

# Wisconsin State News

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## Sharing the DKG Mission, Doing It Together

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Fall graced us with enjoyable weather into November and then winter arrived. I am not as enthused as I once was about the first snowfall despite how beautiful it is. Despite the weather, the 2023 Convention Committee has been busy.

The *DKG LEADS: Literacy, Education, Advocacy, and Diversity* Convention will be May 5-6, 2023, at The Ingleside

Hotel in Pewaukee. The February issue of *Wisconsin State News* will include all the information on registration, room reservations, and convention details. Our convention includes a business meeting and breakout sessions. Breakout sessions follow the themes of Diversity, Literacy/Authors, and Educational Issues. Members will still be able to hear the Mary Jo Nettesheim first-place winners, but the Nettesheim chairs and committee have designed a specific afternoon program for young writers. In addition, the basket raffle is back.

So as the committees put their final changes to the 2023 Convention, I wish all members a safe and happy holiday season however you are celebrating it.

Finally, I want to give the Delta Force Leadership Team a round of applause for their regular communication with presidents and their presentations.

Stephanie Malaney  
WSO President



### Calendar Deadlines:

#### January

- 3 Give Back Grant
- 15 Missling Award
- 15 Wisconsin State News

#### February

- 1 Int'l Scholarship
- 1 GAEP Application

#### March

- 1 State Scholarship
- 1 Int'l Achievement Award

### Missling Award nominations are due by **January 15**.

The guidelines and nomination forms were sent to chapter presidents in early October, so either look for that email or go to the WSO website ([dkgwso.weebly.com](https://dkgwso.weebly.com)) and look for the Missling Award information.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Clouthier ([dkgwsovp@gmail.com](mailto:dkgwsovp@gmail.com)) or call 262.554.7678.

Kathleen Clouthier - WSO VP



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**



*Donell Bonetti*

# *Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition*

*Established 1985*

*Brenda Rank*



A special thanks to Alpha Alpha for donating \$380 to the Nettesheim State Literary Competition. It is with a heavy heart that we accept these funds, as their chapter dissolved. The money will be used at the State Award Ceremony during the WSO Convention on May 6.

Speaking of which, this year, all first- through third-place winners, their parents, and teacher will be invited to the Award Ceremony. In the past, only first-place winners were recognized. Increasing awareness of DKG and showcasing the great academic work of students is exactly what Mary Jo Nettesheim set out to do in 1985, thirty-eight years ago! Rather than inviting the students for lunch, they will come after we have finished eating. We will honor the students like we have done in the past by calling them up to the stage as we acknowledge their work. In the afternoon, students will listen to the first-place winners read their books. They will also have the opportunity to hear Laura Gellott, author of *Helen Perry Curtis* and *The European Trip of a Lifetime*. Snacks will be provided for students, parents, and attending teachers. We hope this new format will raise the visibility of DKG.

Next, updates have been made to the DKG Literary page of the DKG website. There's a one-page document that contains the Chapter Due Dates, Student Entry Form, and Chapter Entry Form—a one-stop shop format.

Your chapter may want to start thinking about options to celebrate the writing entries of your local chapter. Some ideas are:

- 📖 Have a Chapter Award Ceremony where students can bring their parents and teacher. Honor their work by calling students to a staging area where you present them with a certificate and ribbon. Consider having a local author as a guest speaker.
- 📖 Drop off a small gift/care package to the student's school. This could include a notebook, pen, and a piece of candy. Ask the principal to hand deliver the package to the student as a surprise in the classroom. Students can also read their books to the class.
- 📖 With whatever celebration fits your chapter's needs, think about mentioning Mary Jo Nettesheim, the namesake of this competition. Years ago, she was given the challenge to raise the visibility of the Delta Kappa Gamma organization. As an enthusiastic 6th-grade teacher, she was the guiding force behind this writing project, providing opportunities for students and others to learn about Delta Kappa Gamma. In 1985, she presented the first awards, as the competition was developed for children in grades 3, 5, and 7. Wow, has it grown in the last 38 years, as members, over time, have stretched this experience to students in 3rd grade through high school and added on the bilingual category at the state level. Although we lost Mary Jo to cancer in 1987, we honor her leadership with this project as students continue to be afforded the opportunity to showcase their creativity and writing skills.

Please mark your calendar for the state judging scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Heritage Elementary in De Pere at 9:30 am. If you are interested in judging the state entries, please send an email to Donell or Brenda at the state email address, [wsolitcomp@gmail.com](mailto:wsolitcomp@gmail.com).

