




Save The Date

Arkansas State Organization Convention

June 2-4, 2023
Ozark Folk Center
Mountain View

Apply to Serve on an Arkansas State Organization Committee

Have you ever wanted to serve on a state committee? Do you know how much you are valued and needed to serve on one? ASO is taking applications for committee members for the 2023-2025 biennium. ASO needs your talents to help make our state organization the best that it can be. The application is a short Google form that you can access by the link below:

<https://forms.gle/1JrAf6eMbKiHydJf6>
 (Copy and paste this link into your internet browser)

If you are not sure what the committees do or where you will best fit, go to the link above to see a description of each committee's work. Every ASO member has much to offer and should consider applying. You will not regret it.



ASO officers Janie Hickman, Linda Vailes, Sue Cook, and Cathy Toney went to the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View in November to check out the venue as a possible site for the ASO State Convention. This photo shows the restaurant.

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

Happy New Year 2023!! I hope each of you had a blessed time with your friends and families over the holidays. I did! Bob and I had lunch with my brother David and my sister-in-law Jan. The next day we drove to Houston to spend several days with my husband’s family!

Although I visited many chapters last year, I still have a few to go. I have some invitations from the remaining chapters, but I still would like to see all of you if I didn’t get to visit your chapter yet. I will be contacting you soon!

I know all of you have many interesting and exciting programs at your meetings. Please take pictures and send them to ASO Editor Linda Davidson. This helps other chapters get ideas for programs for their chapters. It is also interesting to see our friends and experience meetings from all over the state!!

Be sure and keep your officers’ contact information for your chapter up to date. It helps your ASO Officers and International.

Thanks to all those members out there for paying your dues on time!! Also thank you to all the chapter treasurers for sending in your IRS form 990 on time!! (This is what keeps your tax-exempt status.)

Please write a comment sometime on my “Sue to You” blog on the ASO website. I would love to hear from you!

It’s the time of year to make your 2023 New Year’s resolutions. Don’t forget ASO as you write up that list! Make a point to attend your meetings, invite a friend to join, give a ride to that member that doesn’t drive after dark, and always share your talents and ideas!!

Plans are underway for the 2023 ASO State Convention. It will be June 2-4, 2023. State officer training will begin in the same location immediately following the convention on June 4 and 5. There will be more details about this important event coming soon!!

Below center President Sue Cook talks with DKG members during the ASO Fall Meeting.

ASO President Sue Cook makes opening remarks at the ASO Fall Meeting on October 22, 2022.



ASO President Sue Cook is shown visiting Alpha Beta Chapter in Magnolia in November. Alpha Beta was Sue’s chapter before her move to Mountain View. See more from Alpha Beta on page 11.

Heather Fulmer, Lambda Chapter, has received the ASO Scholarship



Heather Fulmer of Lambda Chapter is a teacher at Ouachita High School.

Heather Fulmer, who serves Lambda Chapter as treasurer, was selected to receive the Dr. Flora M. Gillintine and Ida Ruth Reeves Arkansas State Organization Scholarship for 2022. This \$1000 scholarship is awarded to members of Delta Kappa Gamma who are pursuing additional education.

A teacher at Ouachita High School, Heather is pursuing a license and degree in administration at Arkansas State University. She also serves on the DKG ASO Technology Committee. Members of the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship Committee commented on the quality and strength of her application.

In addition to her pursuit of an advanced degree, her teaching position, and also family responsibilities, Heather directed an ESL STEM camp for Henderson State University this summer and volunteered at her church.

One of her references wrote that, "Heather has ambition to better our world with everything she does." Another commented that, "It is rare to meet such a motivated, organized, and people-oriented person. I can wholeheartedly support Heather for this award. Her demonstrated leadership and vision have made a positive impact on her school and community and I have no doubt that this will continue with the degree she will be receiving."

Kaylynn Suggs was Selected to Receive the Agatha Prator Grant this Spring

Kaylynn Suggs, a student at Arkansas Tech from Van Buren, was selected to receive the Agatha Prator Grant this spring. The committee members were impressed with the high quality of her application materials and her supportive references.

Kaylynn, who will do her internship at Van Buren Elementary School, hopes to secure a teaching job in her hometown. But she shared that she is open to other opportunities. In her application, she wrote, "I am open minded about what grade I teach and am eager to start educating my future students and helping them grow in more areas than just academics."

Kaylynn has an impressive history of volunteering through her sorority, church, and school. She wrote the following about what she had learned in her first internship: "I have learned how to target behaviors in classroom from a place of love and correction. Instead of trying to change students, we need to change the situation in hopes of their behavior rising to that. The students in my class have been challenged and loved by me as a teacher. My only hope is that I can be as impactful in the years moving forward."

Kaylynn's supervising teacher for that internship was Jessica Baggett, a member of DKG's Beta Nu Chapter in Russellville. We are grateful for Jessica and other classroom teachers who support prospective teachers and especially grateful that she encouraged this talented young woman to apply for the Agatha Prator Grant.

As we close out 2022, your ASO Scholarship Committee would like to thank you for soliciting and supporting nominees for the Arkansas State

Kaylynn Suggs is from Van Buren and is a student at Arkansas Tech.



Scholarship and the Agatha Prator Grant. Members of the Scholarship Committee currently include Joye Ryan-Jones, Pat Lovell, Judy McKnight, Kate Steward, Elizabeth Tye, and Chair Rebecca Mills.



January is here, and everyone is thinking about cleaning and organizing their house. However, have you thought about organizing and cleaning up your technology?

Tidying up your digital media may not feel worthwhile because your files are not visible in the real world. Yet holding on to all the data takes up valuable space on devices while also making important files more difficult to find. The professionals recommended a process of purging and labeling what's left. Here's how it would work: Do an annual clearance of the files you no longer need. To streamline this process on a computer, open a folder and sort the files by when they were last opened. From there, you can immediately eliminate the files you have not opened in years.

On your smartphone, delete unnecessary apps and photos that are taking up space. Eliminating photos is the most challenging process, because the thought of deleting your memories may be painful. But photos are some of the biggest data hogs of all, so some periodic maintenance is crucial. Start by trimming out the easy ones: duplicate photos, blurry shots and old screenshots. Then move on to the harder part: deleting the photos that were decent but not your favorites. Ask yourself a few questions: "Is this something I want to see again? Does it make me happy? Do I want to spend more time with this photo in the future?" If you answer no to any of those questions, the photo can probably go in the trash bin.

After you have the photos you want to keep, you can transfer them to a computer to be burned to a CD or flash drive. My approach to managing digital photos is to upload the photos I want to keep on the Walgreens photo website. There are other photo storage websites as well. This prevents me from losing them in a fire or tornado as well.

Whatever approach you take, don't skimp on tidying up your data. Even if it doesn't use up physical room, it can still cause you harm. Digital clutter can cause just as much anxiety and stress as household clutter. Since many of us have cell phones, that's clutter we carry with us everywhere.

As always, if the technology committee can help you in any way, please reach out to us!

Heather Dunn, ASO Technology Chair,
Grant County Beta Epsilon Chapter

Other ASO Technology Committee members are: Heather Fulmer, Lambda Chapter; Dr. Paula Williams, Zeta Chapter; Jenny Hodge, Chi Chapter; and Jackie Phillips, Alpha Chapter.

The Awards Committee Reminds Us...

It's Time to Think about ASO Awards

Remember all the hard working special people you have in your chapters.

Consider nominating one or two of those special members for **The Order of the Rose!**

What about that hard working member who serves ASO tirelessly, as well as, her chapter. Perhaps submit her name for the

Carolyn Pittman Achievement Award!!

We encourage you to visit the ASO website for the exact requirements for nomination to either of these awards.

(dkgarkansas.weebly.com)

Nominations are open to ALL members, not just past presidents, but can also be committee members or someone who serves behind the scenes.

Nominations can be submitted by chapters or individual members.

The applications forms are available on the ASO website.

Complete a nomination form, include a photo suitable for publication, then email and/or send hard copy to Cathy Long as soon as possible.

cslong@suddenlink.net

The final deadline will be February 1, 2023.

The members of the Awards Committee are Chair Cathy Long, Eta Chapter; Kathryn Dickinson, Alpha Delta; Melinda Bittle, Beta Xi; Linda Morrow, Gamma Iota; and Elizabeth Waldrip, Mu Chapter.

Arkansas State Organization Officer Nomination Information: Did you know...

Get an application
for a
State Office
or the
KS Education Foundation

- Any DKG member with good standing and 8 years in the organization can run for any state office.
- Our state officers do not automatically move up.
- State Officers have a two-year commitment.
- Becoming an officer helps one develop deeper relationships with other officers and members.
- Any member may submit a name with the prior approval of the person being nominated.
- Requirements will be on the nomination form.
- Please consider nominating a worthy member for one of these offices.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

ASO website (dkgarkansas.weebly.com)

Darlene Emmons, daremmons01@gmail.com

ASO Executive Secretary LaVonne Kirkpatrick

APPLICATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 15TH

return by email to Darlene Emmons,
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News from Chapters



Epsilon Gamma Chapter

Epsilon Gamma had their annual Christmas meeting on December 12, 2022, at the home of President Shea Hylton. Members enjoyed a potluck of party food and fellowship. Libby Pazdera brought the left/right game with some sparkly gifts for the members. Laura Howe and Leigh Anne Baldwin received their pins and name tags.

At the November 2022 DKG Iota Chapter Meeting, Carolyn Brooks was recognized as "Member Extraordinaire" and presented with a DKG necklace and a special certificate. Carolyn's exceptional service includes offering support to new officers and new members, decorating at chapter meetings, and making personal calls and sending letters to those in need. The meeting also included a guest speaker from the Ozark Literacy Center, a raffle to raise funds for scholarships, collecting donated books to the Little Free Library Project, and an update on the chapter's new website!

Iota Chapter



In December 2022, Iota Chapter in Fayetteville had an ornament exchange.



Grant County Beta Epsilon Chapter



Above right, the members of DKG Grant County Beta Epsilon made (and gave away) ornaments with the children of Sheridan at the annual Christmas on the Square on December 3. Over 200 DIY ornaments were given away or made at the event.

Above and left, on December 15, the Grant County Beta Epsilon members enjoyed fellowship while playing holiday games and cookie decorating!

Alpha Pi Chapter

Alpha Pi Chapter in Fort Smith held their Christmas party on December 20 at the home of Kristie Coats. Good food and sharing was the order of business. The service project this year was to provide the Ramsey Junior High nurse with items to serve student needs other than medical. These items are given to students for their personal use.



Lambda Chapter

In November Lambda Chapter in Arkadelphia had a presenter who shared the dangers of vaping. In his presentation he did a great job explaining and showing what vaping can do to the human body.

Also in November the chapter held a food drive for an elementary school in the area.





Gamma Iota Chapter

Gamma Iota held its annual Christmas dinner and auction on December 1, 2022, at the Lodge at Butterfield Trail Village in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Proceeds from the silent auction go to support a scholarship awarded each year to a University of Arkansas teacher education candidate. The chapter also recognized Linda Pinkerton and Susan Riggs for 50 years of DKG membership and service to Gamma Iota and ASO. They were presented 50-year pins by ASO Executive Secretary LaVonne Kirkpatrick, who is also a member of Gamma Iota. Pictured are Linda, LaVonne, and Susan.

Gamma Iota President Annette Digby congratulates Linda Pinkerton and Susan Riggs for their exemplary service!

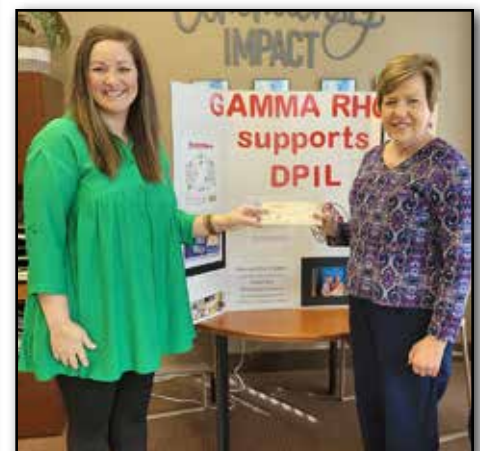


Gamma Rho Chapter

Gamma Rho had a busy fall. In October the chapter toured the NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine on the campus of ASU in Jonesboro.

In November members visited the Nettleton STEAM School and learned about their partnership with ASU, NASA and the "Waxworm Project" on the International Space Station.

The chapter has used its Education Foundation Grant and personal donations to partner with the local United Way in funding area three-year-olds in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.



Beta Omega packed goodie bags for teachers again this year. Students at the high school received community service credit for helping to pack the bags. Bags were delivered to all school personnel in every school in Stuttgart, both public and private as well as administration, bus drivers, etc. Easter Seals of Stuttgart was also included.



Beta Omega Chapter reinstated three former members during the May 2022 meeting.



New officers installed during the May meeting are Treasurer Tana Beasley, President Janie Hickman, and Secretary Amy Griffin.



Beta Omega Chapter



President Janie Hickman is shown with Morgan Hickman. Morgan was awarded the Beta Omega scholarship in May.

Beta Omega collected toys for the ER at Baptist Health in Stuttgart. The toys were delivered to the ER on Monday, December 12.

Children's books were also collected and delivered to Easter Seals in Stuttgart.



Alpha Beta Chapter



ASO President Sue Cook visited Alpha Beta Chapter in November. Members enjoyed the evening and fellowship.

Lower left, Kayla Walker from Magnolia received the Alpha Beta Ellie Tucker/Pat Weaver Grant-in-Aid.

Lower right, Alpha Beta President Vanda McLelland introduces the grant winner.

See more pictures from Alpha Beta on page 2



Mu Chapter

Mu Chapter awarded their Mu Chapter/Diana McWilliams Early Career Educator Grant to Makayla Lindsey, a third grade teacher at Bauxite. She is shown with Carolyn Hoggard who was Makayla's teacher in elementary school.

Far right, Mu Chapter President Melissa Van-Cleave presents a check to the Bauxite Middle School Counselor for their backpack program in October. This was a one time "Pop-up Project" for the chapter.

November is the month for Mu Chapter's scholarship auction. Members bring donations and bid for the items. Lower left Mu Chapter Non-Dues Committee Co-Chairs Katy Reiss and Natalie Tanner served as auctioneers.



Theta Chapter

Theta Chapter had a Christmas Brunch in the home of Gayle Seymour on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Gayle, an art historian, has several historical (antique) collections. Members enjoyed seeing her collection of Christmas ceramics, and a few of her many dolls. Her living room was decorated with her antique eight-foot silver tinsel tree complete with the light color wheel that many of us remember. Gayle actually has two of these collectible trees.

Members enjoyed the time together while sharing funny stories from their times in the classroom.

Members brought contributions to the backpack program for the Vilonia Schools to this meeting. Collections are taken at each meeting for a particular school represented in Theta Chapter as well as Toys for Tots in November.





Beta Tau Chapter

Beta Tau's Christmas party was held at Brenda Smith's home on December 10, 2022. Rosemary Underwood provided all the Christmas goodies. Members had a blast exchanging Christmas gifts during the party. Beta Tau would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone in ASO.



On December 15, 2022, Beta Tau had a great tour of the Ronald McDonald House in Arkoma. Then the members shared fantastic food at Joe's Mexican Cantina.

Chi Chapter

Chi Chapter had their December meeting at President Hannah Rosson's house.



During the meeting Chi Chapter enjoyed a soup and salad supper. The chapter also had a visit from Santa. Charles Adair (Santa) is the past superintendent of Harrison Schools. Mr. Adair is the husband of Chi Chapter member Jane Adair. In addition to all the Christmas fun the chapter collected donations for Grandma's House Children's Advocacy Center.

From The Editor:

Hello!

I wanted to thank all the chapters and committee chairs that responded to my request for news! I went from almost nothing in content to a nicely detailed newsletter in a little over a week.

I hope you enjoy reading all the articles and news in this issue. Remember that the ASO News is published in the odd numbered months or 6 times a year.

Please send pictures and/or stories about your chapters to your editor for the ASO News every time! Let everyone in ASO know about your chapter.

I will need the information and pictures by the 15th of the month before the publication date. Your news doesn't have to be only a project, party or special event. Coverage of normal meetings is informative for others as well.

If news sent doesn't appear in the current issue it will be in the next one.

My address information is listed below.

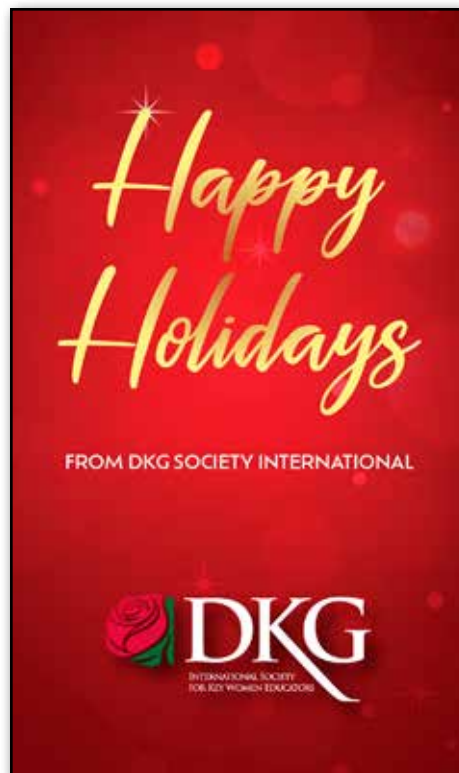
I hope you have a wonderful holiday season this year!!!

Your ASO Editor,
Linda Davidson

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Kappa State Education Foundation

Memorials:

Wanda Roe, Past Kappa State President, Gamma Eta Chapter
by Gamma Beta Chapter

Reva Stevenson, (Cathy Long's Mother)
by Elizabeth Waldrip, Mu Chapter

Reva Stevenson
by Kathryn Dickinson, Alpha Delta Chapter

Honorariums:

Outgoing Southeast Regional Director Candi Martin, Chi Chapter
by DKG Florida State Organization

Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- * **January 15, 2023** Deadline for Nominations for ASO Officers, and KS Education Foundation members (for more details see page 5)
- * **February 1, 2023** Final deadline for applications for ASO award nominees for the 2021-2023 biennium
- * **February 1, May 1, September 1** Applications for Cornet Professional Development Award deadlines (dkgef.org)
- * **April 1, November 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- * **June 2-4, 2023** Arkansas State Organization Convention in Mountain View at the Ozark Folk Center/State Park
- * **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship