

## Coming in April and May: ASO Area Meetings!

### **Area 1:**

**April 23, 2022**  
**Fellowship Bible Church**  
**Harrison**

### **Area 2:**

**May 14, 2022**  
**First United**  
**Methodist Church**  
**Family Life Center**  
**Heber Springs**

### **Area 3:**

**April 2, 2022**  
**1st Assembly of God Church**  
**Forrest City**

### **Area 4:**

**April 9, 2022**  
**El Dorado High School Library**  
**El Dorado**

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*These file photos are a small reminder about the fun we had at our last area meetings in 2018. In 2020 the Covid 19 pandemic caused the meetings to be canceled so it has been a long time since the area groups had meetings. Photos from the 2018 meetings are shown clockwise from upper left: Area 1, Area 2, Area 4, and Area 3.*

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

### Hello:

Thanks to all the chapters that have made me feel so welcome! I have so enjoyed my travels across the state. Thank you also to those who have fixed a snack for my husband and even sometimes for my dogs waiting for me in the car. My husband always enjoys my stories about the meeting and things that took place and even though he knows very few of you, he feels like he does!

I have traveled 3232 miles and attended 10 meetings so far this year. I'm sorry I had to cancel some meetings because of Covid and the weather. I love my job as your state president and want to visit all of you in this biennium, so email me to reschedule or schedule a meeting.

I am impressed with how each chapter and its members throughout the state show love for Delta Kappa Gamma through their projects and discussions. DKG members realize the importance of the contributions that each chapter makes in their community with the financial support and service that they provide through scholarships and projects. Not only are we DKG sisters, but we are also friends to our communities.

### DKG US Forum:

Education Legislation Chairman Dr. Stacy Potter and I will be attending the DKG US Forum, March 6-8, 2022, in Washington DC. We hope to visit with our state legislators and during the Forum hear speakers discuss educational issues, voting rights, and other current legislative Issues that have an impact on our schools.

### Area Meetings:

Chapters should hold their election of officers for the 2022-2024 biennium before the area meetings. There will be training for newly-elected and current presidents, membership chairs, and treasurers at all area meetings. It is vitally important that your 2022-2024 officers attend! In addition, there will be breakout sessions available to members who are not officers. The area meetings will also have important business sessions that will include elections for new area leaders and new ASO Nominations Committee Representatives.

**The registration forms for the area meetings are available online at our state website.** More information regarding registration is available on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter. You should also contact your chapter president if you have questions. Get your sisters together and let's have a big turnout at each area meeting! Thanks to all of you in DKG (officers or members) that have volunteered to present at these upcoming meetings.

All of you make our Arkansas State Organization the best!!!  
See you soon! Sue

ASO President Sue Cook is shown at the Beta Epsilon meeting on February 10th.



ASO President Sue Cook is enjoying the Christmas Giving Tea with Alpha Chapter in December.

Center page, Sue attended the Beta Xi meeting on February 15th in Compton, AR.

Below Area 1 held their 2018 meeting at Oakland Heights Elementary School in Russellville on April 28th.

Area 3 had their meeting in Wynne at Trinity Baptist Church on April 7, 2018.



# Area 1 meeting

## A DKG Picnic



Elsony Mitchell will be our speaker. She is competing for Miss Arkansas and her platform is online safety for youth and adults.

**Area 1 Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 23, 2022**  
**Fellowship Bible Church**  
**408 Ozark Street**  
**Harrison, AR 72601**



**Registration and Refreshments from 8:30 am to 9:00 am**  
**Program begins at 9:00 am**

The registration fee is \$25.  
 Register online at <https://forms.gle/Dt65GCrd7TtBWevY9>  
 or mail check and printed registration form to:  
 Jenny Hodge  
 1741 Sierra Court  
 Harrison, AR 72601  
 Checks should be made to DKG Chi Chapter  
**Deadline for registration is April 8, 2022.**  
 Link to registration is on the ASO website: [dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com)

# ASO Area 2 Meeting

## May 14, 2022

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Family Life Center**  
**1099 West Pine Street**  
**Heber Springs**

(Located across the street from Heber Springs High School. Family Life Center is at the back of the church so enter from parking lot on west side of building.)

**8:45 am: Registration / 9:30 am: Meeting Begins**

Sessions will include:  
 President Update/training  
 Treasurer Update/training  
 Painting/craft sessions

(Light breakfast and lunch included in the \$25 registration fee)  
 Registration is still being planned; for more information contact  
 Area 2 Leader Mary C Propes email: [marycpropes@yahoo.com](mailto:marycpropes@yahoo.com)

In 2018 Area 2 met in Benton at the First Baptist Church.



Area 4 held their April 14th meeting in Sheridan at the Immanuel Baptist Church in 2018.