***Save the Date***

**2023 WSO Convention**

**May 5 and 6**

**The Ingleside Hotel**

**Pewaukee**

All of the convention details and registration form will be in the February issue of *WSN*.

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

## Key Women Educators



Congratulations to Lynn Aprill, Nu, whose poem *Advice to a First-Year Teacher* has been accepted into the prestigious DKG Fine Arts Gallery. Written art, such as poems, essays, and short stories, as well as visual art, can be submitted to the DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury. If accepted, the works are accessible online for a year. You can see Aprill's poem and the other accepted works on the International website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)). Once at the site, scroll to the bottom of the homepage to find "Art Gallery." Then click on that circle.

Lynn is the Director of Education for Economic Development at CESA 8 in Gillett. At the time of her DKG initiation in 2006, she was a language arts and history teacher at Bonduel High School. Currently, Lynn is the Nu chapter vice president. She has also created the chapter website and managed chapter Zoom meetings during the pandemic and beyond. A gifted speaker, Lynn has presented various programs during chapter meetings throughout the years.

To learn more about Lynn Aprill, visit her website: <https://lynnaprill.weebly.com/>. Please enjoy her poem:

### ***Advice for a First-Year Teacher***

They tell you never smile  
until Christmas, the better  
to establish the right tone,  
  
and positively never let them  
make you cry, at least  
not in front of them; wait  
  
until the bell ushers them  
out of their desks  
like cows from their stalls,  
  
filing into ragged ranks  
down the cinder block hallway.  
Then slip like a shadow  
  
into a convenient closet,  
already stocked with tissues  
and your favorite sweater, sob  
  
on its shoulder for two minutes,  
so you have the other two  
to blot your eyes and gather  
  
the pieces of yourself  
for the next class. Notice  
that quiet kid in the corner,  
  
the funny one in the front row,  
the hungry one in the back.  
Pick up their lingo, bridging

the gap between your generations  
by being just a little funnier  
and little smarter  
  
than they first gave you credit for.  
Lesson plan. Assign seats.  
Organization is the only thing  
  
that will save you. Keep  
the post-it you find tucked  
into your drawer that says,  
  
"You're my favorite teacher,"  
but feign ignorance of the condom  
slipped into your glove--it's a test,  
  
a Geiger counter to gauge  
the level of your reaction--  
Disappoint. Them.  
  
Be there enough--just enough  
for those who come to you  
needing a champion, but not enough  
  
to lose yourself, to forget that you  
are more, to forget who you were  
before you stepped in front of them.





**News from Sigma State Foundation**

For more information about Foundation business, contact  
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**Mission: To accept, manage, and distribute contributions that will  
enhance the future quality of education.**



Best wishes to all from the Sigma State Foundation Board! The Foundation Directors have been busy with our financial review for the past year. While the current investment picture shows a downturn of stocks during 2022, we are in good financial shape. We look forward to funding our commitments to the Nettesheim Literary/Illustrator Competition, Give Back Grants, and Leadership Development Grants in the framework of the Wisconsin State Organization. The financial review was also an opportunity to learn more about a unique method to donate funds to our Foundation. We learned about qualified charitable distribution (QCD), a distribution from a traditional or Roth IRA made directly by the IRA trustee to a qualified charitable organization. The QCD may satisfy the client's required minimum distribution and enable that donation to be immediately tax-free. Check with your tax professional for details to find out if this is an option for you.

The good news is that convention planning is taking place with so many members working together to make this a rewarding experience for all of us. I encourage chapters to have some fun putting a Convention Basket together or making a donation. Funds from the basket project go toward convention expenses, and remember, "fund" does have the word "fun" in it! Just a reminder that the deadline of January 3, 2023, is fast approaching for Give Back Grants, but Leadership Development Grants have a flexible deadline as they need to be approved at least two months before the scheduled event. Information on these opportunities and more are on the WSO website under Sigma State Foundation.

**Red Roses of Welcome to Inductees**

ALPHA UPSILON SIGMA	Tania Gomez Anderson	11/2022
ALPHA XI	Judith Miller	11/2022



**White Roses in Memory of Those Who Have  
Gone Before Us. . .**

**Our Teachers ~ Our Mentors  
Our Sisters ~ Our Friends  
Forever in Our Hearts\***

ALPHA UPSILON SIGMA	Dr. Lemma Hanson	8/26/2022
ZETA	Beverly Drunasky	8/19/2022



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Illinois State Newcaster Editor

## Watch Your Language

by Kay Ziegahn



Do you know your **irregular verbs**? In German they are “strong” verbs--think of them as being like strong willed children, going their own way and not following rules. German is to blame for many that exist in English, and knowing German would help many of us with our **English “strong verbs”**.

**Regular** or **weak** verbs follow the familiar pattern of simply adding “-ed” to the original form, called the verb stem, e.g. **call**: **called** (used both for the **simple past** and **as past participle** (as in **has/have called**).

**Irregular** verbs notably don’t do that, but instead use sometimes totally **different vowel sounds** for the simple past tense and past participle. Some common ones:

<b>Infinitive</b>	<b>Present Tense</b>	<b>Simple Past</b>	<b>Present Perfect)</b>
to drive	he drives	he drove	he has driven
to go	I go, he goes	I, he went	I have gone/he has gone
to choose	I choose	he chose	I have chosen
to lose	I lose	he lost	we have lost
to see	she sees	we saw	they have seen
to run	you run	you ran	she has run
to begin	he begins	he began	he has begun
to (w)ring	we (w)ring	we (w)rang	we have (w)rung
to stink/shrink	it stinks/shrinks	it stank/shrank	it has stunk/shrunk
to be	I am, we are, he is	I was, we were	I have been, he has been
to eat	we, you eat	we ate	we have eaten
to write	he writes	I wrote	he has written

**Notice:** there is **no** clear pattern. Hence the irregularities. However, most of these have **vowel changes** in spelling and/or sound in the **Simple Past** form. Most end in “n” or at least an “n” sound in the **past participle**, which is the form used with “**have or has**” in the **Present Perfect** or the **Past Perfect** (which uses **had** rather than **has or have**). The verbs “**to lose**” and “**to have**” are similar to some German strong verbs that resemble the weak/regular endings, but with vowel or sound changes like other strong verbs. **Never** use the **simple past** form as the **past participle** of irregular verbs (i.e. **after** have, has or had) unless they are like “**lose, lost**”, “**build, built**”, “**hear, heard**” or “**meet, met**” where that is the only possible form.

### **Thank You from Marj Margelowsky**

My 94th birthday was a wonderful day. My grandson Craig, from Florida, flew in to spend the day with me. Then I expected one WSO member to visit me, and I got three with Leslie, Bev, and Sharon. Over a delicious lunch ordered from Izzy’s, we shared wonderful memories of my 51 years of membership in DKG. I have such fond memories of that day.

I miss seeing all the members, and I enjoy hearing news from anyone. You are a special group.

Thank you to everyone who sent one of the many cards. The messages were wonderful.

Love,

Marj

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# Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You

## Action Grant Committee

by Bobbi Momchilovich, Chair

Thank you to those chapters who submitted Action Grant applications for projects in 2023-2024 by the December 1, 2022, deadline. The Action Grant Committee will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, to decide on awards for these projects. Chapters will be notified in mid-February 2023 of their grant award.

We appreciate the interest shown by those members who attended the Action Grant Committee Information Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, October 26. There were twelve WSO members, including four Action Grant Committee members who participated. A discussion was held regarding the difference between the Action Grant, which must have a literacy component, and the Give Back Grant, which is monetary support for chapter projects. The question was asked regarding Action Grants that could not happen because of COVID. It was suggested by the Action Grant Committee that these chapters re-read their Action Grants for any changes and re-submit their application as if they were new ones. An explanation of the budget page of the Action Grant application was presented to explain that services (registration, travel, food, licensing, etc.) are not included in the Action Grant funding. However, funding for these services might be allowed in the Give Back Grant application process. We appreciate the interest of all members who participated in this Information Meeting. If any member has further questions, please contact an Action Grant Committee member. Names of the committee members are available on the state website ([dkgwso.weebly.com](http://dkgwso.weebly.com)).

As a reminder, to receive the money granted, all Action Grant recipients must send the "Action Grant Project Expense Voucher" with receipts attached and the completed "Action Grant Self-Evaluation Form" before May 1, 2023. Vouchers received after May 1, 2023, will not be approved. If for some reason, the chapter cannot meet this deadline, the chapter should contact the Action Grant Committee Chair.

In addition to these requirements, recipients of Action Grants must write an article for the WSO newsletter in the month assigned and also present a display of their project at the state conference in May. The display should be no larger than 24" across so three displays can fit on a 6-foot display table. More information regarding the state conference will be coming.

Action Grant applicants this year should be alerted of the change in item "I" of the rubric for the WSO Action Grant Evaluation. It reads: **I. The budget is accurate, clearly lists a minimum of 30% of supplemental monies from the chapter and community sources and directly links expenses to literacy activities.** The rubric can be found on the WSO website, and chapter members writing an Action Grant are encouraged to follow the rubric. This is the instrument the Action Grant Committee uses to judge the grants and decide on the amount of funding for each Action Grant Proposal. Members having questions regarding any item on the rubric are encouraged to contact a member of the Action Grant Committee.

Please enjoy reading about the Omicron and Psi Action Grants for 2021-2022 on the following pages. Due to the pandemic, Psi was unable to complete their 2019-2020 Action Grant until this year. Their exceptional project was well worth the wait.

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### Wisconsin State News Deadlines

January 15 for February Issue \* May 15 for June Issue  
August 15 for September Issue \* November 15 for December Issue

**Take 5 to Help Me Thrive**

Omicron Chapter applied for the WSO Action Grant to receive assistance in purchasing additional soft-cover copies of *Rock-A-Bye Baby Reader*. This lovely book contains nursery rhymes and suggestions for parents. It is used by the Appleton Area School District and other local school districts in a program called *Take 5 to Help Me Thrive* (previously known as *Books for Babies*) at the local hospitals. We support this program. The books, along with informative brochures, are placed in literacy bags for all newborns and their parents to encourage parents to read and talk with their babies.

Research shows that the years between birth and the age of five are a very critical time for brain development. Reading to babies builds communication, listening, memory, and vocabulary skills, which lead to a lifelong love of learning. In our opinion, the *Take 5 to Help Me Thrive* project is a very important tool in promoting excellence in education.

We ordered and received the books. Then in early August, a group of chapter members met and assembled literacy bags with the books, brochures, letters from the school districts, evaluation sheets to be returned, and a book supplied by another organization. These literacy bags were then delivered to the hospitals to be shared with the newborns (parents). We were pleased to learn that parents are happy to receive the literacy bags. We hope all use the books and materials with their babies and toddlers.

We look forward to reading and learning from the results of the parent evaluations.



Front Row: Nicky TerHorst, Yvonne Woodrow Fuller, Betsy Meller, Marcia Trentlage.  
Back Row : Mary Everson, Sally Brotski, Toni Durben, Kathy Mader, Ardie Bergstrom

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## ***Psi-Northwest WI 2021-2022 Action Grant by Annette O'Hern***

### ***Seasons of Literacy***

The Psi-Northwest WI chapter has been busy implementing its *Seasons of Literacy* Action Grant Project. This project identified four distinct projects to promote literacy, with one project per "season."

Our "summer" literacy project promoted participation in the Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition. We recognized our local chapter's 2022 winners in Cumberland's Chamber of Commerce's annual Rutabaga Festival parade. Winning young authors showed off their award-winning entries by riding in the parade with Psi-Northwest WI members walking along the parade route, passing out pencils (just in time for the start of school!) and information about the literary competition. A beautiful day and a big turnout had our members distributing over 300 pencils and bookmarks to parade watchers!

Our "fall" literacy project promoted reading when we participated in the annual "Trunk or Treat" event on October 31 at First Lutheran Church of Cumberland. Eleven DKG members dressed for the Halloween event, where families from the community went "trick or treating" to different stations in the parking lot. But, rather than handing out candy, DKG members handed out over 230 books to children! Interested children also had an opportunity to create their own "haunted story" at a hands-on activity table. The children had fun creating their stories with different "props" and then telling their stories to our DKG members.

Both events addressed the goals of community outreach as well as establishing partnerships within the community to promote literacy. We're halfway through, so stay tuned for a report on our winter and spring events in an upcoming newsletter!



Psi-Northwest WI DKG members sponsored a station at Trunk or Treat in Cumberland. Members participating included: L to R Pat Chuchwar, Connie Bussewitz, Sandy Stevens, Wendy Hoffman, Diane Carlson, Barb Millerman, Deb Andries, Lori Petzel, Annette O'Hern, Paula Johnson, and Cindy Rockwow.



Psi-Northwest WI chapter recognized Mary Jo Nettesheim winners Carli Cress and Quinn Fauske in the annual Rutabaga Parade in Cumberland. DKG members Pat Chuchwar, Lori Petzel, (guest Jo Braun), Sandy Stevens, and Annette O'Hern walked the parade route distributing pencils and information about the young authors competition.

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***Pine Ridge Literacy***

One grant. Two-year COVID delay. Three days at Crazy Horse School. Four DKG Psi-Northwest WI members. Ten hours one way in a vehicle. One hundred thirty engaged students and staff.

Psi-Northwest WI chapter received a Wisconsin State Organization Action Grant in 2020 to provide literary resources and training at Crazy Horse School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and reservation border-restricted travel, we could not carry out activities planned until October 2022. But boy, was it worth the wait!

