




Save The Date!

**Arkansas State Organization
 Area Meetings**

AREA 1: March 9, 2024
*First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall,
 Clarksville, AR*

AREA 2: April 20, 2024
*Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church
 Benton, AR*

AREA 3: April 27, 2024
Location TBA

AREA 4: April 13, 2024
*Sheridan High School
 Sheridan, AR*

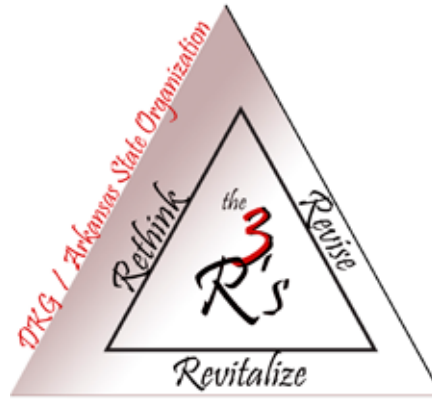


The December meeting of Epsilon Gamma Chapter was a holiday party. (For more from Epsilon Gamma see page 7.)

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From ASO President Cathy Toney



Happy New Year! I can't believe it is 2024. Here are a few things that I hope all members will work on during this coming year:

- **Emails:** Be sure your Chapter, Arkansas State Organization, and International has the correct email for you.
- **Emails for active teachers:** Please be sure you have an email that is not connected to a school. Lots of school email addresses will not accept DKG or ASO messages.
- **Invite potential members:** Invite someone to your next chapter meeting. It could be someone who did belong to DKG but dropped her membership and just needs to be invited back.
- **Chapter presidents need you to be active:** This can be done by attending your meetings, gatherings and helping with projects.
- **Retired teachers:** You are so needed at schools to help our active teachers. Volunteer to help at the school close to you. That's a great opportunity to get to know the teachers and invite them to your chapter meeting.
- **Active teachers:** Invite and inform your retired members where you need the most help. They could read to your students, help mentor a student, tutor a student, etc. Find out what subject or grade level your retired teachers taught and go from there.
- **Active teachers with an intern:** If you have an intern (student teacher in my day) invite them to be a part of your chapter as a collegiate member. The cost is \$23.00 (unless your chapter rules have added more). You could sponsor their membership and they would have a special organization to be a part of with you.
- **Look forward to attending your chapter meetings!** In addition, just let me know when you want me to be at your meeting and, if nothing is already scheduled, I will be there!

ASO President Cathy Toney attended the December meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter.



Cathy Toney and Janie Hickman visit with an ASO member at the ASO Fall Conference.

Above center, ASO President Cathy Toney attended Alpha Delta's chapter meeting in December. She and Carolyn McCough enjoy the meeting.

Important Materials Chapters Should Keep

(from the ASO Records and Properties Committee)

Presidents, the time has come to start preparing to pass along the materials and records of your chapter to the incoming president. You may find this list helpful. Each president should check through the materials that should be kept and make decisions about the materials that may not be necessary.

Things your chapter should save:

- File of all chapter minutes
- Financial records (seven years: may be in the treasurer's materials)
- Current membership rolls (provided by International)
- Chapter Bylaws, current edition
- Chapter Standing Rules, current edition
- Chapter yearbook, current edition
- Chapter inventory, current (this should include all induction and installation materials and anything you have traditionally used in the course of encouraging and enhancing your chapter meetings)
- Chapter history
- Copies of all previous Presidents' Reports
- Copies of reports for the previous biennium
- Communication from the international and State for the previous biennium
- Significant correspondence of a permanent nature (this may include letters and e-mails of resignation and reinstatement, nomination letters and forms for a chapter honorary member, or any project or activity that is ongoing and supported by the chapter)
- Records of recipients if your chapter gives a scholarship or grant
- Items required by state documents and Chapter Rules
- A recognized manual of parliamentary procedures (check with the ASO Parliamentary Advisor if you have questions)

If you need help with deciding what other items and records to keep, ask the following questions:

- Is this item critical to our chapter's history, communication, and service?
- Will this item or information be helpful for recruiting new members or retaining current members?
- Does this item reflect or enhance one of the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma?
- Does this item encourage our members to commit to serving the chapter and the organization?

The ASO Records and Properties committee is here to help you. Please feel free to ask any questions you have. Contact Terri Leins, Email: tleins@cox.net. Phone: 479-783-0876. If you should have materials that reflect the honors of your chapter, or information about members that have contributed to ASO in a way that celebrates Delta Kappa Gamma that you wish to share with the ASO Archive, please let me know and I will arrange to collect the information and items to place in the archive.

US Forum National Legislative Seminar March 10-13 !

The US Forum Steering Committee has been busy planning an outstanding National Legislative Seminar (NLS) for 2024, and it is coming soon! Here is some important information for you about the seminar:

Dates: Sunday, March 10th (2:00 pm) -Wednesday, March 13th (12:00 pm)

Location: Holiday Inn National Airport Hotel, Crystal City, VA (1 mile from Washington, DC and Reagan National Airport)

Registration Deadline: February 23, 2024

Hotel Reservation Deadline for DKG Special Rate: February 3rd

Registration: \$340.00 (All meals included)

If you have not yet made plans to attend the US Forum 2024 National Legislative Seminar, (NLS) in Washington, DC now is the time to do so! This incredible event is designed not only for DKG women who are experienced advocates, but also for members who want to know more about becoming an effective communicator and supporter of causes that are important to women, children, and education. The National Legislative Seminar includes outstanding speakers on the issues most important to DKG members, a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery, meetings with your elected senators and representatives, opportunities to discuss critical issues with fellow DKG members, and visits to the museums and monuments in Washington, DC. So, mark your calendar now! The dates for the US Forum 2024 National Legislative Seminar are March 10-13. For more information, watch for the next issue of the US Forum Connection newsletter or contact Vivian Posey, vivposey@gmail.com. See you in DC in March 2024

REGISTER NOW!

Dr. Vivian Posey, SE Region Representative



Arkansas State Organization Secretary Lindsey Bohler Earned Her Doctorate in August 2023

Congratulations to Dr. Lindsey Bohler on receiving her doctorate! Dr. Bohler is the Grant County Beta Epsilon President and currently serves as the Arkansas State Organization Secretary. Dr. Bohler is also the Area 4 Leader. In addition to DKG responsibilities she serves as the director of the Grant County Imagination Library.

Dr. Bohler began her educational journey at the University of Arkansas Monticello where she received her Bachelor of Science in Education and later received a Masters in Educational Leadership. She taught kindergarten, second, fifth and sixth grade for the first 7 years of her educational career. She then became assistant principal of Crossett Elementary School for the next 4 years. While in Crossett, Dr. Bohler obtained her Specialist degree in Superintendency from Arkansas State University.

Dr. Bohler continued her administration journey as Sheridan Elementary School principal in summer of 2015. During her time as principal, Dr. Bohler has been involved in many professional organizations and achieved her doctorate from Arkansas State University in August 2023.

Dr. Bohler has been a National Board Certified Teacher certified since 2012. Among her other accomplishments, Dr. Bohler is also a 2019 Leadership Academy Master Principal Graduate. She and her team of teachers were graduates of the Arkansas Leadership Academy Team Institute in 2020. The Arkansas Art Educators Awards Committee selected Dr. Bohler to receive the award for Arkansas Art Educators Administrator of the Year at their 2017 Fall Conference. Dr. Bohler's latest accomplishment is bringing Sheridan Elementary School to a Model Professional Learning Community (PLC) School in January 2023. Sheridan Elementary has most recently been awarded for Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase school in May of 2023.

Dr. Bohler's phenomenological study (based on observation) highlighted teachers' perceptions and experiences with administrative support. Her findings indicate that teachers incorporated student-centered learning more fluently if they worked with building-level administrators who emphasized creating a culture of teaching and learning and provided opportunities for collegial collaboration and professional development devoted to student-centered instruction. Additionally, the findings also indicate that participants felt supported when their building administrator created a culture for learning through a safe and supportive environment, focusing on the whole child, and having a shared purpose.

Lindsey Bohler of Grant County Beta Epsilon is shown in August 2023.



ASO Parliamentarian Candi Martin congratulates Dr. Lindsey Bohler at the ASO Fall Conference.

Grant County Beta Epsilon Chapter

Rebecca May, teacher at Sheridan Intermediate School, was awarded a \$500 Early Educator Grant by Grant County Beta Epsilon. Rebecca used the money to purchase the Neon Read On Classroom Kit and course.

She stated, "I have the opportunity to teach 75 kids reading this year which means it could benefit many children and provide them with an uncommon reading experience."

She will present the Neon Read On Classroom Kit to the chapter at a later date.



Gamma Chi Chapter in Texarkana held its annual Craft and Bake Sale in November to raise money for student scholarships. Here is a selfie of chapter president Audrey Wright with the members who were present. They also offered online bidding for some items.

Shown at the meeting are front row: Ellen Cobb, Tina Delese, Marilyn Adams, Maggie Harris, Shelly Grice, and Caitlin Walsh; second row: Carolyn Turchi (DKG member over 50 years), Jeannette Dempsey, Pam Carter, Liz Carter, and Lisa Barker; Third row: Karen Vance, Gail Young, Karen McDowell, and Dixie Druhan; Back row: Anne Formby, Jolane Cook, and Jeannie Edwards; Standing: Janet Cole-Carter and Tracey Boyles.

Gamma Chi Chapter



Epsilon Gamma Chapter

Epsilon Gamma Chapter had a holiday party for its December meeting. The chapter enjoyed a meal at Kasper's Restaurant in Clarksville. The members invited the music teacher and his intern to join them. They played dirty Santa and collected books for children in need. "A fun time was had by all."



Alpha Delta Chapter

In December Alpha Delta Chapter in Hope, AR, had a DKG Christmas party with an ornament exchange and fellowship. The chapter felt blessed to have ASO President Cathy Toney as the chapter's special guest for the evening.



Theta Chapter



Theta Chapter of Conway met in the home of ASO President and Theta member Cathy Toney for their annual Christmas Potluck Brunch. Cathy's home was beautifully decorated. As always there were many delicious dishes and lots of conversation! Members brought donations to the chapter's monthly service project. This month the project was snack backpack items to be given to Vilonia Public Schools.

After brunch, a few announcements were made and then the group enjoyed singing Christmas carols while accompanying themselves with hand chimes.

Theta Chapter members were taught how to play the hand chimes and then led by Linda Ball, Children's Music Director at Conway First United Methodist Church. Linda Ball graciously brought the hand chimes and easy music that everybody could follow. The members all left with full stomachs and happy hearts.





Kappa State Education Foundation

Memorials:

Tom Morrow,
by Cathy Long, Gamma Eta

Dolores Gilliam,
Mother of Karen Roe, Gamma Rho
by Cathy Long, Gamma Eta

Dolores Gilliam,
Mother of Karen Roe, Gamma Rho
by Terri Leins, Alpha Pi

Honorarium:

ASO President Cathy Toney, Theta Chapter
by Beta Beta Chapter

From Your Editor:

Don't forget to please send pictures and/or news about your chapters to your ASO Editor for the newsletter. The upcoming March issue of ARNews is perfect to showcase pictures of parties, events, and really anything letting others know about your chapters!

Please send them! I will need the news/pictures by February 15th if possible.

Thanks in advance! Your phone pictures work fine. My contact information is listed below.

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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
- * **March 9, 2024** Area 1 meeting, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Clarksville, AR
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- * **April 27, 2024** Area 3 meeting, location TBA
- * **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship