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August	
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September	
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Our 2022 Leadership Conference is over. It was great to see those who were able to attend. A huge thank you to the Leadership Team who developed the program. Thank you to our presenters. Sigma State Foundation deserves a thank you for its fundraising efforts. And finally, a thank you to all who brought display boards and other items documenting the wonderful work of WSO.

Thank you to everyone who returned a feedback form. We had over 50 percent returned. The feedback suggestions and comments will be helpful in future planning. The general feedback from members was:

1. Came primarily to meet with friends and programming second.
2. Experienced good programming and speakers.
3. Preferred a 1-day conference commenting they would come on Friday for time to socialize.
4. Undecided on a central location with an equal split between yes, no, and maybe.

Members I talked to were excited to share innovative ideas and information with their chapters. I hope the energy felt at the conference will spark new projects and programs in your chapters. So, please continue the theme *Let's T.A.L.K DKG* within your chapters.

2023 WSO Convention Update

The 2023 WSO Convention will be Saturday, May 6, 2023. Location: Ingleside Hotel and Waterpark, 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, WI 53072. Our WSO Convention program has three strands: reading and writing, diversity, and educational issues.

Currently, committee members are asking members to assist with the educational issues strand either through a presentation or serving on a panel. Topics the committee is considering are mentoring and supporting new teachers, teacher retention, and classroom teachers' challenges. This is just a beginning list, and other ideas are welcome. Send ideas or your interest in participating to Julie Trafton at artteacher1990@gmail.com.

Sigma State Foundation reminds members the raffle baskets are returning.

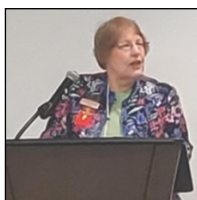
Stephanie Malaney
WSO President



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

2022 WSO Leadership Conference

On May 7, 2022, the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac was the place to be for 81 WSO members. After two years of virtual meetings, it was determined we could finally safely meet for the 2022 WSO Leadership Conference. Excitement was in the air as we met old friends and made new friends.



Stephanie Malaney

The Conference began at 8:50 a.m. as President Stephanie Malaney welcomed us to the first WSO Leadership Conference. International Second Vice President June Bowers updated us on International news. She reminded us that our dues support women through grants and donations and encouraged us to donate. To let go of what isn't working, International Headquarters is moving to a new building, "The Annie B." Asbestos, upkeep costs, and technology issues were driving forces in the decision to move. Finally, June discussed voting and the proposed amendments for the International Convention in New Orleans on July 12-16. Members attending the Convention are encouraged to get feedback from members to help with voting decisions. This link gives voting information and a list of the proposed amendments: https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/2022_proposed_amendments.aspx.



June Bowers

Seven of the first-place state Nettesheim Literary Competition authors read their books to an enthusiastic audience. We enjoyed Co-Chair Donell Bonetti's interview with each young author upon completion of their reading, learning where the ideas for their stories came from and information about the author.



Donell Bonetti

State Treasurer Sandra Ruesink lead a training session for chapter treasurers. Sandra reviewed the process of submitting dues and answered questions from the audience.



Sandra Ruesink

While Sandra worked with chapter treasurers, Barb Cody, Chris Shewczyk, Johanna Dvorak, Roberta Gale, and June Bowers led a training session for state leaders. They gave an overview of the work of the Communications and Marketing Committee, Educational Excellence Committee, Leadership Committee, and Membership Committee. Roberta spoke of the diversity within the chapters. She showed participants where to find forms and chapter tools, including the Membership Plan, on the International website. She explained how Delta Force keeps in touch with members through the very useful Monday Membership Minute. Johanna Dvorak talked about the qualities of a good leader and showed participants where to find leadership material on the State and International websites. Chris Shewczyk explained the role of the State EEC Committee as well as the focus area and goals. Barb Cody explained the role of the Communications and Marketing Committee and showed participants where they could find videos and PowerPoint Presentations, Social Media Information, templates, DKG blog, publications, and marketing tools on the State and International websites. Participants earned colored paper clips to make necklaces by answering questions about their own and their chapter's participation in the activities of these committees.



Barb Cody, Roberta Gale, Chris Shewczyk, Johanna Dvorak, June Bowers

The luncheon gave us time to visit and relax. Marilyn Lambert, the recipient of the Missling Achievement Award, was honored. We also had the opportunity to recognize and thank Past President Mary Kenne for how she successfully maneuvered through her presidency in spite of the unprecedented challenges due to Covid.



Marilyn Lambert, Mary Kenne

Keynote Speaker Teri Cox came to us as a DKG member from Arkansas. She shared that effective leaders lead with quality communication. It's both what we say and how we say it that makes our message effective. We must pay attention to both the spoken and unspoken messages. There are many means of communication (face-to-face, email, telephone, text, social media), and which we choose must meet the needs and preferences of the recipient. Teri also spoke about unproductive listening patterns. Her presentation was well-received by the audience.



Teri Cox

Chris Shewczyk and Heather Thomas-Flores lead a *Marketing Your Chapter the Easy Way* session. They recommended chapters use our 7 Purposes as a means of recruitment. When we look at potential members, we need to look beyond classroom teachers. Many women teach in their chosen careers and would make excellent members. We need to do what is necessary to keep our remarkable, long-term members. When looking toward recruiting new members, focus on who we are trying to recruit and what would draw that particular group of women in.

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2022 WSO Leadership Conference (continued)



Megan Schliesman

Librarian Megan Schliesman's topic, *It's a Matter of Choice: Books for Everyone, Not Every Book for Everyone*, told us that intellectual freedom is the greatest asset of our freedom. Library collections should reflect the diversity of the community they serve. More books reflecting diverse lives and identities are being published, so we are seeing more of these books in our local schools and public libraries. Individuals may challenge books in these libraries, but those in authority actually ban books.

The meaningful Celebration of Life by Roberta Gale and Barb Albrechtson honored 11 of our DKG Sisters who passed away in the last year.

We left the Conference energized with ideas gathered from the breakout sessions and discussions with other members and are looking forward to the 2023 WSO Convention on May 6 in Pewaukee.

2022 Missling Achievement Award Recipient Marilyn Lambert



The Lorraine Missling Wisconsin State Organization Achievement Award aims to recognize and honor a member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to the Wisconsin State Organization and has promoted the seven purposes and policies of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. So, it should come as no surprise that Marilyn Lambert is the 2022 Recipient of this award. She has provided decades of dedication and compassion to Delta Kappa Gamma at the chapter, state, and International levels. Initiated into Zeta chapter in 1987, Marilyn Lambert has been a devoted member and leader of Zeta chapter for 35 years. She has chaired and actively participated in numerous chapter committees, including serving as historian, parliamentarian, and chapter president. As historian, Marilyn's current Zeta project is to maintain and unify the many boxes of historical information.

Marilyn has held many leadership roles at the state level, including serving on the Convention Planning Committee, Membership Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and the Sigma State Foundation. In addition, Marilyn held the office of State President from 2015 to 2017.

At the Regional and International levels, she attended the Northwest Regional Conference numerous times, including facilitating the "Emergency Fund Appeal" in 2017. In addition, she has been a member of the DKG International Executive Board and has attended several International Conventions.

Marilyn began her teaching career with a teaching certificate and went on to earn both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Elementary Education. She started teaching Grades 6-8 in Shiocton and continued teaching Grade 6 in the Green Bay School District, being a teacher and team leader for Grades 4-6. She was also an Open Concept and House Teacher and House Leader for Grade 6 in Green Bay. For many years, Marilyn was the Green Bay District Co-Director of musical productions, including talent shows and 6th grade musicals. In addition, she was the Coordinator of 6th grade Career Day and hosted "Lunch With" for students wanting extra help.

Marilyn was a founder and a very involved member of her church in the community. She was a leader of the Children's Ministry and provided Bible Study, Prayer Support, and Hospice Support. She was Uber before Uber existed as she provided transportation so members could attend church services and activities.

She shares her country home that she built with her late husband with her sassy canine companion "Muffin." In addition to her beautiful flower beds, she enjoys an assortment of birds, deer, and other wildlife that she feeds. One squirrel even comes to the window to visit/irritate Muffin.

Family is important to Marilyn, and in case you didn't know it, her family nickname is "The General." If you want something done well, include "The General" on your team. Marilyn is truly a special lady and friend who always wears a smile. As a consummate educator and leader, Marilyn Lambert exhibits the traits of a Key Woman Educator and Missling Achievement Award Recipient.



Donell Bonetti

Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition

Established 1984

Brenda Rank



DKG State Literary Competition ~ 2022

This all began 38 years ago, in 1984, with Mary Jo Nettesheim initiating the writing competition for grades 3, 5, and 7. The goal was to raise awareness of Wisconsin's DKG organization. She was an enthusiastic 6th-grade teacher who probably did not know the impact that she was creating. This year:

- Over 500 students in the state participated by entering their books to a local chapter.
- There were over 100 chapter members involved.
- There were 93 books submitted to the state-level competition from 17 out of 25 chapters in Wisconsin.
- On April 2, fifteen DKG members from several chapters throughout Wisconsin came together to judge the submissions.
- Forty-three students received a state-level award for their work and were honored at the May 7 WSO Conference.

There are so many people to thank for making Mary Jo's dream continue to happen. Whatever part you may have played in influencing the literary work of Wisconsin's students, it was important, impactful, and influential. Thank you!



DKG members from several chapters throughout Wisconsin came together to judge the submissions.

Highlights from the Award Ceremony on May 7

DKG members and First-Place Literary Award recipients gathered at the WSO Conference in Fond du Lac. All of the award-winning books were on display. The first-place winners and their families were congratulated during a presentation by Literary Co-Chairs Donell Bonetti and Brenda Rank. Students also had the opportunity to share their winning writing with families and DKG members. [Please enjoy a few highlights from our Literary Competition.](#)

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Wisconsin State News Deadlines

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

Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition (continued)

Longtime Supporter of the State Literary Competition ~ Pat Premo

On a cloudy and dreary Saturday morning on April 2, Pat Premo strolled to the new venue of Heritage Elementary School in De Pere to judge yet another state-level literary competition for Wisconsin's DKG. This had been quite a change, as she had driven to the state judging for almost three decades to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Because the Zeta chapter took over the organization of the state competition for the 2021-22 school year, Pat has witnessed four "generations" of state-level organizers.

She recalls that the competition initially only involved writing. However, in 1990, an arts and education professor from UW-Whitewater, Ernella Hunziker, initiated the addition of the illustrator portion of the competition. Interestingly enough, Ernella taught Pat's mom, Mary Jane Premo, in a summer school class. Mary Jane, who was also a teacher, was picking up some continuing education credits at UW-Whitewater. Ernella told Pat that she recalled Mary Jane writing about Eskimos! Another interesting fact about Ernella is that she initiated a travel scholarship for DKG members who want to travel abroad for professional development. This money is still available today!



Continuing with Pat Premo's connection to the State Literary Competition, she started her state judging tenure with Pat Ertmann around 1994. At that time, she had been a member of the Tau chapter for three years. That chapter, however, dissolved in 2006. Because Pat loved DKG so much, she joined the Chi chapter. Pat's mom, Mary Jane, was a charter member of the Alpha Xi chapter of Dodge County. Pat recalls attending DKG meetings twice a month—once for her chapter and once for her mom's chapter, as she took Mary Jane to chapter meetings when she could no longer drive!

In 1995, Mary Speerstra from Alpha Kappa in Whitehall organized the state-level competition until 2003. Pat recalls Mary's entire family traveling for the weekend, judging...not one weekend but two weekends. The six state-level judges met on the first weekend to select the literary winners and on the second weekend to choose the top illustrators! The judging took place in Beaver Dam, as that area was a central location for all of the judges.

For the next four years, from 2003 to 2007, Catherine Mach took over the State Competition duties. At that time, Pat's mom attended the judging with her. The judging was consolidated into one weekend, as the literary portion was assessed in the morning, and the illustrator piece was selected in the afternoon. Again, Beaver Dam was the location.

For fourteen years, from 2007 to 2021, Pat Brabazon and Judy Snyder lead the charge in organizing the State Competition. Pat Premo and Mary Jane continued to judge together. Pat can recall driving home with her mom and comparing notes as they talked about various students' work that impressed them. Still, Beaver Dam was the judging venue.

Because of Pat's love for books and students, she continues to adore the Literary Competition and the judging. After all, she was a school librarian over her 39-year career. Cedar Grove-Belgium School District was lucky to have her for this whole time! She initially was hired as a high school librarian but then became a K-12 librarian. She can remember walking a block or two outside with a cart of books as she moved libraries from one building to the next.

As Pat now participates in a new generation of State Competition leaders, the Zeta chapter, she is excited to see the students at the Conference and even more thrilled to see that students continue to have the drive to write and create. DKG is beyond fortunate to have such a dedicated member of our organization!

Pi Chapter Celebrates Amanda Billerbeck



Amanda Billerbeck was honored at the 2022 WSO Conference in Fond du Lac, on May 7, 2022, for entering the Mary Jo Nettesheim Memorial Literary Competition from the time she was in the third grade until this year as a senior in high school. Ten years, that's a long time! Julie Trafton and her fellow Racine Pi chapter members feel she has become part of their family. They have seen her grow up and have seen her talent for writing and illustrating get better and better every year. She had her ten years of books on display at the Conference, and Julie created a timeline of photos to go along with her books.

When Amanda first entered the competition in third grade and won, she was so excited to be at the Racine Pi Chapter's Recognition Ceremony that her energy was bubbling up all over the room! Julie said that I wished I could bottle it. So, when Julie got a package from her, she was very excited to see that Amanda had sent her a bottle of her Energy! This energy and enthusiasm have continued through the years as she has written and illustrated her books.

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Pi Chapter Celebrates Amanda Billerbeck (continued)

At the WSO State Conference, Julie, representing the Racine Pi chapter and the Wisconsin State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma, gave Amanda a unique floating charm necklace. The charms depict the main characters in her stories and relate to her awards for illustrating her books. This memento will help her remember her efforts and the awards she has won throughout the ten years. Since she will be going off to college, Pi chapter wanted to give her something she could easily take with her to remind her of these accomplishments and DKG and the Mary Jo Nettesheim Memorial Literary Competition. Pat Brabazon and Judy Snyder, State Literary Competition chairpersons throughout the time that Amanda entered in third grade until 2021, gave her a unique clock. Her character Debbity Doodah is on the front, along with an engraved message for Amanda. Pat and Judy mentioned that Amanda and her parents traveled to the 2013 DKG State Convention, which gave them the idea to invite the first-place winners to the conventions/conferences to share their books and to receive their awards. Before this, the books and awards were just displayed for DKG members to see, and maybe the winners stopped by to see the displays.

Amanda, her mom Mary, Pat, Judy, and the Racine Pi chapter members attended Pi Chapter's Annual Literary Competition Ceremony. Some of the members had special shirts with Amanda's Debbity Doodah character on them with a special message—"Case Closed! Congratulations to Amanda for ten years of competing and winning in the DKG Literary Competition!" She was very excited to see that! The celebration included a pizza and a cake with a message for Amanda.

Amanda read her book to the attendees, and she received a special charm bracelet with charms of her characters and a rose to remember DKG. But that wasn't everything – Racine Pi chapter voted to make her a Lifetime Ambassador of Racine Pi chapter. But that still isn't everything – they gave her a \$1,000 scholarship to go towards her tuition when she attends UW-Stout, majoring in Graphic Design. She and her mom were totally surprised and very excited to receive the scholarship, and for just a bit, Amanda was speechless, which is very rare!



Amanda, Amanda's mom Mary, Pat Brabazon, Judy Snyder, Pi Members



Amanda's books and Debbity Doodah characters



Judy Snyder, Amanda Billerbeck,
Pat Brabazon

**Happy Birthday to Sigma State Past President
(1979-1981) Deloris Britt, who turns 97 on June 3.
Theta chapter will be celebrating her birthday on
June 1.**



Conference Pictures



Chi Chapter

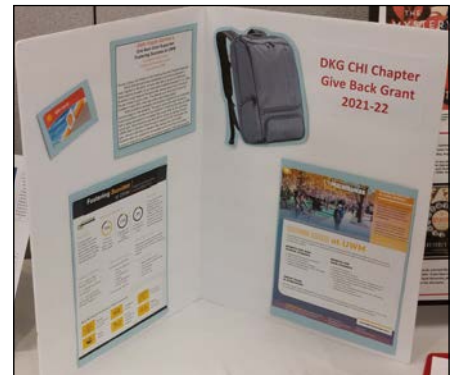
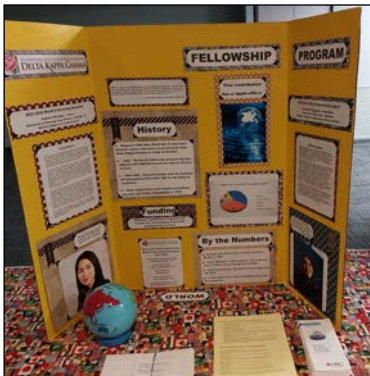
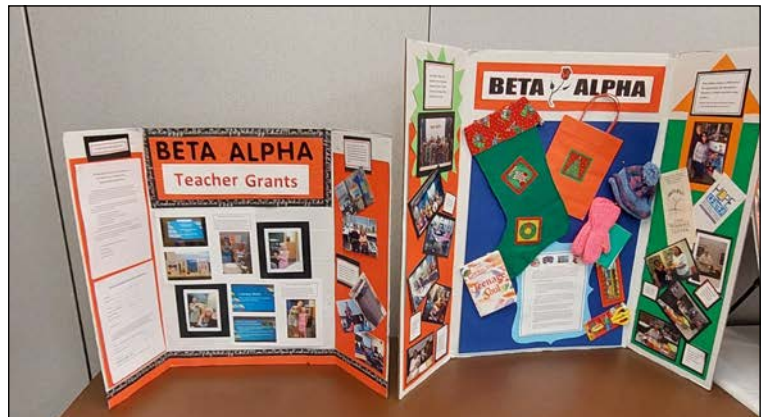
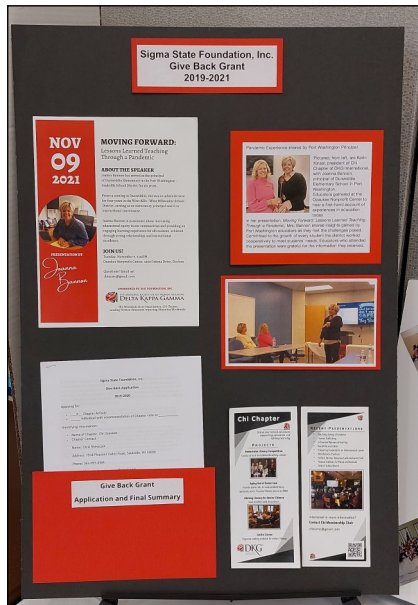
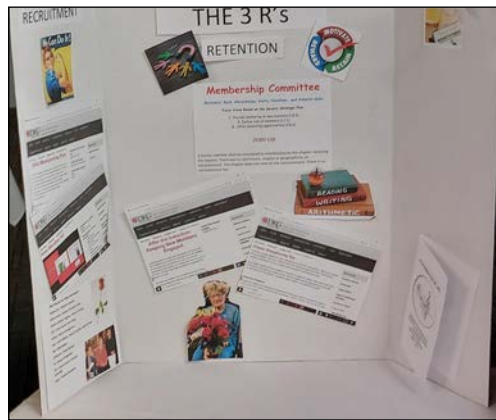
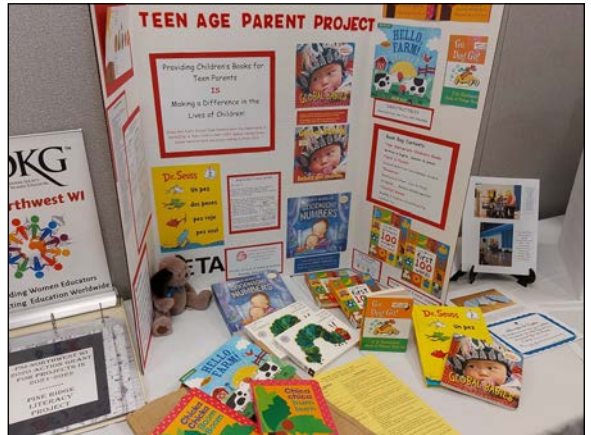
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Back Row LR-Vonna Pitel, Pat Premo, Beverly Hess, Mary Metz, Margaret Bussone, Chris Shewczyk



