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## Sharing the DKG Mission, Doing It Together

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### Calendar Deadlines:

March	
1	State Scholarship App.
1	Int'l Achievement Award
1	Int'l Scholarship App.
April	
6	WSO Conference Hotel reservation
15	WSO Conference Reg. without late fee
May	
7	WSO Conference
15	WSN Articles for June issue



As holiday gatherings have passed, some of us are waiting for the return of warmer weather while others are enjoying the cold and the winter fun that comes with it. As I watched *Wisconsin Life*, they showed the tubing runs at Granite Peak. It brought back memories of toboggan runs when being out in the winter weather was more exciting.

I want to thank chapter Nu, Clintonville and Shawano area, and PI, Racine, for the invitation to their meetings this fall. PI laid out their plans for the year, and Nu celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with a PowerPoint presentation of their favorite photos. I am looking forward to my visit to Chi chapter on January 22. I have enjoyed attending the chapter meetings and visiting with members and look forward to visiting more in the future.

So, what is going on at WSO? The leadership team has been planning the one-day Leadership Conference to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac. We are planning an in-person event so that members can meet and catch up.

This Leadership Conference has opportunities for all members, even though we have named it Leadership Conference. WSO sees all members as leaders whether they are presently in leadership roles or have served in the past or will in the future. Our two guest speakers are June Bowers, DKG International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Terri Cox, who presented at the 2021 DKG International Convention. In addition, we have planned breakout sessions on topics we think are important to our members. Included in the day are informative leadership sessions for officers or chairs in the positions of treasurer, leadership, membership, and EEC. Also, you do not want to miss the presentation to the Lorraine Missling Award winner, Celebration of Life, and hearing the Mary Jo Nettesheim winners.

Leadership and Sigma State Foundation members are planning to gather for visiting in person on Friday, May 6, 2022. More to come on this, but if you need to stay overnight, be sure to make your hotel reservation. Usually held during convention weekend, their meetings will be Zoom meetings on a date prior to the conference. I will schedule the WSO leadership committee, and Karoleen Glenzer will schedule the Sigma State Foundation.

Looking forward, the Southeast Area chapters will be meeting to plan the 2023 Convention.

Stephanie Malaney  
WSO President



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



# Wisconsin State Organization 2022-20223 Budget Proposal

*Sandra Ruesink, WSO Treasurer*

*Julie Hannon, Finance Committee Chair*



Ordinary Income/Expense		
<b>Income</b>	<b>Dues and Fees</b>	
	401 State International Dues	20.00
	402 Chapter Dues	\$12,678.00
	Based on 505 Active, 62 Reserve	
	403 Chapter Scholarship Fees	422.00
	404 Induction Fees	22.50
	Based on 10 new members	
	405 Collegiate Dues	\$0.00
	<b>Total Dues and Fees</b>	<b>13,142.50</b>
	410 WSO Conference/Convention fees	1,000.00
	420 SigmaState Foundation Funds	750.00
	430 World Fellowship Change	\$250.00
	490 Interest	\$50.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>15,192.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	International	
	601 International Dues and Fees	20.00
	Total International	20.00
	Misc. in/out Funds	
	6805 World Fellowship- Change	250.00
	Total Misc. in/out Funds	250.00
	Program Expenses	
	6051 Achievement Award	100.00
	6052 Action Grants	2,500.00
	6053 WI State News Prin/Post	1,500.00
	6058 State Convention Speaker	700.00
	6059 State Convention-Start Up	1,000.00
	6060 State Convention-Travel Re	700.00
	6061 Member(s) to Reg/Int	\$750.00
	6065 World Fellowship-.50/memb	283.50
	6066 Spring mtg fee	0.00
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,533.50</b>

