



Save the Date!!

Coming in 2022: Area Meetings

- Area 1-** April 23, 2022
Fellowship Bible Church- Harrison
- Area 2-** May 14, 2022
ASU at Heber Springs
- Area 3-** April 2, 2022 (TBA)
- Area 4-** April 9, 2022
El Dorado High School Library



Beta Xi Chapter came together on December 7th for a meeting and Christmas Party. (More pictures on page 6)

Theta Chapter met on Monday, December 13th, for a Christmas celebration. ASO President Sue Cook was a guest for the evening. In addition to current ASO President Sue Cook, three other past state presidents were at the meeting. Shown together are Jo Nell Lowry, Sue Cook, Cathy Toney, and Ella Reese. (More photos are on page 5)

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“ Follow Your Dream With DKG” From ASO President Sue Cook

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a great year in 2022. I hope our ASO members enjoyed time over the holidays with families and friends. There is a new pet at my house, so I enjoyed my time at home using Zoom or FaceTime. (Not too many family members want to see you in person with yet another young dog!)

This fall I have focused on contacting each chapter president about visiting a chapter meeting. So far I have scheduled 21 chapter visits, but I have missed hearing from some of you. As I visit across the state I find it is amazing what each chapter is accomplishing despite the challenges and restrictions during the continuing COVID-19 health crisis.

In traveling the state I try to take pictures so I can share each visit, but sometimes I miss a chapter. In order to know what is happening throughout our state, I would encourage you to send pictures of what your chapter is doing to ASO Editor Linda Davidson. We can all learn from sharing what is happening at the chapter level.

Keeping your officers' contact information updated is so important. This information is so helpful for our ASO officers but it is also important at the International level.

A huge “thank you” goes out to all members statewide who paid their dues on time. Also all chapter treasurers deserve a big “thank you” for sending their IRS-form 990 on time. (This is what keeps your tax-exempt status.)

Please remember to check out my blog “Sue to You” on the ASO website. I have added some pictures to the blog in the past few weeks, and I would love some comments/feedback.

I think all our ASO members survived the tornado outbreak across our part of the country recently. It is the people of Kentucky who really need our prayers. It is so difficult to account for everyone with email and phone lines down as well as the post offices that were destroyed. In this time of need for many of our DKG sisters, please consider a contribution to the International Emergency Fund. Remember, it awards \$500 to any DKG member who has incurred damages due to any kind of natural disaster. (See more about the disaster's effect on DKG on page 8)

When you are making your 2022 New Year's resolutions, please include ASO! Recommit to attendance, volunteer to give a ride to a member, share a program, and always have fun together!!

Finally, plans are underway for the 2022 ASO Leadership Seminar. Details will follow soon!!!

Love to all of you!! Sue

ASO President Sue Cook is shown with Cissie Pendergrass at the Alpha Theta Christmas Party and meeting on December 15th.



ASO President Sue Cook is shown at the Regional Conference in San Antonio with other ASO members posing for a group picture.

Above center, ASO President Sue Cook and Immediate ASO Past President Cathy Toney get together for a picture during Theta's December meeting.

The 2022 Spring Agatha Prator Grant Winner Has Been Selected

Casie Greeson, a senior from Ashdown at Southern Arkansas University, was selected for the Agatha Prator Grant for the spring of 2022. Casie, an elementary education major, will receive the grant of \$2,500 during her student teaching semester.

In addition to her impressive academic achievement, Casie has been a member of the university band, the Teacher Education Club, and the Baptist Collegiate Ministry while at SAU. Casie hopes to put her interest and emphasis in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) to good use as she teaches elementary students. One of her references wrote that, “her enthusiasm for teaching has been evident from the start of her education courses at SAU. She takes care to reflect on her strengths and weaknesses and how they will influence her as an educator, and she constantly strives for improvement.”

Chair of the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship Committee Dr. Rebecca Mills reported, “the committee selected Casie from a competitive group of applicants because of the quality of her scholarship application, academic record, and professional references. We look forward to hearing about her success in student teaching.”