# Growing with DKG Area 3 Meeting April 2, 2022

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD,  
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS**

- 9:00 - 9:30 Registration, Visiting, Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 - 9:45 Welcome, Recognition of the State Officers, Collect and Response, Introduction to the Theme,
- 9:45 Introduction of Breakout Sessions and Room Assignments
- 9:50 - 10:50 Breakout/Training Sessions

Presidents Training - Sue Cook, ASO President  
Treasurers Training - Linda Vailes, ASO Treasurer  
Chiming In - *How one teacher brought music to her classroom during Covid-* (for 1st Vice Presidents and other members) -

Teresa Cantrell, Omega Chapter, Wynne Primary School Music Teacher and Wynne Public School's Teacher of the Year

- 10:50-11:05 Break and Travel to Whole Group Meeting
- 11:05 -11:45 Keynote Speaker MaryAnne Williams- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- 11:45 - 11:55 Break
- 11:55-12:00 Thank you to Morning Leaders, Blessing
- 12:00 - 12:40 Luncheon and a word from our State President
- 12:40 -12:50 - Set up for Afternoon Activities and Break
- 12:50 - 1:15 - Area Business and Elections:  
Area Leader – 2 year term-  
Nominations Committee Representative – 2 year term  
Presentation by Karen Roe for the Ella Reese Seminar
- 1:15 -1:45 - Panel Discussion/ Question and Answer Session with State Officers
- 1:45 - 2:00 - Wrap up and Door Prizes  
DKG Song

“We are counting down to the first Area 3 meeting in four years. It will be a Saturday to refresh, renew, and fellowship! We will have officer training for presidents and treasurers, other informative and fun presentations, door prizes, and good food. Come and see old friends, make new ones, network and enjoy an afternoon away from home in the company of other women who value the role teachers play in our area schools.”

**The last day to register is for the Area 3 meeting is Friday, March 25, 2022. We do need a lunch count so your prompt registration is appreciated. Questions: contact Area 3 Leader Ilyse Howard, email: [ilysed@gmail.com](mailto:ilysed@gmail.com) phone: 870-270-7716 Registration link is available on the ASO Website [dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com)**



# ASO Area 4 Meeting: “It’s All About THE ROSE”

**Date: April 9, 2022**

**Event Address: El Dorado High School Library,  
2000 Wildcat Dr., El Dorado, AR 71730**

*(Enter through the front doors of the school at the flagpoles. You may park around the drive; no one should be there that day except for us. The library is immediately on your right as you enter the main doors.)*

**Check-in starts at 8:45 with a light breakfast.**

*(If you are not from El Dorado you are in for a treat. We will have our famous Spudnuts--they are amazing!)*

**We will start off with a welcome at 9:30 in the library.**

**Lunch will be served around 12 noon with a business meeting at that time.**

*(Then we will be dismissed--so it may be earlier than 2:00.)*

**Registration fee is \$25 per person / Deadline to register for headcounts will be April 1st**

**Here is the link to the Google registration form: <https://forms.gle/MEu6kdgPiF2n64sY8>**

**or you can link from ASO Webpage: [dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com)**

Registration payments can be made:

1. By check mailed to Alpha DKG Chapter in care of Sue Hull, treasurer, at 1205 Cypress El Dorado, AR 71730
2. Or electronically through CASHAPP to me at \$jackiephillips47 and I will get it to Sue Hull, treasurer.

We are going to have a fun time exploring our Founders and enjoying ourselves with games!! There will be a few breakout sessions. Please encourage your members to all come and especially your newly elected president and treasurer.

By registering you agree to all photo release rules set in place. **For more information contact: Jackie Phillips (870) 814-0089 (phone or text) or [jphillip47@gmail.com](mailto:jphillip47@gmail.com)**

## Alpha Mu Chapter Service Project

Alpha Mu Chapter members select a community service project each year as part of their program year. Service projects over the years have included: Our House Christmas Project (2 years); PATH (human trafficking); Imagination Library; Arkansas Foodbank; Children International (UALR); and Heifer International. Projects are selected each fall during the October meeting and funds paid to the selected organizations during the month of December. The project selected for this year was the Ronald McDonald House of Arkansas. This organization provides a “home-away-from-home that serves and sustains families of children being treated at area hospitals. The chapter’s treasurer, Barbara Paddack, presented checks to the Ronald McDonald House totaling \$530.00. This was exciting to the members because we are a small but mighty chapter! The chapter members are looking to finishing the year strong along with a visit from ASO president Sue Cook in February.

## Alpha Mu Chapter

*Alpha Mu Chapter members are shown in a meeting in November 2021 in the three photos featured.*



## Alpha Sigma Chapter

The Alpha Sigma Chapter met for their regular meeting on Thursday, February 10th in the cafeteria at Morrilton Primary School. Chapter President Sharon Wilson introduced the guest speaker, Shawn Halbrook, superintendent of the South Conway County School District. Mr. Halbrook talked about how the schools in the district have coped with changes in education due to the pandemic and how wonderfully the faculty and staff adjusted. He also informed the group of upcoming events the district will be hosting including the 1A State Basketball Tournament in March. He then answered questions from the group.

President Sharon Wilson called the business meeting to order and welcomed all members present. Following the regular business meeting, the evening was concluded with Clair Pruitt reading the DKG Collect.

The next meeting will be February 17th at the Morrilton Primary School at 6pm when Alpha Sigma Chapter will host Theta Chapter of Conway.



*Alpha Sigma Chapter President Sharon Wilson introduced Shawn Halbrook, Superintendent of the South Conway County School District. Mr. Halbrook updated the club members on the SCCSD school year and events.*

# Delta Chapter

## Delta Chapter Highlights from January and February

For the past eight years, Delta Chapter (Hot Springs) has treated new district teachers to gift bags full of all the “necessary” things. This year there were 25 new teachers in Hot Springs and 3 new teachers in Lake Hamilton. Sue Hall and her daughter, Katy Hall, were the lead chapter members for this project with Laura West, Alison Carter and another gifted and talented teacher literally pitching-in to fill the bags. The bags were topped with decorative tissue paper and off they went to some very happy and surprised new teachers in January.

Delta Chapter honored Charlotte Akelaitis during their February meeting. Charlotte was a Delta Chapter member for over forty years and served as state President during the 2001 - 2003 biennium. Her achievements and service to DKG were unparalleled.

Also, February hostesses surprised Delta Chapter’s current classroom teachers with gift bags filled with goodies, classroom supplies and the cutest, little plush dog you have ever seen.

*Charlotte Akelaitis (1937-2020) was a loyal Delta Chapter member. She was a past Kappa State President.*



*Delta Chapter members Laura West, Sue Hall and Alison Carter are ready to deliver the 28 gift bags.*

*Sue Hall and her helper sort the goodies for the bags.*



# Mu Chapter

*Mu Chapter in Saline County met on February 8th at La Hacienda in Benton. After the business meeting and dinner the members celebrated Valentine’s Day with some games and fellowship led by President Pat Lovell and 1st Vice President Susan Jessup.*



# Beta Epsilon Chapter

Shown below are several photos from the February 10th meeting of Grant County Beta Epsilon Chapter.

Chapter President Lindsey Bohler begins the induction ceremony for six new members.

Grant County Beta Epsilon Chapter was honored to have ASO President Sue Cook at their meeting in February. The Chapter also inducted 6 new members. Shown below in the front row are ASO President Sue Cook, Sara Allen, Whitney Boyd, Kelley Watson, and Chapter President Lindsey Bohler. Pictured in the top row are Amy Casey, Spencer Byars, and Stephanie Pugh.



# Beta Xi Chapter

The pictures featured on this page are from the February 15th meeting of Beta Xi Chapter. The chapter held their meeting at the Stagg family home in Clinton. Hostesses for the meeting were Ramona Rorie, Cheryl Harper, Mary Jo Burley, and Cheryl Smith.







## Gamma Eta Chapter

*As part of their Christmas celebration, Gamma Eta Chapter collected toys and monetary donations for patients at Northwest Arkansas Children's Hospital in Springdale. Cathy Long is shown presenting the check and gifts in December.*



## Alpha Beta Chapter

*Alpha Beta Chapter from Magnolia met on February 7th over Zoom. ASO President Sue Cook attended the meeting. During the meeting the chapter presented their scholarship to Olivia Reeves pictured below.*



# Save the Date!

## DKG Revitalization Planning Meeting

*Location: Little Rock, (venue to be determined)*

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
on June 4, 2022**

Evelyn Barron, Former DKG International President  
will be our guest speaker

*Registration and other details coming soon!*

## From The Editor:

Hello everyone,

I hope that you have been enjoying the coverage in our newsletter of individual chapters. I would like to make sure that every chapter in the state is featured at least once during the biennium.

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

Casual or more formal pictures are welcome. It doesn't have to be only a project, party or special event. Coverage of normal meetings is informative for others as well. Your phone pictures work fine! I will need your pictures by the 15th of the month that the *AR News* is published. If they don't appear in the current issue they will be in the next one.

My address information is listed below.

*LD*

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## T-shirts for Sale

The Non-Dues Revenue Committee has red, short-sleeved DKG t-shirts for sale for \$20.00. If you would like a t-shirt, please contact ASO President Sue Cook or she can bring them to your meeting when she visits.

Sue's email is:

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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:

- \* **April 1, November 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- \* **April 2, 2022** Area 3 Meeting First Assembly of God Church in Forrest City
- \* **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 1, September 1, February 1** Applications for Cornetet Professional Development Award deadlines ([dkgef.org](http://dkgef.org))
- \* **May 14, 2022** Area 2 Meeting First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Heber Springs
- \* **June 20-21, 2022** Ella Reese Leadership Seminar at the Red Apple Inn in Heber Springs
- \* **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship
- \* **July 12-16, 2022** DKG International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana
- \* **October 22, 2022** ASO Fall Meeting (More details coming soon)