*(continued on page 3)*

## *Wisconsin State Organization 2022-20223 Budget Proposal (continued)*

	State Officer Expenses		
	630	President Expen/ Mileage	3,600.00
	631	President Stipend	750.00
	636	Treasurer Hardware/Software	150.00
	637	Treasurer Expen/Mileage	200.00
	638	Treasurer Stipend	1,200.00
	640	SS News Editor Expense/Mile	100.00
	641	SS News Editor Stipend	1,200.00
	642	Webmistress Expen/Mileage	0.00
	643	Webmistress Stipend	500.00
	<b>Total State Officer Expenses</b>		<b>7,700.00</b>
	Committees		
	649	Society Business	200.00
	6500	Society Mission & Purpose	750.00
	<b>Total Committees</b>		<b>950.00</b>
	Administrative Expenses		
	6701	Travel Insurance	\$50.00
	6702	State Corporate Report	\$10.00
	6703	Bond State Treasurer	\$250.00
	6705	Memorial Gifts/ Contributi	\$100.00
	6706	Training R&I Convention	\$1,500.00
	6708	Zoom	\$160.00
	6709	Tax Prep	\$500.00
	<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,570.00</b>
	Miscellaneous		
	675	Misc Other	\$0.00
	<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$19,023.50</b>
		<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$3,831.00</b>

### *Wisconsin State News Deadlines*

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

## 2022-2023 Budget Narrative and Finance Committee Report

by Julie Hannon, Finance Committee Chair

### 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2022-23 contains some minor changes from last year's budget. The income in lines 402 and 403 was reduced to reflect the current number of members. We have been conservative in our expense projections, but we did create our proposal with the expectation that WSO would be holding in person rather than virtual meetings.

Even with these changes, WSO will still be operating with a budget deficit. However, because of the pandemic, expenses are down. So, we are comfortable proposing this budget.

Just a reminder, all committees are grouped into lines 649 Society Business and 6500 Society Mission and Purpose. Please check the bylaws Article IX. Sections 1A and 1B if you are unsure into which category your committee falls.

### Website Update

The Finance Committee now has its own page on the WSO site. The committee members, the annual goals of the committee, and the current operating budget will be found on this page.

### State Treasurer

Sandra Ruesink will be completing her second term on June 30, 2022. She is unable to run again. WSO is looking for a new treasurer. Knowledge of QuickBooks and experience with budgets and bookkeeping skills would be helpful but not necessary since Sandy is willing to work with the new treasurer to make a successful transition. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Ruesink (sigmatreas15@gmail.com).

## 2022 WSO Leadership Conference

*Let's T.A.L.K. DKG – Teamwork, Action, Leadership, Knowledge*

### Tentative Conference Schedule for Saturday, May 7

8:50 am	Welcome
9:00 am	Business Meeting
9:30 am	DKG International 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP June Bowers
10:00 am	Introduction of Nettesheim Literary Competition Winning Authors
10:30 am-12:00 pm	Nettesheim Literary Competition Award Recipients Reading of Books
10:50-11:50 am	Breakout Sessions Treasurer's Training Leadership Training
12:00-1:15 pm	Luncheon
1:15-2:15 pm	Keynote Speaker, Teri Cox
2:15-3:15 pm	Breakout Sessions Marketing Your Chapter Defending Diverse Materials in Your Community's Schools and Public Library
3:30 pm	Celebration of Life
4:00 pm	Closing Remarks

### DKG International Update: June Bowers, DKG International 2<sup>nd</sup> VP



June Bowers, DKG International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, will be our guest for this leadership conference. She will be participating throughout the conference starting with joining the Leadership Committee and Sigma State Foundation on Friday during the social gathering. On Saturday she will share information from International, join the Leadership training presentation, and be available for questions and sharing about DKG.

A 45-year DKG member, June has participated at all levels of the Society, including International Member-at-Large, chair of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, Membership Committee, and the Arts & Humanities Jury. In addition, she has served as NW Regional Director, International Music Rep, and president of the Nebraska State Organization as well as numerous positions in her chapter.

Residing in Falls City, Nebraska, June is an active member of Iota Chapter as well as a District 56 School Board member, director of the Methodist Church Choir, SE Area Nebraska Retired School Personnel president, and a substitute teacher.

### **Breakout Sessions 10:50-11:50**

#### **Treasurer's Training: Sandra Ruesink, WSO Treasurer**

During this training session, treasurers will have the opportunity to review how to use the DKG Dues Portal. We will go over all treasurer forms and responsibilities and answer your questions.

#### **Leadership Training: Barb Cody, Chris Shewczyk, Jonnie Dvorak, Roberta Gale, and June Bowers**

Let's look at change as an opportunity in 2022. Delta Force is a change made to WSO in the last two years implementing a plan of Mary Kenne to connect the working committees of WSO. Another change takes place this year as Delta Force expands to include Communications/Marketing to offer more opportunities to support the chapters. This leadership session will give an overview of Communication/Marketing, Educational Excellence, Leadership, and Membership goals. Update your understanding of how this team can help you as you lead your chapter into this new biennium.

#### **Keynote Speaker: Teri Cox**



We welcome Dr. Teri Cox as our keynote speaker for our WSO Leadership Conference. A DKG member from Arkansas, Dr. Cox led a session at DKG's 2021 International Conference in San Antonio. Her topic was *Leadership and Communication Matters*. She will share her expertise on our theme Let's Talk as she addresses: Building Relationships, Chapter Growth and Recruitment, Effective Listening and Leadership, and Keys to Authentic Communication.

An invested DKG member, Dr. Cox shares the following about her presentation: "Communication during the best of times, can sometimes be difficult. Communication during hard times or critical conversations is a key foundation of good leadership. We will focus on the keys to authentic leadership and clear communication that build and honor relationships among generations and explores the needs of educators and DKG."

### **Breakout Sessions 2:15-3:15**

#### **Marketing Your Chapter the Easy Way: Christine Shewczyk and Heather Thomas-Flores**

Since 2019, Wisconsin State Organization Educational Excellence Chair Chris Shewczyk and Heather Thomas-Flores have worked to empower WSO programs and ensure relevancy for current members and educators who are not yet members. Growing membership by highlighting the value of the work of WSO chapters is a marketing tool that takes a strategic plan. After attending the presentation, *Market Your Chapter the Easy Way*, you will have multiple tools to take with you and incorporate into your chapter's strategic plan to attract educators for building and growing your chapter.

#### **Defending Diverse Materials in Your Community's Schools and Public Library: Megan Schliesman, Librarian (she/her)**



It's happened in Pennsylvania. It's happening in Texas. It's happening in Wisconsin, too. Books in school and public libraries are being publicly attacked, sometimes formally challenged for removal, because they reflect diverse lives and experiences that make some people uncomfortable. Maybe it's a book affirming a transgender child or featuring a gay, lesbian, or bisexual teen; maybe it's a book that acknowledges and examines the racism that too many experience. This session will give a brief overview of the recent increase in public attacks and challenges before focusing on what you can do in your own community to support the inclusion of diverse materials in schools and public libraries.

#### ***Red Roses of Welcome to Inductees***

PSI                      Wendy Jennings                      12/21



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

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

LAMBDA                      Mary Stanek                      1/13/22



Complete this form or fill out the form on the Wisconsin State Organization website. Make a copy. Send the COPY in NOW. Keep this page as your record.

## 2022 Wisconsin State Organization Conference Registration Form

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 625 W. Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond du Lac  
May 7, 2022



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Officer? Position? \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer or Chair? Position? \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO RELEASE:** I grant permission to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to use my photograph in the *Wisconsin State News* or on The Society website.  YES  NO

SPECIAL NEEDS: Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_ Limited mobility \_\_\_\_\_

 <b>Proudly wear your key pin!</b>  First time attending State Conference/ Convention <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Fees</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Cost</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Your Choice</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Registration Fee (required)</td> <td>until April 15</td> <td>\$25</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>after April 15</td> <td>\$30</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>Saturday Luncheon:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tilapia</b> A fresh never frozen 9 oz. baked tilapia topped with a lemon caper sauce and a grilled lemon, served with mixed garden salad, chef's choice of vegetable and starch, fresh rolls, coffee, tea.</td> <td>\$20</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Breast of Chicken</b> Two 4 oz. grilled seasoned chicken breasts topped with our white wine cream sauce, served with mixed garden salad, chef's choice of vegetable and starch, fresh rolls, coffee, tea.</td> <td>\$20</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Please enter any special dietary need in the above section.</i></td> <td>\$20</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;"><b>Total Registration/Meals</b></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Fees	Cost	Your Choice	Registration Fee (required)	until April 15	\$25		after April 15	\$30	<b>Saturday Luncheon:</b>			<b>Tilapia</b> A fresh never frozen 9 oz. baked tilapia topped with a lemon caper sauce and a grilled lemon, served with mixed garden salad, chef's choice of vegetable and starch, fresh rolls, coffee, tea.	\$20	_____	<b>Breast of Chicken</b> Two 4 oz. grilled seasoned chicken breasts topped with our white wine cream sauce, served with mixed garden salad, chef's choice of vegetable and starch, fresh rolls, coffee, tea.	\$20	_____	<i>Please enter any special dietary need in the above section.</i>	\$20	_____	<b>Total Registration/Meals</b>		_____
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Send check made payable to:  <b>DKG WSO</b> <i>with</i> Registration Form to:  <b>Mary Kenne</b> 425 Assembly Court Whitewater, WI 53190 262-473-1292 mhkenne2@gmail.com	<p><b>Return your check for Registration Fee and Meals made out to DKG WSO along with this Registration Form.</b></p> <p><b>A hot breakfast is included for all Radisson overnight guests.</b></p> <p>Call the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center at <b>920-923-1440</b> for reservations. Ask for the <b>Delta Kappa Gamma Group</b>. The discounted block rate will be ensured until <b>April 6</b>. Room costs:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Single \$153.23 (\$135.00 + 13.5% tax)                  Double \$153.23 (\$135.00 + 13.5% tax)</p> <p><b>No meal orders accepted after April 15.</b> Cancellations must be in writing to Mary Kenne (contact information at the left) by April 15. <b>Only registration fee is reimbursable.</b> Registration forms are also available on the website.</p> <p>Printable form: <a href="https://dkgws0.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/6/108636119/2022convreg.pdf">https://dkgws0.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/6/108636119/2022convreg.pdf</a>                  Fillable form: <a href="https://dkgws0.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/6/108636119/2022convregfillable.pdf">https://dkgws0.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/6/108636119/2022convregfillable.pdf</a></p> <p>Do you plan to stay at the hotel: Friday night _____ Saturday night _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>We will follow CDC and facility safety guidelines.</b></p>
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**Donell Bonetti**

## **Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition**

**Established 1985**

**Brenda Rank**



Please **change the date** in your calendar for the **state judging**, which is now scheduled for **Saturday, April 2, 2022**, at Heritage Elementary in De Pere at 9:30 am. If you are interested in judging the state entries, please email Donell or Brenda at the state email listed below by March 1. Sorry for any inconvenience.

As a reminder, each chapter may submit up to 10 entries by Saturday, March 12. Additionally, chapters may also submit up to three Bilingual Spanish books, one for each grade range 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. In other words, a chapter could send 13 books in total. It is recommended that chapters should consider sending the very best books for state judging. Click [here](#) for the Chapter Entry Form.

Mail entries to:

Heritage Elementary School  
% Donell Bonetti  
1250 Swan Road  
De Pere, WI 54115



The Goals for the 2021-22 Literary Competition Committee are:

1. To honor the first-place state writers by encouraging families to attend the luncheon at the State Conference meeting in Fond du Lac and have those authors share their books. To honor second- and third-place state writers by inviting them to view the book display and attend the reading share session of the first-place winners.
2. To encourage all Wisconsin chapters to enter their local students' writing entries and have a local celebration for their winners.
3. To encourage chapters to promote the Bilingual Spanish category by sharing contest information with middle and high school Spanish teachers, bilingual schools, and gifted and talented programs.
4. To explore ways that WSO, Sigma State Foundation, local chapters, and/or parents can publish winning entries.

If you have any questions, please use the State Literary email at [wsolitcomp@gmail.com](mailto:wsolitcomp@gmail.com). If you would like to contact Donell directly, her email is [dbonetti@depere.k12.wi.us](mailto:dbonetti@depere.k12.wi.us), and Brenda's is [brenrank@hssdschools.org](mailto:brenrank@hssdschools.org).

## **WSO Needs You**



### ***Interested in Becoming the State Treasurer?***

- ◆ Are you detail-oriented?
- ◆ Do you know QuickBooks or are willing to learn?
- ◆ Are you good with numbers?
- ◆ Would you like to serve WSO?

Contact Sandra Ruesink ([sigmatreas15@gmail.com](mailto:sigmatreas15@gmail.com)) for more information and to express your interest.

### ***How about State Parliamentarian?***

- ◆ Training is available
- What has WSO done for you?  
This is your opportunity to give back.

Contact Stephanie Malaney ([dkgws021@gmail.com](mailto:dkgws021@gmail.com)) for more information and to express your interest

## Key Women Educators

### *Alpha Eta's Alice Sturzl – A Woman of Interest* by Mary Dettmering



Alice Sturzl has been a member of Alpha Eta chapter since 2010. She was president of the chapter from 2014 to 2016 and treasurer since. She has always been active in the Wisconsin library community, and in November, the Wisconsin Library Heritage Center announced the names of the 2021 Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame inductees. Alice was inducted into the Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame at the Awards and Honors Ceremony held during the Wisconsin Library Association's Annual Conference at the KI Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The bio read, "Alice has lived many kinds of lives within the Wisconsin library community, devoting her time and talents to library service and leadership as a school librarian, a library trustee, and active member of numerous professional organizations, and a dedicated public servant" per the *Pioneer Express – Serving the Headwaters Region of Northeast Wisconsin*.

Alice has nearly 50 years of professional experience in librarianship and teaching, where she received her education and library science degree from Wisconsin State University (Oshkosh) in 1971. She was employed for nearly four decades as Library Media Specialist for the Laona School District. She officially retired in 2011 yet continued to serve as a substitute librarian at the Edith Evans Community Library that is co-located with school library services inside the Laona High School. The successful joint operation depends upon the collegial coexistence of the two librarians, along with their ability to bridge political relationships, policies, and budgeting between the school and library boards. Alice not only mastered this challenging environment, but its unique perspective also informed her prodigious contributions to both school and public library advancement on a county, regional, and statewide level. She was elected WLA President in 1997 and provided leadership to the school and trustee divisions as well as the WLA Foundation committees. In 2005 she was honored with the WLA Special Services Award; in 2007, the WLA/DEMCO Librarian of the Year; and in 2015, the WLA Trustee of the year.

Outside of her professional endeavors, she loves to read but is also an avid bowler, having been inducted into the Wabeno's Bowling Association Hall of Fame and the Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. She can also be found in *Who Who's Among Teachers, America, American Education, World, and American Women*.

Reflecting on her illustrious career and the many health struggles lately, she certainly carries out the seven purposes Delta Kappa Gamma Society promotes. Thank you, Alice, for your unceasing guidance and inspiration to the Alpha Eta Chapter!

***Save the Date: May 7, 2022***

***Let's T.A.L.K – DKG  
(Teamwork, Action, Leadership, Knowledge)***

***DKG - WSO Leadership Conference  
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center  
Fond du Lac***

This is a one-day conference to:

- Take care of Society business
- Renew friendships
- Experience professional growth with keynote speakers and breakout sessions
- Meet our young authors
- Celebrate our Sisters who have passed





## *Tech Tips*

### *Major Changes Coming that Will Affect Microsoft Users*

by Barb Cody



Microsoft has come out with Windows 11. This is confusing because Microsoft promised only to use Windows 10 with upgrades. Unfortunately, some needed internal changes could not be done with upgrades.

These choices are available for Windows users:

- You can continue to use Windows 10. Microsoft has committed to providing updates to Windows 10 until October of 2025. If you are thinking of buying a new computer and still want Windows 10, you should hurry with your purchase. Soon all new computers running a Microsoft operating system will have Windows 11.
- You can upgrade to Windows 11. Microsoft claims any computer running Windows 10 should work just as well running Windows 11, but this may not be true with older computers. Also, if you upgrade to Windows 11 and don't like it, you have ten days to revert back to Windows 10. If you should get a notice from Microsoft to upgrade to Windows 11, and you are not ready to upgrade, you can decline the offer. If at any time you do want to upgrade to Windows 11, you can click the **Windows icon** in the lower-left corner of your computer, then click **Settings** (the gear just above the Power button), then click **Update and Security** and **Windows Update**. Follow the given instructions.
- You can buy a new computer with Windows 11 already installed. This eliminates any issues with compatibility that may occur when upgrading from Windows 10 to 11.
- You could abandon Microsoft Windows altogether and buy an Apple product, a Google Chromebook, or upgrade an old computer to Linux. Of course, these will require learning a new system, but you might find you will be much happier leaving Microsoft altogether.

Can you still use Windows 10 after October of 2025? Of course, you can, but Microsoft will not be doing more updates on Windows 10. So even though Windows 10 will still work the same way it always has, it won't be safe to use after its official retirement because none of the security issues that will inevitably be discovered after that date will receive updates from Microsoft.

While on this subject, if you are still running a Windows operating system older than Windows 10, be very careful. You are not getting any support from Microsoft, and these older versions could have security issues. Be sure to keep your virus protection up to date. Disconnect from the internet as much as possible. Also, you cannot directly upgrade to Windows 11. You need to upgrade to Windows 10 first, then upgrade to Windows 11. I don't advise doing this because your computer probably does not meet the requirements to run Windows 11.

In conclusion, don't feel you need to decide right away when it comes to converting to Windows 11. Instead, take your time, do some research, and let Microsoft work out some of the issues with Windows 11 first.

In the next issue, I will discuss the changes to Windows 11, and how to make changes to some of the new features you may not like.

### *From the Editor . . .*

A big thank you to all of you for your patience as I work out a better way to deliver your state newsletter to you. Many of you are not receiving your email from me with a link to the newsletter. Some of you have found my emails in your Spam, Junk Mail, and Promotions. For others, specifically those with a CenturyTel email address, their email bounces back to me, and I must then send each one individually. I believe the problem is because I send out so many emails.

Starting with this edition, I have asked the chapter presidents to email their members with the link to the newsletter. Thank you, chapter presidents, for getting back to me so quickly and saying you will be glad to do this. Aren't DKG Sisters the best? I felt we had to do something for this edition as it contains the information you need for our WSO Leadership Conference on May 7 in Fond du Lac. I know many of you have been waiting for an opportunity to finally get together again in person.

I will continue to send out the print copies to those who have requested it. At any time, if you would like to give the electronic copy a try, just let me know. I'll switch you over. If you find you don't like it, I will be happy to switch you back to a print copy.

If anyone continues to have problems receiving the email with the link to the newsletter, please let me know. We'll have to go to Plan B. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the State Conference.

*Sharon Storms*

## ***Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You***

### ***Action Grant Committee***

***by Bobbi Momchilovich, Chair***

The Wisconsin State Organization Action Grant Committee would like to thank the seven chapters that submitted Action Grant applications by the December 1, 2021, deadline. Six of the Action Grant Applications were submitted digitally, and one was mailed. These chapters are to be congratulated for planning forward-thinking projects emphasizing literacy. The WSO Action Grant Committee will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, to award this year's Action Grants. A total of \$6,728 was requested in the seven Action Grant Applications. Funding available to the Action Grant Committee for awards is \$4,300 (\$2,500 from WSO and \$1,800 from Sigma State Foundation). The Action Grant Committee would like all chapters who receive an Action Grant to know they will be notified in early February of their award. To receive the grant award, chapters must submit an Action Grant Project Expense Voucher after July 1, 2022, but before May 1, 2023, along with the Action Grant Self-Evaluation Form. Chapters receiving grants are also required to submit a short summary of their project for the WSO Newsletter during 2022-2023 and create a visual display of the project that could be displayed to WSO members at the state convention. The Action Grant Application and all forms are available on the WSO website ([dkgwso.weebly.com](http://dkgwso.weebly.com)). Any member having questions or comments regarding the Action Grant process is encouraged to contact an Action Grant Committee Member.

The Wisconsin State Organization Action Grant Committee contact information is below:

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### ***Educational Excellence Committee***

***by Chris Shewczyk, Chair***

#### **A Reason to Celebrate**

Celebrations bring people together to share the joy of something good. It is a great way to reward ourselves and others for a job well done. We look forward to celebrating graduations, marriages, friendships, birthdays, anniversaries, any accomplishment that makes us feel happy and want to share it with others.

Our organization has a rich history, established by women who confidently took the lead in creating something that never existed before. Our founders confidently spoke DKG into reality in a time when it was illegal for women to form associations. I think about the confidence that it must have taken our founders to commit to a larger vision than the simple story told about women during that time in history. Our founders lived a vision that has grown to positively impact the lives of thousands of women and communities today.

Birthdays are an anniversary of a beginning, like the birth of a grandchild or, in our case, the beginning of a unique organization. WSO chapter birthdays mark the beginning of a new year for members. Every year we strive for something better and work to accomplish new goals.

Mary Kenne reported, "Zeta's 80th-anniversary celebration in Green Bay was a lovely experience. The chapter welcomed four former state presidents, Marlene Verkuilen, Bev Mantey-VanCronkhite, Susan Grosse, and the chapter's own Marilyn Lambert. One of the most poignant memories was the meeting of the members present, which is a living legacy of the chapter, with memberships of more than 40 to 60 plus years. Reflecting on this, I can only believe that anyone staying with an organization for decades has found something very valuable in association with DKG."

Last month, Chi chapter celebrated its 61<sup>st</sup> birthday with a grand party. Members got all dolled up, gathered with sisters in the chapter, and invited friends from other chapters to share in the festivities. They had a special Italian lunch, topped it off with scrumptious cake, and sang Happy Birthday. In addition, they invited a very special guest speaker who celebrated the wonderful lives of several famous female TV stars of days gone by.

As an organization, we annually come together to celebrate and honor the unique personality and achievements of our sisters who have passed. We share the life they lived in a personal, joyful way at a Celebration of Life service in spring every year.

## Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You (continued)

### Membership Committee

#### Membership Minute

by Roberta Gale, Chair

Holidays can bring so many emotions to our thinking. For some, a special day that others celebrate represents a loss and is not a pleasant time for them. My grandmother died on Christmas before I was born. Perhaps that experience affected how my dad celebrated the holidays when I was a child. For some people in Kentucky, their Christmas was destroyed this year when tornadoes ripped through their state on December 10, 2021.

I reached out to the Kentucky 1<sup>st</sup> vice president and learned that there are NINE chapters that have members who were affected by the tragedy. She sent me the email addresses of the chapter presidents or vice presidents of Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Iota, Alpha Zeta, Chi, Delta, Gamma, Omega, and Rho. I want to propose that each chapter find a way to send a message of support to our sisters in Kentucky. In honor of privacy concerns, please let me know if you want to support a chapter in some way, and I will supply you with the contact information. Your support could be financial or words of support and encouragement.

One of the benefits of membership in DKG is the Emergency Fund, and members can apply for a \$500 gift from DKG to help defray the cost of floods, tornadoes, and other disasters. I believe our sisters in Kentucky will benefit from their membership in DKG if they apply for financial support. Feel free to offer support in any way that you think would be supportive to sisters who experienced loss.

*Precept: Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. Dr. Seuss*

## Wisconsin State Organization Chapter News



**LAMBDA—Richland Center** enjoyed a scaled-back Christmas Party this year with members sharing Christmas memories and games. We decided to decorate a tree for Richland Center's Rotary Lights in the Park. Lambda elves Jean Birkett, Rachel Schultz, Sue Tatar, Judy Barnicle, Rachel Corey, and Marie Waldsmith take a break from decorating for a group picture.



**ALPHA OMEGA—La Crosse** had three past members attend our December 13<sup>th</sup> Teacher Scholarship Fundraiser meeting. Each member shared a special DKG memory. We raised almost \$600 for our teacher scholarship that will be given out this spring. Everyone had a fun time opening a white elephant gift. Our February meeting will be featuring Jonah Larson the crochet prodigy. He has been seen on the *Today Show* and *Drew Barrymore*. It will be exciting to learn his story. Our fundraiser will be for his Roots Ethiopia which is a charitable organization that helps kids and families in rural Ethiopia where Jonah himself was born.



Three past members: Marian Michelson, Barb Albrechtson (president), Margaret Wood and Kris Fry.



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## Watch Your Language

by Kay Ziegahn



You may have vague memories of parsing sentences in school. But what do you remember...? **In grammar, the subject** is the noun or pronoun in a sentence or clause **responsible** for the verb action.

A **direct object** is the noun or pronoun which receives the verb action, or is affected by it. An **object** may also be governed by a **preposition but then it is an indirect object** because the action goes via the preposition and not straight from the verb .

So how is this a problem for speech? It really is only a problem when **an incorrect pronoun** is used. Some pronoun forms never change, such as “you”, “it”, “one”, “that”, those”, “these”, “which”, or “what”, so no problems there.

**Note:** the last six of the above can function as adjectives too. However, all the other personal pronouns have **different case forms:**

**Subject, or Nominative case:** I he she we they who

**Object, or Objective case:** me him her us them whom

**So which is correct? A:** “Just between you and **me**” or **B:** “Just between you and **I**”

**A:** “We went home with **her**.” or **B:** “She called **he** and his friend nasty.”

Of course, in **both above** choices, **only** the “**A**” examples are **correct**.

Whereas, **in the following, both are correct**, although in modern English we are often more forgiving when “who” is also used as an object, especially in conversation: “**Whom** did you see?” “**Who** is coming?”