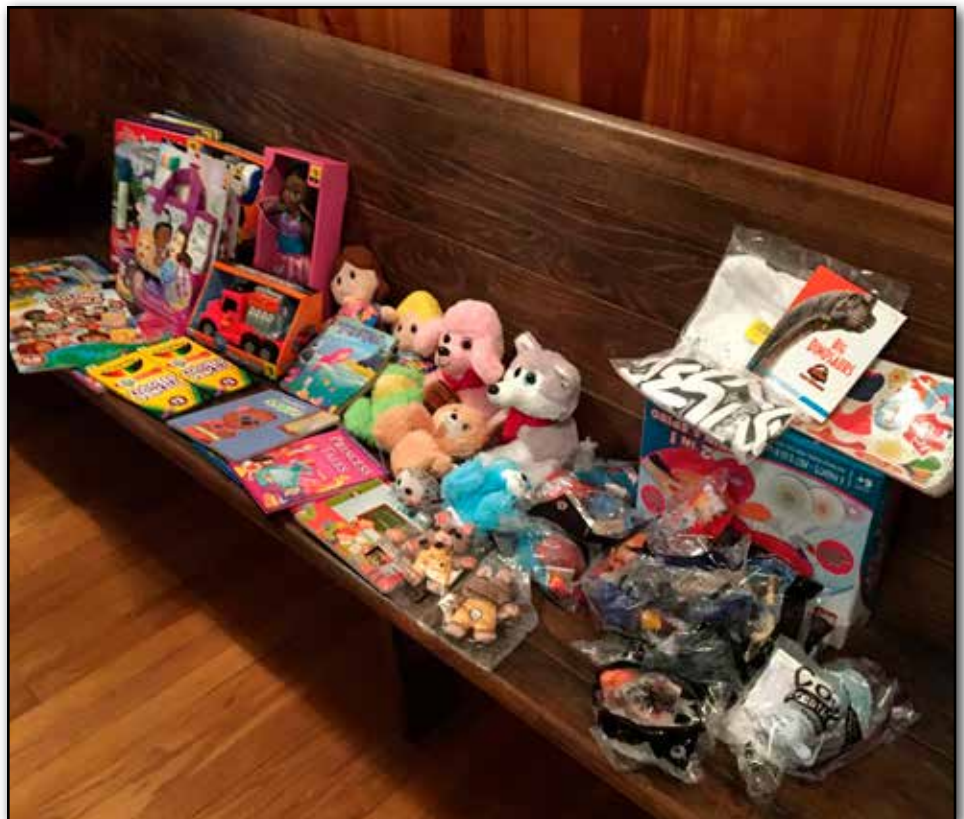
Casie Greeson is from Ashdown and is attending Southern Arkansas University.

News from Chapters

Alpha Pi Chapter

New Year's greetings from Alpha Pi Chapter in Fort Smith!

Each year our chapter shares a Christmas project. This year Alpha Pi Chapter collected toys and books for the local women's shelter. When a woman arrives, sometimes with children, the shelter gives a toy to each child to help them with the change they may not understand. Also, they provide a play room for the children to be children. Alpha Pi chapter has a legacy of supporting the children of our community and this project is a reflection of that legacy.



Iota Chapter

Iota Chapter Partners with Altrusa to Support Little Free Libraries

Research indicates that access to books is an important factor in improving literacy. In the fall of 2021, Iota Chapter participated in a local literacy project delivering books to Little Free Libraries throughout Northwest Arkansas. The project was sparked by Iota Chapter Member Tina Howlett, who was visiting a COVID vaccination clinic and noticed that their Little Free Library (LFL) was empty. Iota members decided to stock the clinic's LFL by donating some of their own books. To extend the project and have a greater impact, Iota Members Faye Jones and Patricia Kelly networked with Altrusa International of Fayetteville, which supports literacy projects providing books to local organizations that serve children. After two months of book collecting, Iota Chapter President Tonya Landrum and Tina Howlett delivered 329 books to 11 Little Free Libraries in the area, including the Springdale Community Clinic and the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank. These books included high quality children's literature, young adult novels, and adult fiction books.