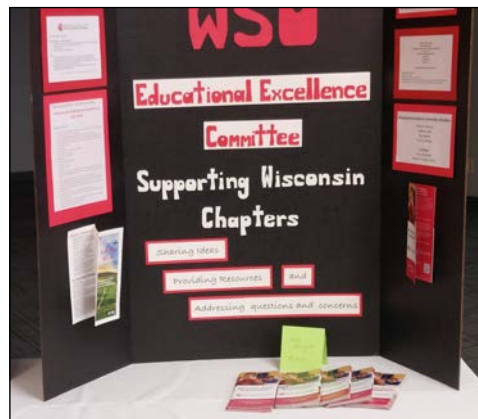
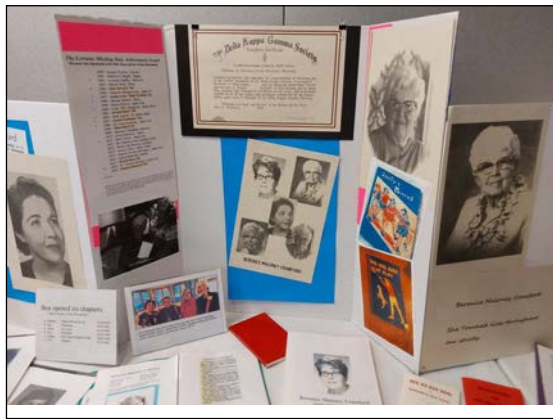
Lambda Chapter

Front Row LR-Kay Ziegahn, Wava Haney, Rachel Schultz, Judy Barnicle. Back Row LR-Rachel Corey Sue Tatar, Sharon Storms

Conference Pictures



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Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You

Action Grant Committee

by Bobbi Momchilovich, Chair

The Action Grant Committee met on January 26, 2022, to award Action Grants for Projects in 2022-2023.

The Action Grant Committee received **eight** Action Grant Applications for projects to be completed in 2022-23. The total amount requested was **\$7378**. The funds awarded to the committee were \$2500 from WSO and \$1800 from the Foundation, for a total of \$4300. We awarded **\$5300** in grants using additional money from our reserve funds. Priority was given to new and innovative grant proposals.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to award the full amount for all applications. Each chapter that applied for an Action Grant received some grant funds. This funding is intended as seed money for chapter projects. Chapters are encouraged to seek funding from other sources such as Delta Kappa Gamma International as well as local community sources to maintain support for their project. While chapters may apply successive years for ongoing funds for the same project, chapters are advised that new and innovative literacy projects with well-designed evaluation methods and projects directly enhancing membership will be given priority.

Chapters receiving grants must do the following:

1. Submit an "Action Grant Project Expense Voucher" with receipts and the "Action Grant Self-Evaluation Form."
2. Submit a short description of the Action Grant Project and the progress of the grant to date for one of the WSO newsletters.
3. Create a visual display of the project that could be displayed to WSO members when appropriate.

These chapters are to be congratulated for planning forward-thinking projects with an emphasis on literacy:

Alpha Xi-Beaver Dam	"Books for Babies"	\$200
Beta Alpha-Oconomowoc/Waukesha	"Launching Life-Long Literacy"	\$300
Chi-Ozaukee County	"Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County"	\$1100
Gamma-Steven's Point	"Paving the Way for Successful Resettlement: A Focus on Literacy"	\$800
Omicron-Fox Valley Cities	"Take 5 to Help Me Thrive"	\$500
Psi-Northwest WI	"Seasons of Literacy"	\$1500
Theta-La Crosse/Onalaska	"Leveled Books for Little Learners"	\$400
Zeta-Green Bay	TAPP (Teenage Parent Program) Literacy Project	\$500

Specific descriptions of these projects will appear in the WSO newsletters in 2022-2023, with the following schedule:

September Newsletter (deadline August 15, 2022):

Alpha Xi-Beaver Dam Chapter: "Books for Babies"

Chi-Ozaukee County Chapter: "Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County"

Gamma-Steven's Point Chapter: "Paving the Way for Successful Resettlement: A Focus on Literacy"

December Newsletter (deadline November 15, 2022):

Omicron-Fox Valley Cities Chapter: "Take Five to Help Me Thrive"

Psi-Northwest WI Chapter: "Seasons of Literacy"

February Newsletter (deadline January 15, 2023):

Theta-La Crosse/Onalaska Chapter: "Leveled Books for Little Learners"

Zeta-Green Bay/Manitowoc Chapter: "TAPP (Teenage Parent Program) Literacy Project"

Beta Alpha-Oconomowoc/Waukesha: "Launching Life-Long Literacy"

The Action Grant Committee will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, July 28, to review the Action Grant Application and the Rubric for Grant Evaluation.

There will also be an Action Grant Application Informational Meeting via Zoom in the fall, open to all members to answer any questions about the Action Grant Application Process or accept any comments or suggestions from members. Watch for information from your chapter president for more details.

The application and all forms needed to apply for and receive Action Grant funds are available on the WSO website (dkgwsowebly.com).

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Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You (continued)

The following are suggestions from chapters that have written successful grants in the past. These comments are part of the Action Grant Evaluation Form required by all chapters requesting funds after completing their grant project. Consider the following when planning your project:

- * Plan ahead and make sure you have a literacy focus.
- * Review the grant writing tips on the WSO website (dkgwsowebly.com) and look at past approved grants.
- * Making the completion of the Action Grant application a team effort, including chapter members and the grant recipient, is helpful.
- * Having the funds to use for project implementation is important for getting the receipts needed for grant money reimbursement.
- * Start discussing your grant at the very first meeting of the year, looking at the needs of your community in the area of literacy.
- * Don't be daunted about the application paperwork; have two people sit together to complete the application in under an hour or two. Remember, you are **teachers**, and your grant can make a difference in the lives of students in your area.
- * Plan for flexibility while still keeping the outcome of your grant in mind. Be ready to come up with options for completing your grant and reset your timeline and goals.
- * Promote the idea of the action grant project with the membership before writing the proposal.
- * Having a chapter member who is part of the project is helpful for communication with the recipient of the grant.
- * Choosing a project that members can work on throughout the year is a great way to keep members interested and active.

Any chapter having any questions or comments about the Action Grant process should contact a member of the Action Grant Committee.

The Action Grant Committee is looking forward to reading about the innovative literacy projects in this year's applications for projects in 2023-2024!

The due date for these projects is December 1, 2022.

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Educational Excellence Committee

by Chris Shewczyk, Chair

The Society's Vision, *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*, sets the stage for Focus Areas and Goals set by the International Educational Excellence Committee (EEC). State organizations support the effort, and chapter members accomplish the work of their choice. WSO EEC members set the goals to direct the work of chapter committees. Chapters plan programs, projects, and activities that meet members' needs and follow International Guidelines.

During the EEC session at the recent Leadership Conference, I heard members' strong desire to share successful programs held at WSO chapter meetings with other chapters in the state. As a result, I spoke with Chi chapter member, Christine Wolf. She has offered to share her work as Assistant Director of Global and International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). Christine is also a Ph.D. student in Leadership for the Advancement of Learning and Service at Cardinal Stritch University.

Christine Wolf is an inspiring speaker interested in sharing her partnership with the Ghanaian Library Authority in Accra with WSO chapters. After seeing the need to create more accessible pathways to overseas internships for the diverse student body at UWM, Christine and several colleagues proposed internship site development as part of a National Resource Center grant proposal to the US Department of Education. After receiving the grant in 2018, her first site development trip was to Ghana.

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Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You (continued)

There she met the head of the Ghanaian Library Authority, Hayford Siaw. That meeting has bloomed into a four-year conversation with plans to send students post-pandemic individually and in groups to serve the library system as it continues to grow and offer educational opportunities nationwide.

I know Christine would capture your interest when she shares her efforts in connecting UWM Global Studies students with the Library Authority in Ghana. If you have an interest in Christine sharing her work with your chapter, please contact me at chrisshewczyk@gmail.com



Christine Wolf speaking with a library employee about donations of books to the main branch of the library in Accra

Nominations Committee

by Mary Kenne, Chair

Nominations are open! Your input is vital as we identify nominees to serve on the 2023-2025 Wisconsin State Organization Leadership Team! Local chapters or individual members may submit nominations if the consent of the nominee is obtained. You may nominate yourself.

We will elect these state leaders at the 2023 WSO Convention: president, vice president, secretary, finance committee (3 members), and nominations committee (3 members). Ideally, the nominee for vice president would agree to serve as state president in the following biennium. Nominees should represent the geographic and demographic diversity of our state organization.

Information about the nomination process and the official nomination form are available in the *Wisconsin State Organization Nomination Guide for State Elected Leaders, Revised July 2020*. The guide is published and available for download on the state website (<https://dkgwso.weebly.com/nominations.html>).

The deadline to receive nominations is October 1, 2022. If you have questions, please contact a member of the 2021-2023 WSO Nominations Committee.

Stay well! We look forward to hearing from you!

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Rules Committee

The committee wants chapters to know that there will be changes at the DKG International Convention in July. These changes will impact our WSO Standing Rules and Bylaws and eventually your Chapter Rules.

Following the DKG Convention, the committee will make the required changes to the WSO Standing Rules and Bylaws. WSO committees, chapters, and individuals interested in making changes to our state documents have until October 1 to send amendment proposals to Bev Hess at beverlyanhess@gmail.com. The amendment proposal form can be found at <https://dkgwso.weebly.com/bylaws-and-standing-rules.html>.

Submitted amendment proposals will be compiled by the committee, published in the winter state newsletter, and voted on at the 2023 State Convention. Once the WSO Standing Rules and Bylaws are approved, chapters can review and revise their Chapter Rules for 2023-24.

The work of the WSO Standing Rules and Bylaws Committee is a big task needing more committee members. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Stephanie Malaney at dkgwso21@gmail.com.



News from Sigma State Foundation

For more information about Foundation business, contact
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enhance the future quality of education.**



It seems that Spring has finally arrived! Plenty of rain has "greened up" the grass, and buds are showing. We have experienced a kind of *Spring* during our May 7 Conference since it was the first in-person larger gathering of our Sigma State Foundation as well as the Wisconsin State Organization. The generosity of Wisconsin State Organization members in their support of the Foundation has been greatly appreciated by our Directors. The Basket Drawing and 50/50 Card Raffles have raised \$435, and the individual donations totaled \$795. Our Rose designations for individual donations are a wonderful way to recognize the generosity of the WSO members. The break-out sessions were appropriate, especially the one about marketing our chapters. The questions and suggestions from the attendees were almost as valuable as the ideas given by our presenters. Teri Cox was an extraordinary speaker as she laid out her knowledge about leadership, working as a team, and communicating. The Sigma State Foundation is fortunate to have a full slate of Directors for the coming year. However, we may be looking to invite *You* to become a part of our team in the future! Think about joining us to find out why we have such a good time giving away money to fund your great ideas!

Karoleen Glenzer
Sigma State Foundation President



2022 International Convention

July 12-16, 2022

In New Orleans

Save the date!

2023 WSO Convention

May 6, 2023

Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Save the date!

CREATIVE ARTS RETREAT Registration Form

Theme: "TV Shows: Oldies But Goodies"
October 7 - 9, 2022

Lone Tree Lodge
Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

Send registration form by September 1st with the
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To:
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Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ WI (zip) _____

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Fee: \$150 per person, which includes 3 meals and lodging for 2 nights (based on double or triple occupancy room)

Saturday only fee: \$35 for 2 meals, park fees and gratuities

Check One:

____ Vaccinated Attendees: 2 or 3 person room - Roommate Preference _____

____ Non Vaccinated Attendees: Roommate Preference _____
or Single Room (Extra Charge of \$89.00)

____ Single Room: (if available) Extra Charge of \$89.00

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____

I am willing to present a craft _____ Craft I might teach _____

Questions for the committee? Contact: Millie Buege at: milliebuege@gmail.com

Wisconsin State Organization Chapter News

NU—Clintonville Jenny Hangartner, Library Project Chair, reported this year's grant recipients during Nu chapter's April meeting held at the Clintonville High School Instructional Media Center. Redxord-Longfellow Elementary School Library in the Clintonville District and Bonduel High School Library each received a \$200 grant. Two different school libraries throughout Waupaca and Shawano counties receive the grant on a rotating basis each year.

Kathy Akey, Marge Wichmann, and Faith Webster attended and judged events during the Wisconsin Educators Rising Annual Summit held at UW Stevens Point on March 2. One hundred and forty students from 19 schools attended the summit. Among the many individual and team competitive events were public speaking, job interview, lesson plan and delivery, impromptu speaking, impromptu lesson, ethical dilemma, and many more. Thirteen students will represent Wisconsin during the national summit held in Washington, D.C.

Educators Rising Wisconsin is a network of students, teachers, and education leaders aiming to inform and inspire young people to pursue a career in education. Educators Rising Wisconsin allows students in grades 9-12 to explore careers in education, an important step in preparing quality teachers for tomorrow's schools. Phi Delta Kappa is the national sponsor, and WEAC is the state coordinator. Nu chapter donated \$250 along with a WSO \$250 grant to the summit.

During April's chapter meeting, Nu chapter members participated in a book discussion via Zoom with author Jim Guhl. Members read his book, *Eleven Miles to Oshkosh*.

OMICRON—Fox Valley Cities With the help of a Sigma State Foundation "Give Back" Grant, the Omicron chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International established the Dunlap Community School Basic Needs Fund as our 2022 community project.

A Community School is the result of the Appleton Public School District's desire to implement a more focused effort to connect school and community.

The project gives Omicron chapter women educators an opportunity to impact education and promote excellence by supporting basic student needs (clothing, school supplies, and food), which supports student academic achievement.

Three Omicron members presented the donation to Bill McClone, Principal, and Yeng Lee, Community Schools Coordinator at the Ronald Dunlap Elementary School.



Betsy Mueller, Dr. Nan Bunnow, Bill McClone, Yeng Lee, Toni Durben.



Front Row: Quinn Fauske, Cash Emerson, Aria Hodgett., Back Row: Carli Cress, Carter Fauske, Sydney Grant, Allaina Johnson

Psi-Northwest WI submitted seven books to the Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition and all seven authors were honored at our awards night program. Authors and their guests were given a short introduction to DKG and our mission and vision by Lori Petzel, Psi-Northwest WI President. Each author was interviewed by one of our members and then read an excerpt from their book. They were then presented with a medallion and gift certificate to Dairy Queen. The evening concluded with cake and snacks.

Our chapter is making plans to visit the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota this fall. We will be providing books and literacy activities for students at Crazy Horse Elementary. We will also be providing professional development for teachers. The pandemic has delayed our timeline, but we are hopeful that plans will come to fruition this fall.



Wisconsin State Organization Chapter News (continued)

ALPHA OMEGA—La Crosse hosted 14-year-old crochet prodigy, author, and dynamic speaker Jonah Larson at our February meeting. He started crocheting when he was just five years old, after finding a crochet hook in a craft box from his aunt. After watching a YouTube tutorial, Jonah crafted his first blue and white striped dishcloth in just an hour, which he still has. We were able to donate \$500 towards Jonah’s new project of building bathrooms for the school he would have attended in Ethiopia. The current bathroom serving over 2,000 children is pictured at the right.



At our April meeting we initiated our officers for 2022-2024 and inducted three new members plus reinstated one past member. This year, the sisters of Alpha Omega have collected donations at each meeting to support a community charity. In April, we were able to collect over \$400 for the La Crosse Public Education Random Acts of Kindness program. This has been a great 2021-2022 season in being able to get together face to face. New inductees Shirley Ruoff, Kathy Fuss and Cathy Fuchs are pictured at the left.

Watch Your Language

by Kay Ziegahn



When we learn a foreign language, we normally begin by using only the essential words needed to express our needs. When we are speaking our native tongue, that becomes embellished with various additions that express mood or flavor to suit the occasion and the company. The difference is often what makes it obvious that someone is or is not a native speaker. However, repeated overuse of such extras is annoying!

In 1993, my son spent a semester of his junior year in high school on our Sister School Exchange in Germany. On his return, after only hearing English spoken by Germans all that time, he was astounded when his friends spoke to him and he realized that during his absence, he had been free of the omnipresent use of “like” in American speech, which unfortunately, is still as bad today!

We hear it on TV, radio and anywhere young people have conversations:

“**I (he, or she) was like...**” (usually accompanied by some hand gestures)

If you’re searching for a description, substitute something like “**similar to ...**” or if you need a verb, it’s better to use: “**I (he, she) said...**”, or “**felt like saying...**”

Please, try to strike this superfluous “**like**” habit from your English inventory!

Red Roses of Welcome to Inductees

NU	Debra Rades	11/6/21
ALPHA OMEGA	Cathryn Fuchs*	4/21/22
	Kathy Fuss	4/21/22
	Pam Griffin	4/21/22
	Shirley Ruoff	4/21/22



*Reinstated

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

Our Teachers ~ Our Mentors

Our Sisters ~ Our Friends

Forever in Our Hearts

PHI	Ruth Burdick	4/23/22
ALPHA ETA	Linda Kunelius	2/26/22
BETA ALPHA	Mollie Lantz	1/4/22



Tech Tips

Windows 11 – Are You Ready?

By Barb Cody



In my previous article, I mentioned you wouldn't have to convert to Windows 11 right away. Microsoft will continue to support Windows 10 until the fall of 2023. My favorite blogger, Rick from *Rick's Tech Tips*, <https://www.ricksdailytips.com/daily-updates-newsletter/> says it is okay to convert to Windows 11. Microsoft has had time to fix many of the bugs when bringing out a new operating system. If you turn on your computer and you get a message asking you to upgrade to Windows 11, go ahead **IF** you are ready, but only if you are ready. Also, if you change your mind and want to go back to Windows 10, you can, but you have only ten days to roll back to Windows 10.

If you have converted to Windows 11 or plan to soon, here are some tips to help you make your experience more user friendly:

Move Centered Taskbar Back to the Left Corner

The Start button and the rest of the icons on the Taskbar, centered at the bottom of your screen, can easily be moved back to their original location in the lower-left corner. (The Taskbar is that dark strip at the bottom of the screen with all the icons showing.)

1. Right-click on a blank section of the taskbar and click **Taskbar settings**.
2. In the right-hand pane, scroll down and click **Taskbar behaviors**.
3. Change the **Taskbar alignment** to **Left**.

The Start button should now be back in the lower-left corner.

Hide the Taskbar

The taskbar can be hidden when not in use.

1. Right-click on the Taskbar and choose **Taskbar setting**.
2. Click **Taskbar behaviors**.
3. Check the box next to **Automatically hide the taskbar**.

When you need the taskbar, hover at the bottom of the screen, and it will appear. If you prefer to have the Taskbar back again, follow the steps above to uncheck the box next to **Automatically hide the taskbar**.

How to Show the Desktop in Windows 11

Press the **Windows+D** key combination to reveal the Desktop. Then press **Windows+D** again to return the screen back to its original state.

More tips for Windows 11 can be found on the WSO website under the Technology Resources Tab https://dkgwsowebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/6/108636119/windows_11_part_2.pdf.

Attention WSO Committee Chairs:

Sometimes time gets away from us, and items on the WSO website get outdated. I, as the Webmaster, depend on you to keep me informed and provide me with new material when your part of the website gets outdated. Would you please check the WSO website to see if your committee's page is up to date? Check the following:

- Do all the links work?
- Do any documents need updating?
- Can you fill in the forms?
- Use the Contact Form and email a note to yourself to see if you receive it.
- Is there anything you would like changed?

Please contact me when you have completed these questions, whether it needs any updating or not. Thank you for helping to keep our WSO website an excellent resource for our members.

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