The Action Grant monies and financial support from our chapter allowed us to purchase read-aloud books, math and reading learning stations, and supplies. On the first day at the school, we modeled how to use read-alouds to engage students in higher-level thinking in all K-6 classrooms. The read-aloud story in grades K-2 was a story walk borrowed from Thomas St. Angelo Public Library in Cumberland. Students acted out the story *One Dog Canoe* through a play performance at a parent night event at Crazy Horse School. We also gave books to each student and family in attendance.

Day two was spent engaging students in math and language arts learning centers in grades K-6. Students practiced grade-level skills and strategies such as addition, subtraction, elapsed time, context clues, text features, and comprehension.

We also provided a half-day of staff development for teachers, where we reviewed what we had done in the classrooms and provided time for teachers to choose materials they could use. Teachers selected a [Reycraft book](#) and developed their own higher-level questions to use in an upcoming lesson. They also selected learning centers to integrate into their teaching. Recycled anthologies were used to create story walks.

Morning circle. Daily Lakota prayers. Student drummers and singers. Ceremonial dancing and drumming. Sage burning. Visiting Wounded Knee Massacre site and burial ground. The four Psi-Northwest WI Chapter members who experienced these things were deeply impacted and shared those experiences with their chapter.

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Total.....PRICELESS!!

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Picture above left: Annette O'Hern, Lori Petzel, Sandy Stevens, Deb Andries in front of Crazy Horse School



Picture above right: Reading to kindergarten students in preparation for retelling the story



Picture at right: Teachers create a story walk

***This and That***

I'm still looking for someone to assist me with the WSO website. You may be thinking about creating a website for yourself, another person, or an organization. This would give you the training you need to do other websites.

State committee chairs, please send me any updates for your committee's webpage. Unfortunately, some of the pages are getting very out of date.

Are you receiving the Monday Membership Minute? This MMM is sent to your chapter president. If she doesn't have the time to get these out to your chapter members, perhaps another person in the chapter could be responsible for doing that. All 2022 Monday Membership Minutes can be found on the WSO website under the Membership tab.

Has your chapter taken care of "Take the First Step"? If so, please let me know and, most importantly, how you accomplished this. I'm sure many chapters are still wondering how to do this.

There were some questions about the deadlines for various applications like the Action Grant and the Give Back Grant. You can find more information on the WSO website under the Deadlines heading.

Most emails on the website have been changed to contact forms. If you need a copy of the email addresses of chapter presidents or the WSO State Officers and/or state committee chairs, contact Barb Cody.

I am happy to see more of you contacting me with your DKG or WSO questions. I answer when I can, or I send it to the person who would know the answer.

I would appreciate hearing if you enjoy my tech articles, and feel free to give suggestions on other tech articles.

***Educational Excellence Committee*****by Chris Shewczyk, Chair**

Look closer at the school district administrators in your communities. The changes many districts are making may reinvigorate our educators by identifying how hard they are working and providing them with the time and resources they need.

A recent speaker from a district in our region began his presentation by sharing a little about himself. He began by telling us how he chose education as his life work. Then he drew us closer by sharing his family life, using examples we could all identify with. Finally, he showed us who he is today by walking us through his choice of books that demonstrate his wishes, hopes, and goals for the future of education and define him as a person. He cares about his family, his colleagues, and himself. His book choices are listed below.

**Educational Texts:**

*Leaders of Learning* by Richard DuFour and Robert Marzano

*Learning By Doing* by Richard DuFour, Rebecca DuFour, Robert Eaker, and Thomas Many

*Better than Carrots or Sticks* by Dominique Smith, Douglas Fischer, and Nancy Frey

*Taking Action* by Austin Buffum, Mike Mattos, and Janet Malone

**Wellness/Motivational Texts**

*180 Days of Self-Care for Busy Educators* by Tina Boogren

*Take Time For You: Self-Care Action Plans for Educators* by Tina Boogren

*Heart!* by Timothy Kanold

*The Happiness Journey* by Virginia Pothier

*The Power of Moments* by Chip Heath and Dan Heath

The past year was one for the books! We hope next year will bring all of us an adventure that exceeds our dreams.

Happy New Year!

Roberta Gale, Karin Kinzel, Heather Thomas-Flores, Marcia Trentlage, Kay Ziegahn, Chris Shewczyk

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**Membership Minute**

North Dakota State President and Chair of the International Membership and Expansion Committee Lisa Olson spoke to the NW Region Presidents in November. She shared that most states are losing members. Lisa stated that members NEED to embrace change. She suggested we: Look at different types of members that can be included in our chapter (anyone who is paid to teach), consider other ways to hold meetings, and search out ways to become a more inclusive/diverse organization.

Lisa read 250-300 survey comments from members who left DKG and expressed their reasons for leaving. One of the comments told this poignant story. The woman was a principal in a district that had a mass shooting. Two of the victims were children of teachers in her school. The president of her chapter emailed her and told her that her dues were due that day. Unfortunately, she couldn't send her dues because of all the challenges she was facing in her school. The president told her that maybe she could join again someday. This difficult story made me very sad and brought Lisa to tears.

The state Membership Committee is so happy to welcome Sandy Stallings to our committee, joining Barb Albrechtson and me. Kathy Clouthier will leave our committee to assume the presidency next June. We are looking for one or two more members to help us “rock and roll” with enthusiasm and encouragement for you to grow your chapter. If you feel you are struggling, ASK one of the members of Delta Force. We are here for YOU.

Check out the November/December online issue of DKG News. Chris Shewczyk has written an article about her experience as a member of this year's Ignite Class. The DKGIEF (International Educators Foundation) supports Ignite.

**Maxim:** Success comes to those who act.

**Chapter News**



**ALPHA BETA** honored three of our Seasoned Educators at our September meeting: Billie Lorraine Schalla, Sister Janet Heder, and Mary Holten. Each shared some highlights from their teaching career, with more than 100 years as servant leaders combined! It was a joy to listen to their stories and to reflect on how they have impacted so many students in so many ways.

**ALPHA GAMMA** has a new Little Library that was built and donated by Jim Schumacher. It was installed at Starin Park, Whitewater, with the help of the city crew. This is one of three Little Libraries provided by DKG. We'd like to thank everyone involved and the community for their support and use of the libraries.



**ALPHA OMEGA** Nell Saunders gave a dynamic presentation about the La Crosse Public Education Foundation on October 26. Our charity was Random Acts of Kindness through the Foundation, where funds go to children who cannot afford to go on field trips or purchase supplies needed to be successful in school. We also raised \$60 for our sisters in Kentucky to help

L to R: Joann Zigler, Nell Sanders, Pam Griffith

with restoring a public school library. In addition, we recognized Connie Albrechtson for her ten years of service as treasurer by presenting her with a gift. Our next meeting will be on December 6, which will be a white elephant exchange.

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Alpha Omega's Deb Keller is listening while Shirley Ruoff is writing out a check for Random Acts of Kindness.



Mary Wetterling and Lois Holper

**NU** chapter has been busy this fall. Alexandra Hartwig, owner of The Blend in Shawano, described her business during September's meeting. Opened in 2022, The Blend is a vendor store that empowers women to grow their businesses, share their ambitions, and sell their products alongside one another. Hartwig created a space for women to sell their creations to become successful enough to have their own stores.

Lynn Aprill announced the launch of the chapter's website in September.

Terry Lorge talked about the fascinating history of the Four Wheel Drive Seagrave Company during a museum tour in Clintonville in October. The 68,000-square-foot museum, operated by volunteers, houses 70 historic automobiles, trucks, and fire trucks.

The chapter's November meeting was held at CESA 8 in Gillett. Vice President Lynn Aprill conducted a tour of the facility. Christiana Trapani, a Ukrainian-American, talked to the group via Zoom about the Door County Candle Company's fundraising efforts to help Ukraine. She created a special Ukrainian fundraising candle. It is the color of the Ukrainian flag and has a vanilla scent. One hundred percent of the proceeds are donated to Razom for Ukraine. Razom means "together" in Ukrainian and creates spaces where people meet, partner, and work together to unlock the potential of Ukraine. Christiana stated Razom does an excellent job of ensuring all donations are used specifically to help the citizens of Ukraine. As Christiana and her crew of seven began this project, they set a goal to raise \$5,000. To date, they have now raised over \$800,000!

In addition, the chapter held a silent auction in November, with some of the proceeds earmarked for World Fellowship.

Nu chapter continues its Books for Newborns project and school library donations. This spring, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student accepted into a school of education.

**PI-RACINE** chapter's September 14 meeting featured Racine Police Department Investigator Jody Spiegelhoff, as she spoke to us about fraud prevention. She had many examples of actual fraud cases that affected Racine residents.



At our October 29 meeting, two members talked about how their churches are helping two Afghan families they have sponsored and co-sponsored. Ellie Boldus and Tammy Hayward shared how the families have been adjusting to life in Racine and how they and their churches have provided the families with housing, food, household items, and vehicles. They have also helped with education, employment, and many other vital resources.



Ellie Boldus



Tammy Hayward

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**THETA** About a dozen Theta members met for a luncheon meeting and tour of the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe and its beautiful setting. This meeting encompassed one of the DKG Seven Purposes: to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship. A great percentage of our members that met are not Catholic; however, all came with an open mind to also engage in another of our DKG Seven Purposes: for personal growth and understanding of others.

One of the highlights of our meeting included brainstorming about raising money. Since we have quite a few members involved in our Theta Book Club, we decided to clean our homes of books and sell them to each other and friends. We may include puzzles also. One of our members readily stated that she would open her home; however, it would have to be after Christmas so she could get rid of her leftover Christmas cookies. That sounded good to everyone!

Another highlight was honoring Ruth Scholze, a very active Theta member, who was inducted into *Marquis Who's Who*, where individuals are selected by factors such as noteworthy accomplishments, position, visibility, and prominence in a field. Ruth has received numerous awards, most recently the Holmen High School Alumni Award. We are very proud of her.

We discussed Theta's involvement in Global Awareness, specifically Marie Allen's extensive work with World Fellowship. Marie often picks up World Fellowship scholarship recipients from airports and opens her home to them. In addition, she loves to travel and share entertaining and educational travelogues (and sometimes cultural food) with her fellow Theta members.

After our meeting, we engaged in an uphill pilgrimage either by foot or by golf cart to the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe. Our extremely knowledgeable tour guide greeted us at the entrance. He shared with us how the Shrine originated and discussed the architecture of the Shrine and surrounding buildings. He then took us inside, telling us interesting stories of diverse saints and relics and describing the ornate, beautiful building pieces, which included a stunning pipe organ.



## Tech Tips

by Barb Cody

### Real-Time vs. On-Demand: Antivirus Protection for Your Computer



If you are using a PC computer, you should use two kinds of virus protection: **Real-Time** and **On-Demand**. So, I thought it might be helpful to explain the difference between the two.

Both real-time and on-demand antivirus protection is important for keeping your computer free of viruses and other forms of malware. Still, while they are closely related, they operate in very different ways.

Real-time protection is provided by the antivirus app that runs continuously in the background, constantly checking the web pages you visit and the files you download to see if they are infected with a virus. When it works as it should, real-time protection ensures that viruses are detected and blocked before they have a chance to infect your system. In today's world of ever-increasing Internet threats, it's very important to have a real-time antivirus app running at all times because that's your computer's first line of defense against potential viral infections.

But there's a problem with all real-time antivirus programs: None are perfect, and on rare occasions, a virus will slip through the app's protective screen and infect the machine anyway. That's why we also

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need to run on-demand antivirus scans to supplement the real-time protection that's provided by your full-time antivirus app. With on-demand protection, you can manually run these scans at any time to track down and remove any viruses that slip through the real-time antivirus protection.

One of the best free on-demand antivirus tools is **Malwarebytes**. It is extremely effective at rooting out any viruses, trojans, spyware, adware, and other malware that might find their way onto your computer. In addition, it is easy to download and use.

Go to <https://www.malwarebytes.com/mwb-download>

Click the **Free Download** button to download the Malwarebytes installation file onto your PC. Follow the directions for downloading.

A 14-day free trial of the full-blown (paid version) of the Malwarebytes program is installed. At the end of the 14-day trial period, choose the free version, and the trial version will automatically revert to the free version. You won't have to do a thing on your end. You'll then be able to use the free version of Malwarebytes as long as you want without ever having to pay for it. Never enter your credit card or pay for it.

Periodically open the Malwarebytes app and click Scan. Also, run a scan if you feel your computer is running slowly or not performing as well as it should or if you think you may have accidentally clicked on a malicious email attachment, link, or website.

Now you should have complete protection against viruses and malware by using one real-time antivirus protection and running periodic manual on-demand scans.

**Note:** Malwarebytes works well on all other computer devices as well. Go to the Apple Store or Play Store to download the free Malwarebytes. Then periodically scan your device to check for anything malicious that may find its way onto it.

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## 2022 Creative Arts Retreat

### Great Reviews for the Classic TV Show

#### Creative Arts Retreat

by Millie Buege



The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Wisconsin Creative Arts Retreat took place on October 7-9 at the Lone Tree Lodge on the beautiful grounds of the Green Lake Conference Center. This year's theme was "Classic TV Shows." The group had a great time reminiscing about all the great TV shows they watched as kids. On Friday and Saturday nights, they were challenged with games that tested their memories, matching the shows with their theme songs, putting together a TV Show Timeline, and performing and being entertained with creative skits highlighting their favorite TV shows. Two very funny skits, one featuring Mr. Ed and the other Johnny Carson's Carnac from the

*Tonight Show*, had the group in stitches. Our Delta Kappa Gamma women sure have a great sense of humor.

Along with having accomplished entertainers, the group also had skilled crafters that shared their knowledge all day Saturday. They shared their talents by teaching basket weaving, fired ink art, making colorful silk scarves, painting wooden bunny lawn ornaments, updating sweatshirts and bags with the latest logo, and making cards, jewelry, and Christmas ornaments. A break was taken, and a delicious brunch, made by the host committee, was served. Even with all this activity, some women were able to sneak in a walk, nap, or visit the Green Lake World Store for a little shopping. Dinner and breakfast were served at the Bauer Dining Hall in the Kraft Centre. All in all, it was a memorable weekend.

Next year the 35<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Creative Arts Retreat will be October 6-8, 2023. The theme "Mother Goose on the Loose" promises to be great fun. Watch for the flyer and JOIN US!

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**Standing in the Back Row:** Barb Newell, Judy Snyder, Pat Brabazon, Mary Kenne, Toni Durben, Ellen Dowd, Veronica Radowicz, Mary Jane Carrreno Chris Shewiczzyk, Louise Killberg, Shari Eberhardt, and Mary Martin  
**Sitting in the Middle:** Kathy Clouthier, Sister Janet Heder, Mary Holtan, Kathy Mader, Sandy Ruesink, Patti Hart, Sharon Storms, Kathy Goodwin, and Kathy Zautner  
**Sitting on the Floor:** Marilyn Rabideau, Julie Trafton, Lori Petersen, Leslie Bakkum, Roberta Gale, Millie Buege, and Mary Backus.



**The Raffles**  
**A Way to Give Back**

Left: The Foundation Raffle raised \$200 to be used as needed.  
 Right: Angie's Quilt Raffle raised \$53 to be sent to the Kentucky State Relief Fund.



**There's always time for MUSIC**



Marilyn Rabideau sings and plays her uke



Millie Buege, Ellen Dowd, Marilyn Rabideau and Kathy Zautner have a fun time singing along with Mary Backus and Veronica Radowicz

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## Saturday Crafts



Roberta Gale brings back her popular Silk Scarf



Cardmaking with Kathy Goodwin



Julie Trafton shows Barb Newell, Mary Holton and Kathy Goodwin how to make Button Earrings and Heart-shaped bookmarks



Ellen Dowd, Sister Janet, Sandra Ruesink, and Shari Eberhardt are patiently guided by Kathy Clouthier



Stenciling. Hello Kathy Zautner!



Louise Killberg and Sharon Storms listen to a few more directions from a master weaver.



Pattie Hart teaches her Fired Ink Art craft to Judy Snyder and Sandra Ruesink



What will Shari Eberhardt do with this piece?

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Pat Brabazon and Mary Jane Carreno paint Wooden Bunny Lawn Art brought and taught by Toni Durbin

## Saturday Night Program

**Beta Alpha, this year's host committee, started the program with a Classic TV Show Timeline Quiz, followed by skits.**



Host Committee: Lori Petersen, Millie Buege, Pattie Hart, Ellen Dowd, Veronica Radowicz, Mary Martin, Kathy Zautner



Kathy Clouthier, Judy Snyder, Louise Killberg, Marilyn Rabideau, Toni Durben, and Kathy Mader were creative and divided all of us into groups and passed out 4-part scripts for us to perform scenes from various Classic TV shows.



Left: Mary Holton, Patti Hart, Julie Trafton, Mary Kenne



Right: Ellen Dowd, Barb Newell, Veronica Radowicz, Pat Brabazon



Left: Mary Backus, Sharon Storms, Chris Shewczyk, Mary Martin



Right: Sisten Janet Heder, Leslie Bakkum, Mary Jane Carreno, Kathy Goodwin

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Sister Janet Heder makes a great Wilbur, and no one is funnier than Mary Holton as the horse, Mr. Ed.



Julie Trafton, Mary Jane Carreno, and Barb Newell challenge the group with Classic TV Trivia



The Johnny Carson Show's "Great Carnac" is very cleverly portrayed by Marilyn Rabideau and Roberta Gale

***And then there was food***



Left: Mary Martin helps set up the Saturday Brunch



Right: Judy Snyder, Mary Backus, and Marilyn Rabideau start the buffet line.



Kathy Clouthier, Mary Jane Carreno, Kathy Goodwin, Barb Newell, Louise Killberg, and Julie Trafton share a delicious dinner and great conversation.

***Join us next year for  
"Mother Goose  
on the Loose"***

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pictures.***



Marilyn Rabideau, Roberta Gale, Shari Eberhardt, Sharon Storms, and Mary Kenne enjoy Sunday breakfast