According to the LFL homepage, the non-profit organization strives to be a catalyst for building community and increasing book access through a global network of volunteer-led LFL book exchanges. In 2020, Little Free Library received the World Literacy Award from the World Literacy Foundation. Iota Chapter's Little Free Library Project reinforces DKG Society's purposes of endorsing suitable endeavors in the interests of education and participating in appropriate programs of action.

Submitted by Kristina M. Howlett, Ph.D.



The photo above is from the Huntsville Little Free Library.

The other two panels are photo collages from several other Little Free Libraries.



Theta Chapter

Theta Chapter met on Monday, December 13th, for a Christmas celebration. The photos featured are all from that meeting. Members collected snacks for Carolyn Lewis Elementary School in Conway and prepared Christmas cards for a local nursing home. The program for the meeting was on Crystal Bridges, presented by Dr. Gayle Seymour, Associate Dean of College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and a Theta member. Theta welcomed ASO President Sue Cook.



Alpha Theta Chapter

Alpha Theta Chapter had a Christmas Party and meeting on December 15th at Cissy Pendergrass's home in Charleston, AR. ASO President Sue Cook was a guest at the meeting. All the photos featured are from that meeting.



Beta Xi Chapter

ASO President Sue Cook was the guest of Beta Xi Chapter on December 7th for a meeting and Christmas Party. Sue captured several pictures of the members and the fun.



Mu Chapter

Mu Chapter met in November for their annual auction to fund local grants and scholarships. All photos are scenes from the auction.



Alpha Chapter

2021 DKG Alpha Chapter Christmas Giving Tea

Alpha Chapter's annual Christmas Giving Tea is a yearly favorite! ASO President Sue Cook joined us this year and everyone had a great time. We enjoyed lots of food, fun, and fellowship. Our chapter showed truly generous giving for the occasion. We collected a large amount of canned food items for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Also after being asked to shop for extra Angels, everyone stepped up and donated more so that our elves, MaryBeth Simpson and Sharon Patterson, (pictured with toys) could shop for four children.



How the Recent Tornado Outbreak Impacted DKG:

From ASO President Sue Cook:

I'm sure you have seen on the news the extent of the devastation from the tornado outbreak on December 11, 2021. ASO's members thankfully were all safe. But many Arkansans in the path of the storms have had to deal with overwhelming loss. Tennessee and Kentucky faced the same destructive storms. You as an individual or chapter might want to extend support to them at this time. This support is totally up to each of you. (Some of the charities and suggestions mentioned for Kentucky below would also apply in other affected states like Arkansas and Tennessee.)

As an example of the helpful nature of DKG, State Presidents in the Southeast Region reached out through SER Director Candi Martin to the Kentucky State President Bonnia Cook Fouts. KSO President Fouts returned a message that stated that all the Kentucky DKG members were safe - Not ONE had any loss or damage. That's a miracle! Quotes from Bonnia's email are included below as well as documents that were composed to send to all the well-wishers that offered support.

"Dear Candi and all of you wonderful SER presidents,

I promised to update you when I knew more and many of you have offered so much support. We truly are a sisterhood, and my heart goes out to each and every one of you. Many states not in our region have offered to send financial assistance to our chapters who were affected - miraculously, not one of our members had loss or damage! It has taken this long to check on each and every member! I decided to share with you what I am sending to those who reached out to us, who offered to send money, etc. We as DKG members need nothing; however, there is a tremendous need in Kentucky. The following is what we sent to those who wanted to send money directly to KSO. I have also included the attachments for you to view. Thanks again for being there. It has been a very busy week and I know we are in the beginnings of finding how much truly was lost on December 11, 2021. May each of you enjoy the warmth of the holidays and experience lots of joy in the new year to come!

Yours in DKG, Bonnia"

To Help Kentucky Now:

*IF you want to help now and not later, these are legitimate ways to help the victims of the tornado outbreak that occurred on December 11, 2021. In particular, **Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund** as set up by Governor Andy Beshear, has ways to donate any amount online. If you want to help other communities around the state, you can go to the United Way, Salvation Army, or Red Cross sites and tell them where you want to help. There is a paragraph to help you determine if the group is a charity scam. It is generally safe to donate to those organizations that you know will use the money to help the victims and storm recovery.*

Here are some tips on how best to help the victims of the tornado outbreak that hit the Midwest and South over the weekend:

Cash is king. *After seeing destroyed homes and people who have lost everything, we may be tempted to donate clothing, food, bottled water or other supplies. Aid organizations say donations like that often create logistical nightmares and more expense. A financial donation can be spent on what is needed most at that particular moment.*

Know to whom you are giving. *Charity scams abound after natural disasters. Give to trusted, mainstream organizations. If you are unsure about a group, check it out at the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, the Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or GuideStar.*

Give blood. *Hospitals treating storm victims need more blood, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said Saturday. Blood supplies have run dangerously low throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. To find a blood donation center in your area go to the Red Cross Blood Center website at redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.html and type in your zip code.*

As search and rescue efforts continue in impacted states, here is how you can help:

Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund

American Red Cross

Help people affected by the tornadoes by visiting redcross.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS. Donations directed toward tornado victims enable the Red Cross to respond to and help people recover from this disaster. This includes providing food, shelter, relief supplies, emotional support, and other assistance. If you have the time, you can make a significant impact as a Red Cross volunteer. Review the most urgently needed volunteer positions at redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army works to provide food, drinks, shelter, emotional and spiritual care and other emergency services to survivors and rescue workers. Online: give.helpsalvationarmy.org/. By phone: 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769)

Go Fund Me

GoFundMe connects you to people who need help. The Weather Channel and GoFundMe have teamed up to help people in the path of a natural disaster be prepared and recover quicker than ever before. If a hurricane has impacted you or someone you know, you can start a GoFundMe to get on the road to recovery. You can request help or donate to someone in need.

CARE

CARE, the international aid organization based in Atlanta, has provided water, food, shelter, and cash assistance to the families affected by the tornados. The organization has set up a donation fund for those services.

Feeding America

Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland is providing ready-to-go emergency meals for victims. Donors looking to provide the nonprofit with money for the operation can log onto <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/feedingamericaky>. "This massive devastation couldn't come at a worse time as most of the state is still in recovery from the pandemic and people are financially exhausted from holiday expenses," Feeding America wrote in a social media post.

United Way

The United Way's Kentucky branch set up a donation fund for the state's victims. The nonprofit said the money will support "support immediate needs and long-term recovery for impacted communities." Anyone interested in donating can log onto uwky.org/tornado.

It's all about the
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APRIL 9, 2022
10AM-2PM

Delta Kappa Gamma
AREA IV

LOCATION:
EL DORADO HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY
2000 WILDCAT DR.
EL DORADO, AR 71730

Come enjoy a DKG picnic at the Area 1 Meeting in Harrison at the Friendship Bible Church on Saturday, April 23, 2022. (For right now, we are meeting in person; however, we are also planning for a virtual event just in case.)
FYI: No ants are invited to our picnic!!!
Put on your spring outfit and come out to the best DKG picnic around!!!



ASO's own Leisa Phillips of Chi Chapter has been selected to be a DKG International Speaker!!!

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There were no memorials or honorariums to report for the Kappa State Education Foundation this month.

Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- * **February 1, May 1, September 1** Applications for Cornetet Professional Development Award deadlines (dkgef.org)
- * **April 1, November 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- * **April 2, 2022** Area 3 Meeting (Place TBA)
- * **April 9, 2022** Area 4 Meeting El Dorado High School Library in El Dorado
- * **April 23, 2022** Area 1 Meeting Fellowship Bible Church in Harrison
- * **May 14, 2022** Area 2 Meeting ASU in Heber Springs
- * **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship