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Communication, Cooperation, Connections,
to build **DKG** for the future

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As we embark on this new year, let us move forward to enhance our Chapters, State Organization, and the Society. **C**ommunication, **C**ooperation, and **C**onnections remain our best tools to make this happen. We need current members to cooperate as a group to communicate and connect with potential members and each other and make others aware of who we are and why membership is valuable.

The WSO 2024 Planning Committee has worked diligently to arrange a variety of speakers and breakout sessions for our May 4, 2024, Leadership Conference. New officers should plan to attend for valuable training and information. **ALL** members can engage in our plans to **Renew, Revitalize, and Refresh** at this conference.

On Friday, May 3, we would like as many of you as possible to join us at the Yawkey Art Museum in Wausau for a free visit to kick off our weekend. Also, on Friday afternoon, we usually have items to stuff into folders (often done with the help of Sigma State Foundation Directors). There is a reserved room (Char Room) for anyone who would care to join the group for dinner (separate checks). This room holds 40-50 people. Indicate on your conference registration form if you plan to attend this event.

We are looking for possible activities (karaoke for an extra fee or crafts) for Saturday evening to conclude a fulfilling weekend with our DKG family. If you have another idea for Saturday evening, please share it with us.

Kathleen Clouthier
2023-2025 WSO President
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Calendar Deadlines:

March

- 1 WSO Scholarship Applications
- 1 Int'l Achievement Award Forms

April

- 4 WSO Conference Registration
- 4 WSO Conference Room Reservation

May

- 4 WSO Conference!

Save the Date!
WSO Conference
Renew, Revitalize, and Refresh
May 4, 2024
Jefferson Street Inn
Wausau, Wisconsin





Wisconsin State Organization 2024-2025 Budget Proposal
Sandra Ruesink, WSO Treasurer Rachel Schultz, Finance Committee Chair



Ordinary Income & Expense	1923-1924 Budget	1924-1925 Proposed	1924-1925 Proposed
INCOME:			
Dues and Fees			
401 State International Dues	\$20.00	20.00	20.00
402 Chapter Dues	\$12,078.00	12,078.00	12,620.00 *
Based on 480 Active, 62 Reserve			
403 Chapter Scholarship Fees	\$380.00	420.00	420.00
405 Collegiate Dues	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dues and Fees	\$12,478.00	\$12,518.00	\$13,060.00
410 WSO Conference/Convention fees	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
420 Sigma State Foundation Funds	\$750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
430 World Fellowship Change	\$250.00	250.00	250.00
490 Interest	\$50.00	1,050.00	1,050.00 *
TOTAL INCOME:	\$14,528.00	\$15,818.00	\$16,360.00
EXPENSES:			
International			
601 International Dues and Fees	\$20.00	20.00	20.00
Total International	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Misc. In/Out Funds			
6805 World Fellowship- Change	\$250.00	250.00	250.00
Total Misc. In/Out Funds	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Program Expenses			
6051 Achievement Award	\$100.00	100.00	100.00
6052 Action Grants	\$2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
6053 WI State News Print/Postage	\$1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
6058 State Convention Speaker	\$500.00	500.00	500.00
6059 State Convention-Start Up	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
6060 State Conference/Convention-Travel	\$700.00	700.00	700.00
6061 Member(s) to Reg/Int	\$750.00	750.00	750.00
6065 World Fellowship-.50/member	\$271.00	271.00	271.00 *
6066 Spring mtg fee	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Program Expenses	\$7,591.00	\$7,591.00	\$7,591.00

Wisconsin State News Deadlines
May 15 for June Issue * August 15 for September Issue
November 15 for December Issue * January 15 for February Issue

