda Breffitt provided her lovely home for our holiday celebration and a business meeting. Members enjoyed DKG trivia and Christmas Carol Trivia after consuming a variety of delicious, tasty treats. Epsilon Chapter held a special collection, in lieu of a member gift exchange, in order to donate the funds to a group in need. This year the funds were donated to the Supporting Kidds Program, which provides resources for grieving children and their families, headed by Dr. Louise Ballard Comings, the special program speaker at our October 2022 business meeting. President Pat Taylor outlined the 2023 year ahead.

Our first meeting of 2023 was quite festive. Valentines and Valentine treats were celebrated at our February meeting, which was held at the NCUMC. Wendy Campbell, Barb Jordan, and Barb Vann did an outstanding job, as always organizing the decorations and refreshments for our meeting. Stephanie Birdsall, a retired Christina School District teacher and crafter, demonstrated techniques and focused our group as we constructed Iris Paper Folding Valentine Cards. President Taylor shared important news from the recent State Executive Board meeting. Nancy Meade updated members about our search for new Grant-In-Aid Students. We were happy to welcome two perspective new members.

Our March 13th meeting at the NCUMC will be followed by a Chair Yoga presentation, by Julia Byrem. Members look forward to our annual Spring Tea on May 15th also to be held at the NCUMC; two prospective new members will be initiated. Our June Picnic sssis to be held at the home of

Beta Chapter has had an extremely busy and fun fall! Our first meeting was held at the Selbyville Public Library in September. The director shared building plans for the new and improved public library. We also learned about being an Arlington Lady. It was very moving and powerful to see how the presence of each Arlington Lady offers so much love and support to members of the military that we've lost and to their families.

Later in the fall, we took a tour of Fort Miles at the Cape Henlopen State and learned about history that lives right here in our community. It was fasci-

nating! In December, we enjoyed a beautiful holiday luncheon at Irish Eyes and continued our tradition of donating to the Hospital of the Chronically Ill in Smyrna.



There is always a sense of peace in giving to those in need during the holiday. We were blessed to have three visitors at our holiday luncheon; Delaware State Organization President Sue White, Delta President Shannon White, and the Delaware State Teacher of the Year Ashley Lockwood! Finally, at our Zoom meeting this winter we learned about Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids and how gardening has had a positive impact on students in Delaware schools. Beta Chapter is looking forward to our State Convention and our spring chapter meeting where we will host an induction for new members to join!

Zeta Chapter Update:

Our last meeting we had a representative from Delaware School Retired Personnel As-



sociation (DRSPA) join us. He shared lots of information about grant opportunities for teachers. We look forward to having Literacy Delaware at our March meeting and our recruitment mixer in May. We have pushed out our scholarship application to all local high schools. The scholarship will be \$1000.00. This is the first time we have been able to do this since COVID.

Theta Chapter News by President Marjorie J. Chappel

Theta Chapter of Delaware State Organization is off to a blazing start. New president Marjorie J. Chappel has begun by welcoming a young educator as a new member. First grade teacher Jasmyn Hart is our newest member. Three more young teachers have expressed an interest in joining our chapter. All of our members are excited by our revitalization.

Our chapter enjoys the financial support of a non-member. Marjorie Ruth Chappel has given financial support for the annual Theta Chapter Scholarship at Smyrna High School. She owns a Culinary Business.

Theta Chapter members have been engaged in extensive community and charitable outreach. Barbara Mayers supports a Native American Organization. From her accumulation of dream catchers and other items she shared with a young educator.

Jan Orendorf makes gift bags for educators and staff in the Caesar Rodney School District. She also shares with Delaware State Organization leadership. Barbara Mayers has knit and sold hats, scarves, and other items to benefit the annual Theta Scholarship at Smyrna High School.

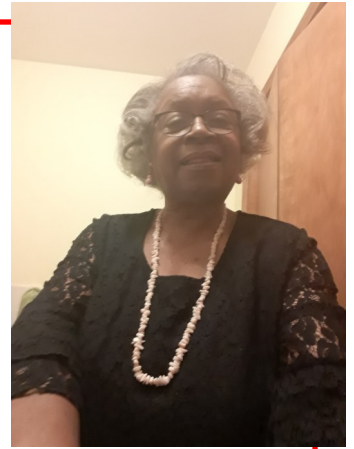
State President Sue White, Jan Orendorf, and Marjorie Chappel conducted a dessert outreach to 125 educators and 13 custodians at Smyrna High School. Later Sue White and Marjorie Chappel served as contest judges at Smyrna High Teacher Academy.

Theta Chapter placed juvenile and adult books at the Smyrna Mart laundromat for the patrons to enjoy. We collected food for the Smyrna Food Pantry. Through Marjorie Chappel we partnered with DEMCO in Dover to give out children's school supplies.

In December we held our annual holiday party and silent auction. It benefitted our annual Smyrna High School Scholarship.

On January 4, 2023 Theta Chapter met at Smyrna Diner. State President Sue White attended. Jasmyn Hart, Appoquinimink School District teacher, joined Theta. Our next meeting is March 16.

On February 7, 2023 Marjorie Chappel submitted poetry to the Delta Kappa Gamma Gallery.



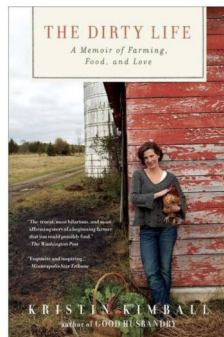
Delta Chapter News

In November, Chad Robinson of the Food Bank of Delaware in Newark guided Delta Chapter members on an extensive tour of the facility. Chad educated us on all the food bank offers: distributing millions of pounds of food each year; providing fresh produce to members of the community from their five-acre farm; and offering job training in the areas of food service, nutrition education, and financial coaching. We donated food items to show our appreciation for the tour.

Members gathered for a holiday dinner in December at Piccolina Toscana in Wilmington. We also attended the Twilight Tour at Hagley Museum.

In January, member Fran Smart taught us how to play the game “Poetry for Neanderthals”. We enjoyed ourselves but definitely need more practice (and to spend more time following the directions)!

Member Joan Peloso led our book discussion in February on The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love by Kristin Kimball. The book is about Kristin’s move from New York City to starting a CSA farm in rural New York. We reflected on Kristin’s transformation from city girl to farmer and the trials that came with her first year running a diversified farm with her partner, Mark.



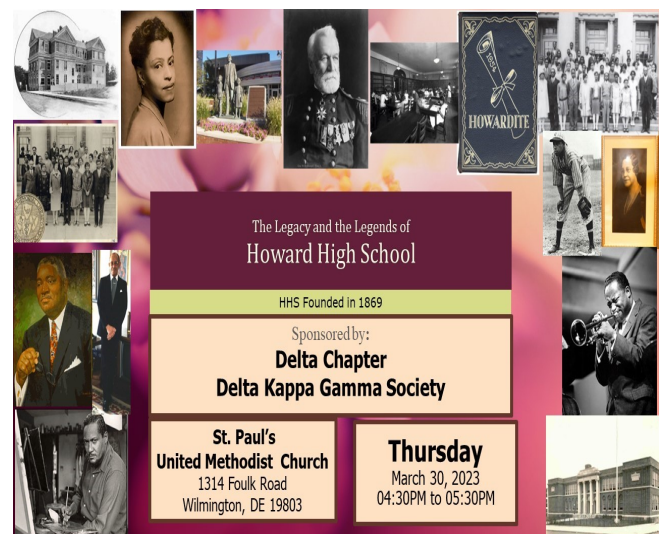
On March 2, member Carol Stead is going to teach us how to make Pysanky Eggs. She showed us how to a few years ago, and we requested an encore!

Historian Syl Woolford will present on “The Legacy and the Legends of Howard High School” on March 30. We invited the staff at Howard to attend this meeting – to connect with the community and to spark interest in DKG.

For our last meeting of the school year in May, we are going to assemble new teacher goodie bags for Teacher Appreciation Week and also enjoy our annual potluck dinner.

This school year’s service project was to buy school uniforms, through the Friendship House, for students in Wilmington.

We awarded a scholarship to an education major at Delaware State University in November. She was nominated by Uchechi Amudipe, who is the Brandywine School District Teacher of the Year and a staff member in the Teacher Academy Pathway.



Iota Nu News

Since the fall, Iota Nu members were busy filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child, an outreach of Samaritan's Purse. Members also participated in the National Wreath Laying Ceremony held at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Georgetown, Delaware.



In December, members held their holiday dinner at the 1776 Steakhouse restaurant. Former Iota Nu President, Penney Hall, was presented with a gift for her service.

Our third meeting was held the beginning of February at the Milton Library. Members brainstormed ideas for raising money for Scholarship and Schools for Africa. Iota Nu will raffle a basket of wines and snacks as well as hold a yard sale in May to help raise money for these projects.

The current President, Dawn Dorman, assisted Dr. Doris Person, the previous DKG President in showcasing DKG at the Lewes Library during the month of February.

Welcome to the DKG website!

The website hosts many documents and resources on the member only side of the website that requires log in (if you're not already). For help with logging in, please call Society Headquarters at 512-478-5748. Your username is your **six digit member id** that can be found on your membership card. You may also contact Sue White, President of Delaware Dkg.



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2023 CONVENTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

MAPLE DALE COUNTRY CLUB

Moving *FORWARD* Together



Featured Speakers

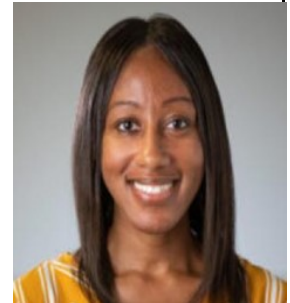
**Beverly Mantey-VanCronkhite
DKG Northwest Regional
Director**

Ashley Lockwood

Delaware 2023 Teacher of the Year

“Homegrown Teachers” Presentation

Smyrna HS Teacher Academy Pathway



Registration & Continental Breakfast – 8:30 am

Convention – Starts at 9:00 am

***Fellowship * Celebration of Life * Member Recognition Chapter
Displays * Birthday Celebration * Scholarship Awards***

DKG DE 2023 Convention Registration Form

The registration deadline is Thursday, April 6.

The cost for the convention is \$50 and includes continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch.

To Pay:

Mail this form to Nancy Vaughan at 509 Dyke Branch Road, Dover, DE 19901-1548 with a \$50 check made payable to Delaware State Organization of DKG Society International.

or

Pay \$50 electronically through Zelle using Nancy's email address – nancyvaughan@comcast.net. (Check the spelling!) To use Zelle, go through your bank (mobile app or online banking) or download the Zelle app. Then email Nancy your registration information.

Name _____

Chapter _____

E-Mail _____

Phone # _____

The lunch entree will be Chicken Masala.

Please list any special dietary needs:

Awards Delta
Committee Reports Theta Iota Nu
Elections Zeta Delaware's Teacher of the Year Scholarship winner
International Speaker
Convention 2023
Standing Rules Delaware DKG Epsilon
By Laws Beta Recognition Fun

Proposals to Amend DKG DSO Bylaws 2023

Proposals 1-3 are a result of the 2021 review of DSO Bylaws by the International Constitution Committee.

- ____ 1. Membership begins when dues are paid.
- ____ 2. Electronic meetings...hear simultaneously and participate
- ____ 3. Reports of work will be prepared in format specified by International headquarters.

Proposals 4-10 are a result of the actions taken at the 2022 International Convention.

- ____ 4. Membership by invitation; member of International Society, state, and chapter
- ____ 5. Reserve member criteria
- ____ 6. Honorary member criteria
- ____ 7. Collegiate member criteria
- ____ 8. Bonding of state treasurers
- ____ 9. Nominations Committee retitled Nominating Committee

Final proposals are approved by the state Rules Committee.

- ____ 10. Dues for collegiate members.
- ____ 11. Expansion moves to state Membership Committee
- ____ 12. Time and place of state conventions to be decided by planning committee, approved by state Executive Board
- ____ 13. Time and place of state conferences to be decided by planning committee, approved by state Executive Board
- ____ 14. Eliminate state founders from list of state Executive Board
- ____ 15. Delete reference to Expansion Committee
- ____ 16. Rename Communications and Publicity Committee to Communications and Marketing Committee
- ____ 17. Delete Convention and Conference Committee/ Placed under Educational Excellence Committee
- ____ 18. Appointment of Educational Excellence chairman and US Forum liaison from different chapters
- ____ 19. Educational Excellence Committee will plan state conventions and conferences
- ____ 20. Clarifies approval of proposals to bylaws
- ____ 21. Expansion duties are delegated to Membership Committee
- ____ 22. Directory to be published annually in September

Approved by DSO Rules Committee, January 2023

Approved by DSO Executive Board, January 28, 2023

Proposals to Amend DKG DSO Standing Rules 2023

- ___ 1. Eliminate the term state founders from standing rules
- ___ 2. Retitle Nominations Committee to Nominating Committee
- ___ 3. Eliminate prescribed place but retain dates for state conferences and conventions
- ___ 4. Amend dates for state Executive Board meetings
- ___ 5. Update terms for electronic communications
- ___ 6. Delete unnecessary charges for International website space
- ___ 7. Scholarship and grant applications available on state website
- ___ 8. Change deadline for state scholarship and grant from April 1 to March 1

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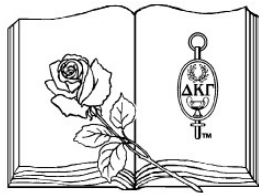
Important information about proposals for the convention:

See attached digital document which will be sent with this newsletter. The detailed info about each of the above proposals with rationale and changes. Please be prepared to discuss at the Convention. Voting can be done on individual proposal or grouping of many proposals to be voted in one vote. If you have any questions on the process contact Sue Lore, Susan White or your chapter President.





Delta Kappa Gamma



CORNETET AWARD

The application process is competitive. Awards (money) given to individual educators assists their participation in professional development opportunities through approved professional development providers such as colleges, universities, and professional organizations other than The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Awards will fund participation in:

Conferences Lecture Series

Seminars Workshops and other non-degree programs

Online courses

CIPD will no longer fund United States National Board Certification fees or classes.

Awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc. Awards may not be used to reimburse for activities already completed, to pursue a degree program, or to fund an educational project. Deadline May 1, Applications online at DKG.org

DKG Accepting Ads 2023 DKG Conferences



DKG is accepting ads for the 2023 summer conferences. State organizations, chapters, members, vendors, and more are invited to place an ad in the conference program book of

your choice. Submission details are included on the [DKG Ad Form](#).

Detroit, Michigan - July 11-16, 2023

Phoenix, Arizona - July 18-22, 2023

Tampere, Finland - July 26-29, 2023

Ad Deadline: April 15, 2023