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International Convention 2023: New Orleans



Chris Shewczyk, Kathy Clouthier, Roberta Gale, and Bev Mantey-VanCronkhite represented WSO at the International Convention.

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DKG International Convention held July 12-17 in the “Big Easy” provided many opportunities for both personal and professional growth. We met numerous strong, dedicated women from around the World. We worked with them, learned from them, and empowered each other.

Personal growth speaks for itself.

Congratulations to our own Bev Mantey-VanCronkhite as she assumes her new role as the Northwest Regional Director. What an honor to have this talented and creative woman representing Wisconsin at the international level.

Both keynote speakers shared personal experiences and provided food for thought about ways to deal with personal adversities. Courtney Clark’s message was that we need to embrace the “DETOUR” opportunities of life. The second keynote speaker, Ingvi Omarsson, offered new approaches for educators to become leaders in education. Innovations in classroom techniques change the educator's role to more of a facilitator rather than a presenter for student learning. One of his quotes was, “What is counted does not always count, and what counts is not always counted.”

The training sessions covered a multitude of areas that gave us ideas on how to assist employed educators in providing excellence in education and ways to overcome and deal with changes.

More detailed information from the convention will be posted on the WSO website. If you would like a paper copy, please call Roberta at 920.863.6848, and she will send you the information that we post at <https://dkgwso.weebly.com/>

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2022 International Convention (continued)

Let us take up the banner and continue to assist classroom teachers and students whenever and wherever we can. We need to live the mission and help provide excellence in education.

We encourage you to attend one of the 2023 International Conferences. There are three venues: Detroit, MI (July 11-16), Phoenix, AZ (July 18-22), or Tampere, Finland (July 26-29). Anyone can attend any of these conferences.



Sharing the DKG Mission, Doing It Together

Fall is on its way. According to the weather forecasters, we have passed the nights of the sun setting as late as 8:00 p.m., and the count down for the special days has begun for Labor Day, Fall, and Halloween. This also means chapters are busy planning programs and projects. I look forward to hearing about your plans.

WSO has important work to complete this year. We need to fill the slate of officers for 2023-25 and other state positions. The Rules Committee will be revising and updating this year. Their first meeting will be in October. The proposed changes form can be downloaded at <https://dkgwsoweebly.com/rules.html>.

Save the dates May 5-6, 2023. The 2023 Convention will be at The Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee. The Convention Committee has already begun its planning. May 6 is the one-day convention with time to socialize on May 5.

Members who attended the DKG International Convention in New Orleans came back energized with new ideas they are eager to share.

Roberta Gale is collecting for our Sisters affected by the flooding in Kentucky. She is suggesting sending \$1. Her address is: Roberta Gale, 588 Green Bay Rd., Denmark, WI 54208 (see page 8).

Have a great year DKG Sisters.

Stephanie Malaney
WSO President



Donell Bonetti

Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition

Established 1985

Brenda Rank



The Green Bay Zeta Chapter (Co-President Donell Bonetti and member Brenda Rank) will again chair the state competition for the second year. Donell is a gifted and talented teacher for three elementary schools in De Pere. Brenda is the gifted and talented coordinator for two schools in the Howard-Suamico School District.

Last year 17 chapters participated. We are excited to offer this opportunity for students throughout our state. To review the structure, chapters host a literary competition for students in grades 3-12. For the state competition, each chapter may submit **10** books written in English. Additionally, chapters may submit **3** Bilingual Spanish books, one for each grade range 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Therefore, a chapter could enter a maximum of 13 books in the state competition. The entries are due on or before March 11, 2023.

The 2023 student and chapter entry forms have been updated. All competition information/forms are posted on the WSO website. (<https://dkgwsoweebly.com>).

The email that has been established for the State Literary Competition is wsolitecomp@gmail.com. Please send your questions, suggestions, concerns, etc., to Donell or Brenda at this address. All chapter literary competition chairs are asked to submit their contact information (name, chapter, phone number, and email address) as well as their **chapter's literary contest due date** to the state email as soon as possible. If you would like to contact Donell directly, her email is dbonetti@depere.k12.wi.us and Brenda's is brenrank@hssdschools.org.

The state judging is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Heritage Elementary in De Pere at 9:30 a.m. This is a week earlier than in the past, which will allow more time to contact the winners and organize the award ceremony on May 6. If you are interested in judging the state entries, please email Donell or Brenda at the state email.

We are looking forward to another year of creative writing and illustrating displayed in the students' books.

Key Women Educators

Bev Mantey-VanCronkhite

2022-2024 DKG Northwest Regional Director



Many of you refer to her as “Madame Butterfly.” You may remember her appearance as “the horse” at the 2013 Regional Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Perhaps you close your eyes and see her duct taped to a wall at our 2009 State Convention. You might even call her “the cop.” Wherever she goes, expect the unexpected!

Bev began learning about leadership as a young girl playing softball with her brothers in the backyard. She quickly learned about accepting coaching, being a team player, playing defense, and throwing the ball hard and accurately! Ask her about the time she clocked a first base coach on the head making a throw from third base. She continued to play competitive softball through college and after! Those lessons formed the “*play good defense, be ready for anything, hit the ball out of the park, team player Bev*” we know today.

Bev has just assumed a new role! Wisconsin State Organization is **absolutely delighted** to announce that “our Bev” was elected to serve as 2022-2024 DKG Northwest Regional Director and member of the 2022-2024 DKG International Administrative Board! As always, we expect she will be a team player and “hit the ball out of the park!”

After graduating from UW-La Crosse with a B.A. in Physical Education and a minor in Health Education, Bev received an M.A in Health Education from the University of Northern Colorado and additional certifications as a Guidance Counselor and a Trauma Counselor from UW-Milwaukee. Beginning in 1968, she served her educational community in many capacities: physical education educator, health education educator, guidance counselor, curriculum specialist, crisis management plan author and trainer, college instructor, Odyssey of the Mind regional director, and Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) leadership trainer. In addition, she was a certified instructor of children-at-risk programs, including those related to drug abuse, physical and sexual abuse, and youth suicide.

During the same time, Bev also served as a part-time law enforcement officer! She has a thirty-year career working with diverse populations helping to maintain order, problem solve, and manage crisis situations.

Beverly Mantey-VanCronkhite was inducted as a Delta Chapter, DKG Wisconsin member in 1984. Her service to Delta Chapter, our state organization, and our International Society is varied and continuous. She was elected president of Delta Chapter in 1992, and the rest is history! Her service to Wisconsin State Organization began in 1999 as a member of the State Finance Committee. In the ensuing twenty-three years, Bev served on almost every state committee in preparation for her two terms as State Organization President (2007-2011). She is the recipient of the 2013 Lorraine Missling Sigma State Achievement Award.

Bev served as a Director on the Sigma State Foundation Board from 2009-2022. The majority of her work centered on the Foundation Program Committee, serving as a liaison to the WSO Mary Jo Nettesheim, Action Grant, and Leadership Development Committees. She served as 2013-2017 Foundation Board President and was instrumental in securing DKG funding for WSO pre-convention seminars on Cyberbullying with Dr. Justin Patchin (2014) and Human Trafficking with Dr. Ellen Kennedy (2015)

Bev was selected to participate in the 1995 DKG International Golden Gift Leadership and Management Seminar. In 2011, she received training to facilitate the development of state and chapter Strategic Action Planning and chaired the development of the Wisconsin State Organization first strategic plan. Since that time, Bev has served on the DKG International Educational Excellence Committee, Educators Book Award Committee, and chaired the 2020-2022 Nominations Committee. In addition, she presented at seven International conferences and conventions and has proven herself to be a unique leader in our Society. She will spend the next two years working with the sixteen state presidents in the Northwest Region and serving on the DKG International Administrative Board.

In spite of her new role, Bev will continue as a treasured and respected member of DKG-Wisconsin. As always, she will send cards, make phone calls, check in after severe weather, drive all around Wisconsin to visit DKG friends, share stories, make us laugh, and encourage us to think “outside the box.” She exemplifies the best of DKG-Wisconsin, and we are honored to recognize her as a DKG-Wisconsin Key Woman Educator!



Bev and Deloris Britt (Theta) at “Dee’s” 97th birthday party, the only two Wisconsin members elected DKG Northwest Regional Director.

Key Women Educators (continued)

Donna Dinco

AAFCS Leader Award Recipient

Congratulations! On Monday, June 27, Donna Dinco received the AAFCS (American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences) Leader Award, which recognized Donna for her leadership in the family and consumer sciences profession. She was recognized for this achievement during the Salute to Excellence Award Reception.

Donna has been a contributing member and leader within WAFCS/AAFCS for over 50 years. She was a past WAFCS Teacher of the Year and an American Association Family Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year nominee. Donna served as WAFCS President in 2008, was the State Research Chair; and served as WAFCS's Teacher of the Year Chair for 14 years.

Receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from UW-Stout and her Educational Leadership certification from Cardinal Stritch University, Donna's professional service never stopped from the time of her graduation through her retirement years. Her professional life included classroom teaching for 34 years, then 15 years as a curriculum specialist, professional and staff development coordinator, consultant, and writer. She authored *Food Lab* and *Enrichment Activities* workbooks for *Food for Today*, Glencoe/McGraw, 2006. She chaired the DPI task force that developed the *Family, Work, and Careers: A Middle School Family and Consumer Education Guide* and *Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards for Family and Consumer Education*. As an adjunct faculty member for Viterbo University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Donna developed and taught graduate courses on best classroom practices. In addition, she served as a Cooperating Teacher for 34 student teachers from UW- Madison, UW-Stout, and UW-Stevens Point.

Initiated into Alpha Beta Chapter in 1981, Donna served as president from 1986 to 1988 and from 2017 on. In addition, she facilitates the Alpha Beta Scholarship Award and works with the Mary Jo Nettesheim contest. According to an Alpha Beta member, "She IS the glue that holds our chapter together. Our group is very small and yet we are always coming up with ways for our chapter to keep going due to her resilience, perseverance, and drive."

In addition to Donna's professional accomplishments, she is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She is an active member of her church and an avid gardener.

Donna has recently presented to various conferences, including the *Teaching During the Age of Coronavirus* panel, WSO Conference, May 2021, and *Trauma Sensitive Classrooms*. In addition, she actively presented workshops on educator effectiveness, academic standards and assessment, mentor training, writing, and Initial Educator seminars.

No truer professional deserves the Leader Award more than Donna. All of her connections have given her opportunities to work in various educational backgrounds, bringing her full circle as a *retiring* professional that has positively impacted family, friends, educators, and community. We enthusiastically congratulate Donna Dinco on the AAFCS Leader Award!



Red Roses of Welcome to Inductees

CHI

Katherine Ann Liddell*

5/2022



*Reinstated

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

Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You

Educational Excellence Committee

by Chris Shewczyk, Chair

Our organization is part of a professional international society of women educators. We promote excellence in education and are committed to supporting educators and their students. We recognize the present mental health issues of educational staff and are interested in providing support for educators and students in Wisconsin communities.

Recently, there has been a rise in the number of educators retiring early. The pandemic, drop in student achievement, and curriculum and instruction decisions driven by outside sources have all contributed to this. In addition, burnout, lack of qualified substitute teachers, and gun violence have greatly affected the work environment for teachers. These issues may also be discouraging college-bound students from entering the profession.

This year, leaders at the NOLA Convention encouraged members to look to the Purposes of the Society when choosing programs, projects, and activities, knowing they are valuable for membership growth. In fact, they specifically brought up [Purposes 4 and 7](#), identifying the work reflected in these Purposes as “Diamonds in the Rough” because they have great potential but need refining. I accessed these “gems” on the [US Forum Connection](#) (<https://dkgusforum.org/>) as suggested. I looked closely at the newly passed Mental Health Resolution, gleaned a few activities, and decided to share this with you.

Take a look at the [DKG US Forum](#) (<https://dkgusforum.org/>)! First, determine if it would be valuable for your chapter members to consider a presentation to learn more about the stress our educators and youth are facing and the trauma it may cause. Then consider ways to reduce teacher stress. For example, hold a book study with educators around a text like, *What Happened to You?* by Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph. D. and Oprah Winfrey? Or meet with a curriculum and instruction director and volunteer to read with students under the guidance of their teacher during class time. Also, please share other options that others could consider.

Membership Committee

Membership Minute

by Roberta Gale, Chair

July was a super time to visit New Orleans: Beignets, Pralines, Jazz Museum, Mardi Gras World, great dining, good friends from WSO, new friends from Puerto Rico.....and the DKG Convention. The meeting involved voting on changes to the Constitution. I hope you all read the changes and let your opinion be known, so we voted "your way." Watching the process was laborious, but it was handled very well, and everyone who wanted to speak had a chance to share their opinions before voting. While not exciting, it was a very interesting process in which to be involved. Four members from Wisconsin attended, 70 from Texas, North Carolina had over 20, and Puerto Rico had 4. And over 800 members from around the world.

The sessions I attended were well done, but one stood out to me. Connie Hoag from Iowa led her Mu Chapter in a deeper understanding of DKG—International, Regional, State, District, Chapter, and at the center is YOU. YOU are the heart and soul of DKG and are greatly appreciated. I will be telling you more about the Iowa Mu program as their investment into the "rings of the DKG bullseye" encouraged their members to add 20 new members to their Chapter. This will be a challenge for all of us. I'll be filling you in as the year goes by. So, stay connected!

Our keynote speaker, Courtney Clark, presented how we need to adapt to change; the image below sums up her key point. We all face detours in our lives. Adapting and being resilient are key. She points out that we need to be "on fire" and not "burned out."

Precept:



Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You

Action Grant Committee

by Bobbi Momchilovich, Chair

The WSO Action Grant Committee met on Friday, July 29, at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

We updated the Action Grant Committee Goals for 2022-2023, the Action Grant Writing Handbook, the Action Grant Application for Projects for 2023-2024, as well as the Rubric for Action Grant Evaluation.

All members are reminded that the application deadline for an Action Grant is December 1, 2022. The Action Grant Application for Projects in 2023-2024 can be found on the [website](http://dkgwso.weebly.com) (dkgwso.weebly.com) as in the past, but it will be available only as a Word Fillable Document. Action Grant applications should be emailed to Bobbi Momchilovich at bobbimomchilovich@hotmail.com by December 1, 2022.

In an attempt to be clear about the expectations for the Action Grants, the Committee has listed the following criteria on the application. Each Action Grant Project must:

1. incorporate a literacy element.
2. relate to the Strategic Action Plan of Wisconsin State Organization and/or the [general purposes](#) of DKG. (dkgwso.weebly.com)
3. use grant monies as supplemental monies for chapter projects.
4. put a priority on new and innovative literacy projects that enhance membership.
5. follow the [Rubric](#) for DKG-WSO Action Grant Evaluation when composing the project proposal. (dkgwso.weebly.com)

The Rubric for Action Grant Evaluation has been revised to reflect these criteria. Another revision in the Rubric for Action Grant Evaluation can be found in Criteria "I." This criterion will read as follows:

“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.”

As a reminder, chapters receiving Action Grants must:

1. send a [voucher](#) with receipts and the Action Grant Self-Evaluation Form to the Action Grant Chair after July 1, 2023, but before May 1, 2024. Checks will be written at that time.
2. write a short summary for the Wisconsin State Organization newsletter within the 2023-2024 year and present a display of the project at the Spring meeting.
3. **We will again offer an informational meeting regarding applying for an Action Grant on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 9 a.m. via Zoom.** Chapter Presidents are asked to watch their email for reminders of this optional meeting to find out more about applying for an Action Grant or to ask questions or comment on the Action Grant Writing Process.

Please contact any of the following members of the Action Grant Committee with any questions or concerns:

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We encourage all chapters to apply for an Action Grant for projects in 2023-2024! The Action Grant Committee is here to help any and all chapters plan meaningful projects as we move forward with our mission to promote literacy. Let us continue our tradition of being "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide."

Please enjoy reading about the projects of three of this year's Action Grant recipients beginning on page 7.

Wisconsin State Organization Committees Working for You (continued)

2022-2023 Action Grants

Action Grant Progress from Alpha Xi Chapter

The goals of this project are to provide parents at two area hospitals with a gift book for their new baby, an informational reading brochure for parents, and information about the "1,000 Books before Kindergarten" program available at the Beaver Dam Library. This material is targeted at parents to encourage them to read to their children at an early age.

We ordered the 480 colorful picture books from our supplier, Collective Goods. Three of our members were involved in ordering and delivering the books. One member printed the parent brochure, and another member printed the special DKG Alpha Xi labels. In addition, the Beaver Dam Children's Librarian printed the "1,000 Books before Kindergarten" large bookmarks. We will prepare the Beaver Dam Hospital books for delivery at our chapter's September 12, 2022, meeting. The Portage Hospital will receive 100 of its books and reading brochures in November. The rest of the books will be delivered in May of 2023. (This hospital only has enough storage for 100 books at a time.)

We were happy to receive donations from the Portage Kiwanis and the Beaver Dam Noon Kiwanis toward our Books for Babies.

Chi-Ozaukee Chapter

Chi Chapter's Action Grant for this year is being used to support the Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County. The center offers free, one-on-one instructional tutoring to adult students to help improve their lives and strengthen the community as a whole. Since forming in 1988, it has served a variety of clients, including English Language Learners, United States Citizenship Candidates, General Education Degree seekers, Adult Basic Education students, or individuals wanting to improve their skills so they can advance in their careers, attend college, or start new businesses.

The monies we receive from the grant are used for student learning and teaching materials for the tutors.

Chi members worked at their annual Spelling Bee benefit and are volunteering to lead book clubs and write thank you notes to allow the directors to do other activities. In addition, members donated hundreds of dollars of books and teaching materials for the center's library, as well as hundreds of dollars of gas cards for the director to use at her discretion to give to students who don't have the ability to pay for gas to get to tutoring. Members also donated used general interest magazines of all types.

Gamma Chapter

Paving the Way for Successful Resettlement: A Focus on Literacy

Wausau, Wisconsin, has been preparing for a successful Afghan resettlement. Creating a Cultural Literacy Center is key to this endeavor, and it is an effort that is a first of its kind. Focusing on literacy is integral to helping refugees learn our language and assimilate into our society.

In December of 2021, our Gamma Chapter members decided to help with this innovative undertaking by partnering with the Marathon County Literacy Council (McLit) to help teach Afghan refugees our language, customs, and culture. Besides donating \$1000 of our own funds, our chapter received a Delta Kappa Gamma Action Grant for \$800. These donations have been focused on supporting McLit educators with essential literacy items, including bilingual books, dictionaries, picture books, workbooks, and maps, so they could effectively immerse the Afghan learners into our language and way of life.

In addition to monetary donations, our members will be actively involved in make-and-take sessions. We plan on making flashcards and literacy tools to give to our McLit colleagues to support and enhance their important work even more.

In conclusion, our work with McLit can be summed up by one word: **SYNERGY**. Synergy is the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations to produce a combined effort greater than the sum of their separate effects. Our Gamma Chapter members are proud that our synergistic efforts are helping pave the way for a successful Afghan resettlement in north central Wisconsin.

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2022-2023 Action Grants



During the week of Christmas in 2021, our Gamma Chapter president, Karoleen Glenzer, presented a \$1000 check from our chapter to the Marathon County Literacy Council executive director, Connie Heidemann. Looking on are Jodi Schreier (McLit), Sharee Anderson (McLit), Judy Staszak (McLit), Martha Kronholm (Gamma), and Ashley Sala (McLit)



Gamma President Karoleen Glenzer presents an \$800 mock-up check from WSO to the Marathon County Literacy Council Executive Director Connie Heideman, along with Gamma member Martha Kronholm and Board President Denis Tan.



Adult Afghan refugees at the Marathon County Literacy Center learning essential life skills for future employment from Claudette Harring.



Afghan children, Robin, Gzat, Sukina and Hajiva Matie, using some of the literacy resources that our Gamma Chapter helped to provide

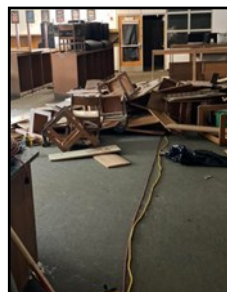
Let's Show Some Sisterly Love

One of the positives of attending International Convention is meeting people from around the world. One of my sessions was presented by Kentucky State President Bonnia Cook Fouts. She mentioned the devastating floods in Kentucky. When I returned, I contacted her and inquired about losses incurred by our DKG Sisters. One person's home is a total loss. Another lost an aunt and uncle. Kentucky Sisters are "adopting" an elementary school that was severely damaged. The library is a total loss. SO, Sister, can you save a dollar to send to support our Sisters in need. Thanks in advance for being supportive.

Send your donations to:

Roberta Gale
588 Green Bay Road
Denmark, WI 54208

Pictures of the loss at the elementary school.



Tech Tips in the Monday Membership Minutes

I hope you are receiving the Monday Membership Minutes. Roberta Gale and Chris Shewczyk are dedicated to sending you Membership and Educational Excellence information in their Monday Membership Minutes. Recently I started putting in a tech tip in each of these MMM.

These MMM are emailed to chapter presidents, chapter membership chairs, and communication chairs. I hope one of them sends it out to all the other chapter members. Please contact Roberta, Chris, or me if you are not getting this. Also, I have posted them on the WSO website under Membership. <https://dkgwso.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/8/6/108636119/mmm2022.pdf>

Barb Cody



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.



The Sigma State Foundation members had a blast at our Spring Conference! We especially appreciated the opportunity to meet with many members supporting our Foundation and, in turn, the Wisconsin Organization. We thank each and every one of you for your support so we can continue to fund your ideas through our Give Back Grants. These grants are so important as a funding source for both chapter projects and individual pursuits. The grant fulfills a need to fund non-literary-based projects that may not be supported through the more traditional WSO grants. Look for the "Give Back Application" on the Wisconsin State Organization website. The Foundation will continue supporting the Nettessheim Literacy Competition, Action Grant Program, and Leadership Development. It is our privilege to serve the Wisconsin State Organization with a seasoned group of Directors who are excited by your ideas and can't wait to fund your individual and chapter projects. To be a part of the fun, send your donation to Marcia Trentlage at 728 Thelosen Dr., Kimberly, WI 54136-2336. And remember that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price on eligible items to the Sigma Foundation.

2022 Sigma State Foundation Donors

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Watch Your Language

by Kay Ziegahn



Some colorful expressions or words in use for many years imply a visual image, such as “out in left field”, “knee deep”, “at sea”, “awash in”, “up in the clouds”, “concrete jungle”. Maybe not quite as colorful as some Australian ones from my youth: “beyond the black stump”, or “where the crows fly backwards”, both of which mean out so far in the bush/wilderness that nobody knows where it is.

A smattering of imaginative expressions is tolerable, but only in moderation.

Does it annoy you to be hearing the same fad expressions too often? If so, you should try to avoid overusing them yourself. What do I mean by “fad expressions”?

Some examples that come to mind are “at the end of the day” (when a much longer period is meant), “24/7”, “literally”, “essentially” (really), “granular” (detailed), and “landscape” (area) which are sometimes simply overused.

One of my pet peeves is the recent adoption of “around”, in place of “about” in phrases like “discussions around...”. Maybe I’m weird, but if you are talking about something, I understand that to be the subject of conversation. If you discuss “around” it, that implies that you are avoiding the main issue, or barely touching on it. If you wish to imply exactly that, in the sense of “as it relates to...”, perhaps it’s justified, but most often, I suspect this is just a thoughtless fad usage.

Wisconsin State Organization Chapter News

THETA—La Crosse/Onalaska celebrated our 80th year with a Potluck Anniversary Celebration in June. Ruth Scholze facilitated a program that included reflections submitted by members. It was interesting to learn about the memories of our present members, especially those who were students, student teachers, or colleagues of the earliest members of our chapter. In addition, we welcomed two new members; Janice Keer (inducted as an active member) and Nancy Burfield (reinstated as an active member).

As we begin our 81st year, we turn our focus to the future! We have embraced the concept of shared leadership and have organized planning teams to develop and facilitate chapter programming. We are a diverse chapter and know our members have varied experiences to share with us. Our meetings will focus on the DKG CORE VALUES developed by DKG Next 2019: *Collegiality, Professional/Personal Growth, Leadership, Philanthropy/Service, and Global Awareness*. Those words simplify and mirror the Mission, Vision, and Purposes of DKG. We are excited to see what the future holds for our chapter, our state organization, and our International Society! ONWARD!



Front row: Marie Allen, Vicki Guthrie, Mary Saphner, Janice Keer, Leslie Bakkum.
Middle Row: Judy Anderson, Dardy Berge, Pat Witzenburg, Peggy Green
Back Row: Lynette Wilhelm, Judi Konop, Ruth Scholze, Linda Hayes, Becky Byron

PI—Racine members, along with MaryLynn Conter Strack, Eco-Justice Center's Executive Director, pose in front of the sign at the Eco-Justice Center in Racine when Racine Pi Chapter gave the Eco-Justice Center a check for \$1,000 to help them provide scholarships to children who want to attend one of their summer programs. The Eco-Justice Center offers week-long summer camps for young people aged 6 to 14. Summer camps are hands-on and include science activities, discovery time, and animal encounters with alpacas and chickens. To make sure summer camps are accessible to everyone, the DKG-Pi Chapter made a \$1000 donation towards summer camp scholarships. Scholarship funding allows families who qualify to pay just 20% of the camp fee.



Louise Killberg, Julie Trafton, MaryLynn Conter Strack, Executive Director of the Eco-Justice Center, and Kathy Clouthier.



ALPHA BETA—West Bend/Hartford held a brat fundraiser. This fundraiser supports a scholarship for a graduating senior in Washington County pursuing a career in education. We were happy to raise \$456 this year.

Pictured are Pam Brandt, grillmaster; Pat Moore, Ericka Guth-Degner, Donna Dinco. Jillian Ilg, Sharon Burow, and Mary Holtan also worked with us.

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Wisconsin State Organization Chapter News (continued)

ALPHA OMEGA—La Crosse had its first meeting on August 11. We had 20 members and one guest who came for breakfast at the Charmant Hotel Restaurant, followed by a Trolley Tour of La Crosse, ending with a private tour of the La Crosse Area Heritage Center. It was nice to reinstate one past member that day. We also were able to raise over \$200 for New Horizons. Our program committee worked hard this summer, presenting us with another great year of meetings. At our next meeting, we will have someone from the La Crosse Public Education Foundation speak. Christmas, we will have our white elephant exchange. In February, we will have Cindy Stuhr, an artist, and retired teacher, do a presentation and demonstration. April will be our initiation meeting, and in June, we will have a joint meeting with Theta Chapter with Dr. Kris Dressler speaking from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Terri Daley-Mack, Barb Albrechtson, Jackie Meyer, Roxanne Fox, Carol Egge, Cyndy Chapter, Amy Hysel. We are standing in front of sister member Mary Wetterling's model of their houseboat.

BETA ALPHA—Waukesha This year's Teacher Grant was awarded to Cindy Bourdo, a 5th-grade teacher at Silver Lake Intermediate School in Oconomowoc. She loves writing and used our grant to provide her students with blank "Brown Books" so they could learn to write and illustrate their own stories. After standardized testing, the extra time was used to work on this writing project that her students thoroughly enjoyed. They honed their writing skills and learned how to organize their books, starting with the introduction, acknowledgments, chapters, and ending with an epilogue. They even added a section in the back of their books where fellow student readers could write reviews.

Cindy was invited to speak about her writing project at our Beta Alpha summer work meeting at the Pewaukee Library on July 11. She brought some of her students' books and shared their experiences with us. Seeing what an excellent teacher can do to motivate students with the right tools was inspiring. Our chapter was glad we could play a small part with our grant in making it happen.



Cindy Bourdo, seated in the middle, with (left to right), Beta Alpha Sisters Lori Petersen, Ellen Dowd, Kathy Zautner, and Yvette Schambow



Cindy persuaded a few of her students to part temporarily with their books, so we could enjoy reading them. We were impressed with both their stories and illustrations. Some of the reviews written by other students were also fun to read.

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Tech Tips

Using Your Chrome Browser in Guest and Incognito Mode

by Barb Cody



The Chrome browser has three different browsing modes--Normal, Guest, and Incognito. Both Incognito and Guest modes are suitable when you want to erase all traces of your browsing as soon as you close the window. Incognito mode is primarily intended for you to use on your own computer, while the Guest mode is meant for use on a computer that's not yours.

Guest Mode:

- Guest mode is ideal for letting others borrow your computer, borrowing someone else's computer, OR using a public computer, like one at a library or cafe.
- Once you close the Guest mode browsing window, your browsing history, cookies, and site data will be deleted.
- In Guest mode, you won't see or change any other Chrome profile's info.

To use Guest in Chrome, open your Chrome browser, then click the **Profile Icon** in the top-right corner of the Chrome window. The profile icon is a colored circle with either your photo, a symbol of a person or a letter, usually your first name initial. It should be on the line to the left of the three vertical dots. Click the word **Guest** in the drop-down menu. You are now using the Guest Mode. When you have finished browsing in Guest Mode, close the browser. It will automatically delete every trace of your browsing history.

Incognito Mode:

- Incognito mode is ideal for browsing privately on your own computer, especially if more than one person uses that computer.
- Once you close the Incognito mode browsing window, your browsing history, cookies and site data, or information entered in forms will be deleted.
- In Incognito mode, you can't see or change anyone else's profile info.
- Other people who use this device won't see your activity. However, downloads, bookmarks, and reading list items will be saved.

To use the Incognito mode in Chrome, open your Chrome browser, and click on the **three vertical dots** at the top right. Click **New Incognito Window**. You can also press **Control+Shift+N** on your keyboard. You are now using Incognito mode. When you have finished browsing in Incognito mode, close the browser. It will automatically delete every trace of your browsing history.

When using Guest or Incognito mode, your activity isn't hidden from websites you visit, your employer or school, or your internet service provider.

(Note: All other browsers have a similar option like using an InPrivate or Private Window.)

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May 6, 2023
The Ingleside Hotel
Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Creative Arts Retreat

October 7-9, 2022

Lone Tree Lodge

Green Lake Conference Center

Green Lake, Wisconsin



"TV Shows: Oldies But Goodies"

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