State Officer Expenses			
630 President Expense/ Mileage	\$3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
631 President Stipend	\$750.00	750.00	750.00
636 Treasurer Hardware/Software	\$150.00	500.00	500.00*
637 Treasurer Expense/Mileage	\$200.00	200.00	200.00
638 Treasurer Stipend	\$1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
640 SS News Editor Expense/Mileage	\$150.00	150.00	150.00
641 SS News Editor Stipend	\$1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
642 Webmistress Expense/Mileage	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
643 Webmistress Stipend	\$500.00	500.00	500.00
Total State Officer Expenses	\$7,750.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00
Committees			
649 Society Business	\$200.00	200.00	200.00
6500 Society Mission & Purpose	\$750.00	750.00	750.00
Total Committees Expenses	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
Administrative Expenses			
6701 Travel Insurance	\$50.00	50.00	50.00
6702 State Corporate Report	\$25.00	25.00	25.00
6703 Bond State Treasurer	\$250.00	250.00	250.00
6705 Memorial Gifts/ Contribution	\$100.00	100.00	100.00
6706 Training R&I Convention	\$1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
6708 Zoom	\$160.00	160.00	160.00
6709 Tax Prep	\$600.00	700.00	700.00*
Total Administrative Expenses	\$2,685.00	\$2,785.00	\$2,785.00
Miscellaneous			
675 Misc. Other	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$18,976.00	\$19,426.00	\$19,426.00
Difference	-\$4,448.00	-\$3,608.00	-\$3,066.00



***Join in the Fun and Games
at the WSO Conference as the Foundation
raises money to support
its many valuable projects.***

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

2024-2025 Budget Narrative and Finance Committee Report

by Rachel Schultz, Finance Committee Chair

The proposed budget for 2024-25 has two options:

A. Dues remain the same as last year.

B. Dues increase by one dollar for active members as well as reserve members.

The Committee would like to reduce the deficit spending, hence the dollar increase.

There are four other points of interest:

1) The dues are based upon 480 active members, which is 20 more members than last year. This represents a one-person increase for each chapter, supporting the growth model the state organization is promoting. The reserve membership is based on 62, four less than last year. The change is due to attrition. These estimates were used to determine the dues revenue and the World Fellowship expense.

2) The interest amount on Line 490 increased from \$50 to \$1,050 because money was invested in a CD that earns more interest.

3) The treasurer's software increased from \$150 to \$500 because the software requires an annual fee to remain updated.

4) Based on accountant estimates, tax prep increased from \$600 to \$700.

The Committee would like to point out that the WSO expenses last year were less than the revenue, which is commendable. This was likely due to fewer mileage and expense claims. However, these were individual decisions and may change if different people perform WSO duties. The budget should reflect a complete accounting of costs and not assume someone will not claim an expense.

2024 WSO Leadership Conference

Renew, Revitalize, and Refresh

Tentative Conference Schedule for Saturday, May 4

7:30 a.m.	Registration Coffee, tea, and pastries
8:30 a.m.	Welcome Business Meeting DKG International Update, International Speaker Lorna Berlinguette
10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Parliamentary Basics Treasurer Training Refresh Your Chapter Newsletter and Yearbook
11:25 a.m.	DKG is Listening: Be the Sister Who Makes the Difference Keynote Speaker, Sandra Stallings
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Introduction of Nettesheim Literary Competition Winning Authors
1:40 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Nettesheim Literary Competition Award Recipients Reading of Books Systemic Racism Mental Health 101-NAMI Hunziker International Studies Scholarship Recipients
2:35 p.m.	Breakout Sessions How Will You Make Your Mark? (Session for Young Authors) Ready, Set, Grow Your Chapter Chair Yoga for the Mind and Body We are Empathic Listeners



3:30 p.m. Refreshments
3:45 p.m. Celebration of Life
Closing Remarks

DKG International Update: Lorna Berlinguette, Area Representative Canada



Lorna Berlinguette is a long-serving and very active member of DKG at all levels. As a charter member of Gamma in Alberta, Canada, Lorna has held almost every executive position in her local chapter. She has also acted as president at the provincial level and has served on the provincial Executive Board in various capacities since 1995. In 2002, Lorna was a Golden Gift recipient. She represented the NW Region on the World Fellowship Committee. She is a DKG Achievement Award winner for Alberta. Lorna was elected Area Representative for Canada for the 2022-2024 biennium and, in that capacity, sits on the International Issues Task Force and the International Speakers Fund committees. Since taking on this position, she has attended three Admin Board meetings in Austin and numerous online meetings. She has attended the Leadership Training Event in Dallas and the International Conferences in Detroit and Finland, meeting countless outstanding members. Twice now, she has initiated a cross-cultural Zoom meeting with the eight European DKG presidents and the seven provincial state presidents as well as Alaska, each giving a short history of their country/province. There were 89 in attendance at the Zoom meeting in January. Other than DKG, Lorna is an enthusiastic member of her church, attends the YMCA several times a week, downhill skis, gardens, travels (more than 100 countries!), and attends book clubs and several cultural events.

Breakout Sessions 10:30-11:15

Parliamentary Basics: Bev Hess (Chi) and Sharon Storms (Lambda)

Learn how to effectively use Parliamentary Procedure in your chapter meetings. We will look at creating agendas; taking minutes; making, debating, and amending motions; and facilitating decision-making.

Treasurer Training: Sandra Ruesink (Delta)

We will review the practices of using the DKG Portal for paying dues for International and the practices for paying dues to the state. In addition, we will discuss how chapters should budget for their fiscal year.

Refresh Your Chapter Newsletter and Yearbook: Carole Henning (Beta Alpha)

Maximize your chapter's communication and marketing efforts by doing an intense review of your publications. Participants in this workshop will have opportunities to receive detailed feedback on their specific publications. (Bring copies to our session.) This will be an interactive workshop, so plan to ask questions and share information. We will discuss formats, design, content, and writing/editing techniques.

DKG is Listening: Be the Sister Who Makes the Difference

Keynote Speaker Sandra Stallings (Phi)

Moving our Society forward requires each of us to use the skills our teaching experience has given us. One of the gifts from our time in the classroom is our ability to listen to what others are saying and then go further to communicate our understanding of what we've just been told. Our use of Empathic Listening strategies reinforce for the person who is speaking that they have the "floor" and we want to listen to them as they explain their position. Purposefully using Empathic strategies can demonstrate to others that they and their ideas matter. Join me at our Conference as we "Renew, Revitalize, and Refresh" our Empathic Listening skills to make a "Difference" for DKG.

Sandy Stallings is a retired Lecturer Emerita from North Carolina State University where she was an administrator who also taught and advised in the Department of Communication and the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. She received numerous College and University awards for her advising as well as a Certificate of Merit from NACADA (National Academic Advising Association). Currently, Sandy is an Adjunct Lecturer at UW-GB teaching at Oakhill Correctional Institution in the AAS degree in collaboration with the Prison Education Initiative at UW-Madison.

Breakout Sessions 1:40-2:25

Nettesheim Literary Competition Award Recipients Reading of Books

Listen as our creative young authors read their award-winning books.

Systemic Racism as Portrayed in Literature: Lorna Berlinguette, International Representative

Literature is able to communicate, not only by action, but also by mind, heart, and emotion. It has the value of not preaching, which turns many off, but of letting readers feel and experience the effects of racism.

Mental Health 101: Sheri Hess, NAMI Racine County Outreach Coordinator

In this presentation we'll talk about the importance of having a team of educators, families, and students when tackling youth mental health. You'll learn the signs and symptoms of common mental illnesses, as well as how to help the student, yourself, or a loved one. We'll wrap up with an overview of resources that NAMI offers to the community.

Hunziker International Studies Scholarship Recipients: Denise Geiwitz (Alpha Upsilon Sigma) and Faith Webster (Nu)

Are you longing to participate in an international study experience but not working toward an advanced degree? That's OK! The Hunziker International Studies Scholarship may be perfect for you.

With the support of recently awarded Hunziker Scholarships, WSO members Faith Webster and Denise Geiwitz experienced diverse cultures, rich history, and beautiful scenery in Europe. Faith traveled to Provence, France, where she participated in water color painting, sketching, and a journaling workshop. Denise visited Italy, where she enjoyed the fine cuisine as she explored Venice, Florence, and Rome. Each one will share her unforgettable, individual travels and learning experiences with us.

In addition, they will provide the background of the Dr. Ernella Hunziker International Studies Scholarship, share what the scholarship meant to them individually, and explain how to apply.

Breakout Sessions 2:35-3:20

How Will You Make Your Mark? Inspired by The Dot by Peter Reynolds: Julie Trafton (Pi)

Have you ever been asked to create something and you just stare at your blank paper and can't even think about what to do? Well, that is the same problem Vashti, Peter Reynolds' character in *The Dot*, has but with some creative encouragement and praise from her art teacher, Vashti's imagination soars! Listen to *The Dot* and see where your imagination will take you as you create your own dot.

Ready, Set, Grow Your Chapter: Chris Shewczyk (Chi)

Are you meeting members' needs and growing your chapter? Attendees will understand the importance of methodically evaluating proposed chapter programs and projects through the use of a matrix that will help ensure meeting relevance and draw others to join their chapter. An awareness of the areas in their chapter which need strengthening will also be gained.

Chair Yoga for the Mind and Body: Pam Henkel, Retired Physical Education Teacher and Gymnastics Coach

Experience a series of yoga moves both sitting and standing to improve flexibility, balance, and strength. Restorative breathing and relaxation practice will conclude our session.

We Are Empathic Listeners: Sandra Stallings (Phi)

Using possible scenarios when talking with current DKG members and potential members, we will explore the values of Empathic Listening and strengthen our own communication skills in this area.



**Wisconsin
State Organization**

Complete this form or fill out the form on the WSO website. Make a copy. Send the Copy in now. Keep this page as your record.

2024 Wisconsin State Organization Conference Registration Form

Jefferson Street Inn, 201 Jefferson Street, Wausau

May 4, 2024



Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ Chapter Officer? Position? _____

City _____ State Officer or Chair? Position _____


State _____ ZIP _____ Preferred Phone No. _____

Email _____

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 _____

NEEDS: Mobility _____ Dietary: Best in House Salad is the vegetarian option. Email Heather Becker hbecker@jeffersonstreetinn.com for other dietary restriction options.

 **Proudly wear your key pin!**
First time attending State Conference/ Convention
_____ **Yes**

Renew, Revitalize, and Refresh


Send check made payable to:
DKG WSO with Registration Form to:
Mary Kenne
425 Assembly Court
Whitewater, WI
53190
262.473.1292
mhkenne2@gmail.com

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Your Choice</u>
Registration Fee (required)		
_____ <i>until April 4</i>	\$40	_____
_____ <i>after April 4</i>	\$50	_____
Saturday Luncheon served with coffee and herbal tea. Choose one:		
_____ Chicken Forestiere Grilled Chicken Breast topped with a Mushroom, Bacon and Shallot reduction and served with fresh seasoned Vegetables, and Chef's Choice Starch	\$40	_____
_____ Lemon-Broiled Alaskan Cod Finished with a Chardonnay Lemon Butter Sauce served with fresh seasoned Vegetables, and Chef's Choice Starch	\$40	_____
_____ Best in House Salad Fresh Spring Greens and Romaine Lettuce topped with Cherry Tomatoes, candied Walnuts, crumbled Blue Cheese and Red Onions accompanied with our Balsamic Vinaigrette	\$40	_____
_____ Best in House Salad (described above) with Grilled Chicken	\$40	_____
Total Registration/Meal		_____

The luncheon cost includes morning coffee and bakery and afternoon snacks.

Please check 3 Breakout Sessions you are interested in attending so we can ensure the rooms will accommodate attendees and presenters will have enough handouts.

10:30 a.m.	1:40 p.m. (continued)
___ Parliamentary Basics	___ Mental Health 101
___ Treasurer Training	___ Hunziker International Studies Scholarship
___ Refresh Chapter Newsletter and Yearbook	2:35 p.m.
1:40 p.m.	___ How Will You Make Your Mark? (Lit. Comp.)
___ Literary Competition Reading	___ Ready, Set, Grow Your Chapter
___ Systemic Racism	___ Chair Yoga
(Session Descriptions on pages 5-6)	___ We Are Empathic Listeners

Call the **Jefferson Street Inn (715-845-6500)** for reservations in the **WSO Conference block by April 4**. Rooms are either King (1 bed) or Queen (2 beds) at \$142.43 (\$135.00 + 7.43 tax).

There is a complimentary breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings for those staying at the hotel.

No meal orders accepted after April 15. Cancellations must be in writing to Mary Kenne by April 15, 2024. Only registration fee is reimbursable.

Registration forms are available on the state website. Click [here](#) or [here](#) for fillable form.

_____ **I plan to attend the Friday evening meal.**

Additional Conference Information

Hotel Parking: Free parking is available to all conference attendees. When you arrive at the hotel parking ramp, use coupon code JSINN to cover parking during the event. You will then be given a QR Code. Make note of your license plate number before leaving your vehicle, as you will need to enter it at the kiosk by the skywalk door.

Opportunities for Those Arriving Friday: Often we don't have enough time to visit during conventions/conferences. The Planning Committee has organized some activities for those who are able to arrive on Friday.

We will visit the free Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum on Friday afternoon.

The Char Room in our hotel has been reserved for us for Friday evening dinner. Anyone wishing to join in the meal (participants pay for their own meal and tip) and fellowship, please indicate that on the last line of the Conference Registration Form.

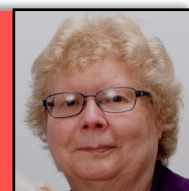
Watch your email. Further Conference details will be available in Membership Minutes.



Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition

Nancy Herrmann

Barb Cody



The 2024 student and chapter entry forms and additional contest information are posted on the WSO website. (<https://dkgwsowebly.com/literary-competition.html>)

Each chapter may enter a maximum of 10 books written in English to the state competition.

Additionally, each chapter may submit a maximum of 3 Bilingual Spanish books, one for each grade range: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place state winners will be invited to the 2024 WSO Conference in Wausau on May 4, 2024.

Important Contest Dates:

February 2, 2024	Entries due to local chapters (unless other arrangements)
March 4, 2024	Chapter winning entries are due to state
March 16, 2024	State Judging

Submit chapter-winning entries, along with the Chapter Entry Form, to Nancy Herrmann, PO Box 264, Francis Creek, WI 54214, by **March 4**. Mail early to avoid postal service delays.

Volunteer Opportunities:

State Judging will take place on **Saturday, March 16, 2024**, at Meadowbrook Elementary School (720 Hillcrest Heights, Green Bay) beginning at 9:30 a.m. Judging should be completed around noon, and lunch will be provided.

WSO Conference Awards Program (May 4 in Wausau)

- Assist with setting up a display showcasing winning state entries**
- Greet student authors and families before the program**
- Room monitor during reading by first place winners**
- Room monitor during THE DOT presentation and activity by Julie Trafton**
- Serve refreshments to students and parents**
- Return books and awards to students after the program**

Chapter News

Alpha Gamma met on December 7 for our annual holiday gathering. For the past years, our entertainment has been the cast members of the Whitewater High School plays and Director Jim McCulloch. The chapter wrote a \$1,000 grant to our Foundation to provide financial help in updating the sound system in the high school. When the grant was approved, our members were additionally challenged to donate to the cause over the current year. Pictured at right, our treasurer, Dee Simon, presented a check to Jim McCulloch and student, Alex Clarksen, in the amount of \$2,000 toward further work on the sound system.



Alpha Omega members had fun at our Christmas Gathering on December 4 at the Freight House. Opening "White Elephant" gifts was exciting, seeing the gifts being revealed along with a \$15 gift certificate. We did have some stealing of gifts, which added to the fun. Karen Weigel was highlighted at the meeting. We had two pop-up events. The first was a bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Arranged by Carol Nelson-Britten with Mary Swingle and Jackie Mayer, \$56.09 was collected at Hy-Vee. At JC Penney, Carol Nelson-Britten, Barb Albrechtson, Karen Weigel and Sally Emerson collected \$35.58. Our second pop-up event was a Christmas Tea in Ontario, Wisconsin, as a fundraiser for the Ontario Public Library. Jackie Mayer attended the tea on Saturday, December 15, and Barb Albrechtson and Carol Nelson-Britten attended on Sunday, December 16.

Mary Ann Gschwind was honored with the Iverson Freking Ecumenical Recognition Award for her work in community service that crosses the bounds of faith and spirituality. Among Mary Ann's contributions are positions on the Viterbo University Board of Directors, La Crosse City Symphony Board, and La Crosse City Vision Foundation Board. She has also been the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration vice president for the past eight years. She makes it a priority to help the incarcerated, hungry, and disabled. Our next meeting will be on February 20 at the Freight House, where we will raise money for our teacher scholarship. Our speaker will be Jen Barney, Wisconsin-based pastry chef and owner of Meringue Bakery. She has won three Food Network Baking Championship titles. Her creations showcase skill, passion, and talent that have people calling her the Doyenne of Desserts.



L to R: Pauline Haug, Kristin McDonald, Denise Geiwitz, Christina Amberson, Janie Stuntebeck

Alpha Upsilon Sigma celebrated the life and the beautiful Holiday 56 collection of Joan Cook at our holiday gathering in December. Joan (inducted in 1982) was a cherished elementary school teacher in the Sparta School District. Upon her death in 2019, Joan's husband donated her collection to The Monroe County Local History Room and Museum. The display was titled "North Pole Magic" and featured over 140 illuminated and animated miniature buildings from Joan's personal collection. Countless hours were needed to create this beautiful display of Joan's collection.

Alyssa Young, DKG Alpha Upsilon Member and Executive Director of the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum, along with many others, took the vision of the display and made it a reality. Everywhere you look at this beautiful display, there is something more to see, and it is virtually impossible to take it all in. A scavenger hunt with images of items found within the display adds a component of fun for children and adults. The collection was available for viewing from November 20, 2023, through January 13, 2024. Joan was an amazing educator, a dedicated promoter of Monroe County history, and a passionate fan of the holidays. She is surely smiling down at the joy her collection brings to children and adults alike. Her legacy lives on in her collection, and she continues to contribute and, most importantly, teach! You can learn more about the Monroe County Local History Room at <https://www.monroecountyhistory.org/> and the Deke Slayton Museum at <https://dekeslaytonmuseum.org/>.



Chi celebrated its 63rd birthday at a luncheon on January 17 at Galimoto's Restaurant in Cedarburg with 36 members and guests from area WSO Chapters. WSO President Kathy Clouthier and Membership Chair Roberta Gale were special guests.

Thiensville, Wisconsin, native Lynn Wiese Sneyd was the speaker. She presented an overview of her career as an author, literary consultant, and publicist. At the event, she honored her two high school English teachers, her mother Nancy Wiese, and Lorraine Buehler, for instilling her love of literature.

Sneyd resides in Tucson, Arizona. As a literary consultant, she recruits authors for the annual Tucson Festival of Books, the second-largest book festival in the United States. She also produces a weekly podcast, *Cowboy Up*. The podcast highlights her co-author, H. Alan Day, Sandra Day O'Connor's brother, about his ranching experiences. Their books are *The Horse Lover* and *Cowboy Up*.



Left to right Marilyn Hill, Laura Muchowski, (Beta Alpha), Chi Vice President Terry Schoessow, Erika Guth-Degner (Alpha Beta), Bev Hess (Chi), and Millie Buege (Beta Alpha).



Pi World Fellowship Committee members shopped for turkeys for Holy Communion Lutheran Church's Food Pantry using donations from Racine Pi Chapter members.

Pictured at left are Louise Killberg, Val Conner, and Kathy Clouthier as Val Conner accepts a donation of turkeys on behalf of the Holy Communion Food Pantry.



Pictured right, in the foreground (left to right), Kathy Ford takes Kathy Goodwin's payment for items at our Annual Craft and Bake Sale, which raises funds for our Scholarship Fund. In the background (left to right), Georgia Owens, Nancy Holmlund, Connie Eberly, and Kathy Clouthier wait to greet shoppers at the door.



News from Sigma State Foundation
For more information about Foundation business, contact
Foundation President Karoleen Glenzer
Glenzerreads@gmail.com 715-341-6767
Mission: To accept, manage, and distribute contributions that will
enhance the future quality of education.



Our Sigma State Foundation Directors are looking forward to the 2024 Delta Kappa Gamma WSO Spring Conference! We will be attending in full force with fun raffles and other opportunities for our DKG members to support the future quality of education in Wisconsin. Our duty as Directors means that we are proud to fund the vital work of the Sigma State Foundation and the Wisconsin State Organization as a whole through, but not limited to, Action Grants, Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Competition, Give Back Grants, and Leadership Grants, which support individual teachers with professional development and community educational projects. Our Nettesheim Literary Competition is the standard for student literary competitions in Wisconsin. When you get an idea, think of us and find all you need to know on the WSO website. If you have questions or need an encouraging word, email or phone me using the information above. I can't wait to see all of you on May 4 at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau. And please, keep us in mind if you are looking for a way to serve DKG with a group of dedicated directors. We are looking for "a few good women."

Good Bye. . . I am finishing my last edition of *Wisconsin State News* with mixed emotions. I have enjoyed working and getting to know so many of you, but it is time for new blood.

We need a new editor beginning with the June edition. Please consider stepping up, as I am no longer able to continue. As editor, you will experience support and new friendships. It's a wonderful experience. I will happily help you as little or as much as you would like. Please call (608.739.3108) or email (sstorms855@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

Warm regards, *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 eight chapters who submitted Action Grant Applications by the December 1, 2023, deadline. All the Action Grant Applications were submitted digitally, and the process went very well. The following chapters submitted Action Grant Applications for forward-thinking projects in 2024-2025:

Alpha Gamma-Whitewater	"Little Libraries"	\$700
Alpha Upsilon Sigma-Sparta	"Gravity Wall"	\$2,000
Alpha Xi-Beaver Dam Area	"Books for Babies"	\$223
Beta Alpha-Oconomowoc/ Waukesha County	"Spreading the Love of Literacy"	\$850
Chi-Ozaukee County	"Closing the Extracurricular Gap: Encouraging the Personal Growth of Foster Youth"	\$1,098
Omicron-Fox Valley	"Friends of the Kimberly Library Summer Book Giveaway"	\$550
Psi-Northwest WI	"Read, Write and Hike on the Ice Age Trail!"	\$1890
Zeta-Green Bay	"TAPP Teen-Age Parent Program Literacy Project"	\$830

The WSO Action Grant Committee will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, to award this year's Action Grants. A total of \$8,141 was requested in the above eight Action Grant Applications. Funding available to the Action Grant Committee is \$5,000 (\$2,500 from WSO and \$2,500 from Sigma State Foundation). The Action Grant Committee would like all chapters who receive an Action Grant to know they will be notified of their award in late February. To receive the grant award, chapters must submit an Action Grant Project Expense Voucher after July 1, 2024, but before May 1, 2025, 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 2024-2025 and create a visual display of the project that could be displayed to WSO members at the state conference on May 4 in Wausau. The Action Grant Application and all forms are available on the WSO website (dkgwsowebly.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 and contact information is below:

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Please enjoy reading about the final Action Grant Project for 2022-2023:

Zeta TAPP Action Grant

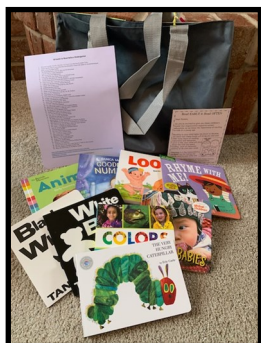
The number of teen parents receiving children's books through the Zeta Action Grant has increased from 20 to 31 this year. New this year, the Brown County Family Services Teen Parenting Program is now participating in the grant project in addition to the Green Bay Area Public School District Teen Age Parenting Program (TAPP). Even though the teens learn the importance of reading to their children, the majority can't afford to purchase books, as food, diapers, clothing, etc., are priorities. Thus, receiving the children's books provides a valuable resource to the parents.

Also, new this year is that the Green Bay Area Public Schools have assigned one teacher to work with teen parents in all of the district schools rather than having to contact five or more teachers.

All mothers in the program speak English, but some fathers or grandparents do not speak English, so Spanish Bilingual books were provided. "Daddy" focused books were included for the two fathers participating in the teen parenting program along with the mothers.

Members wrote notes to the parents at the November Zeta meeting, encouraging them to read to their children. One of last year's TAPP teachers shared that the students appreciated the notes because it showed that other people cared about them and their children. In December, members labeled the 250 books: "A book to help grow your young reader. DKG Zeta Teachers." Members were impressed with the variety and quality of the board books.

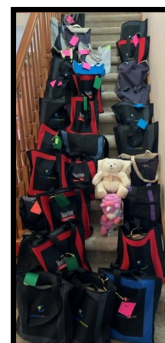
Bookbags containing 8 to 9 books, a personal note from Zeta members, and a handout with suggestions for reading from ages 0 to 2 were delivered to the Green Bay School District TAPP teacher and the Family Services Teen Parenting Program Support Specialist in mid-January. The two coordinators will share the impact of receiving children's books on how much time teen parents spend reading to their children.



Year 1 books



Joy Pokel, Marilyn Lambert,
Cindy Baker labeling books



31 Bags



Kelsy Rusch
labeling books

Communications and Marketing Committee ***by Carole Henning, Chair*** ***A Friend Would Ask***

Without question, the best communications and marketing strategies are those that are direct and personal. We can use this fact to strengthen and increase our membership.

Our May 4 State Leadership Conference is just around the corner. (See conference information on pages 2-8 in this newsletter.) This is a great opportunity to use our bonds of friendship to help our state organization grow and thrive.

As you prepare and submit your registration materials (you know you want to!), ASK A FRIEND to join you in Wausau for the conference. Be direct. Be persuasive. Emphasize the fun and positive activities on the agenda, especially to members who may have never attended a state event. Plan to stay over at this lovely venue so that you can enjoy some relaxation and conversation with members from all over Wisconsin.

The weather will be great, the activities will be engaging. We are looking forward to record attendance for this year's conference. Plan to attend. . .and bring a friend.

One final request: As soon as you can, make sure someone in your group sends me your chapter newsletter (either digitally or by "snail mail") so I can get acquainted with your chapter and your publication. This will lay the groundwork for our upcoming "newsletter upgrade" session at the May 4 conference.

My email is dkgwsocandm@gmail.com. My postal address is Carole Henning, 2938 Makou Trail, Waukesha, WI 53189. Send me something; I love to get mail!

Membership Committee ***by Roberta Gale, Chair*** ***Membership Minute***

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Conference in Wausau on May 4. Because there is no local DKG Chapter in Wausau, we thought that might be an area for expansion and development of a new chapter. We want to invite female educators from the Wausau Public School District to attend our conference as our guests. To do that, we ask if you or your chapter would like to sponsor a Wausau teacher to attend the luncheon and the afternoon programming. It would cost \$50 to sponsor a guest. Please let me know if you are willing to do so at rjgale@gbonline.com. Become a WATS (Wausau Area Teacher Sponsor)! I look forward to hearing from you.

Maxim: *Help others without a reason*

Scholarship Committee

by Johanna Dvorak, Chair

Take Advantage of the DKG WSO Scholarship Opportunity by March 1

Are you interested in furthering your education? WSO funds two graduate study scholarships, the Hazel Duling Scholarship and the Founders' Scholarship. They are awarded yearly for up to \$4,000 for advanced study beyond the bachelor's degree at accredited institutions of higher education. These may be used for Master's or Doctoral studies, coursework leading to license renewal, re-certification, or additional certification for full-time or part-time study during the summer session and academic year (fall, winter, spring term sessions). To qualify, you must be an active DKG member for at least two years, have demonstrated professional involvement and community service, and clearly state your educational goals. Check the DKG WSO website, dkgwsowebly.com, under the *Scholarship* tab for guidelines and the application form. Don't delay; the deadline is March 1. For questions, you can email me at dkgwsoscholarship@gmail.com

Red Roses of Welcome to Inductees



ALPHA UPSILON SIGMA	Karen Wall	11/17/23
ZETA	Lily VandenLangenberg	12/23

White Roses in Memory of Those Who Have Gone Before Us



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

ALPHI XI	Eleanor Van Gent	1/7/2024
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SAVE THE DATE

Creative Arts Retreat

October 4-6, 2024

Green Lake Conference Center

Theme: Let the Games Begin

More Info & Registration Form to Follow in the June
WSO newsletter and on the Website



2024 DKG International Convention

National Harbor, Maryland

July 9-13

Save the Date!